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Q What led you to pursue a career in corporate finance?

A In pursuit of becoming a Chartered Accountant, I knew that post-articles, I wanted to stay as far away from audit as possible. Never mind the fact that I ended up an “Audit Partner” at some stage, but that is a story for another day. I was not exactly sure what I wanted to do, but I was certain that I did not want to be an Audit Manager.

During my confusion, a lot of my peers wanted to explore a career in Valuations in Corporate Finance - many were unsuccessful. I then remembered that I had found Finance particularly interesting at University, and decided to explore this “difficult route”. I loved working with numbers, thrived on a challenge, and found complex judgemental issues interesting, so this route made absolute sense. A big part of me also wanted to “prove” that I would be successful and not be rejected like most of my peers.

A week and a half later, after several interviews and an intense case study session with two Corporate Finance Partners, I was appointed a Valuations Manager. And that was the start of my career in Corporate Finance.

Q What is your favourite sector in which to do a deal and why?

A I have always been a financial services “professional”. I served my articles in

the financial services industry, which led to a career in the sector as a newly qualified CA.

I had always maintained that I didn’t want to be calculating work in progress and finished goods, so a career in the financial services sector made sense. There was something that excited me about it. That was until I came across a project in the energy sector. The innovation, the complexity of the factors considered in the valuation process, and the impact made me more drawn to it.

That said, working across sectors as a Valuation specialist has broadened my perspective of each of the different sectors – each with its uniqueness and nuances.

Q If you could change one thing on your career path to date, what would it be and why?

A I would not change a thing. I have come full circle: from starting out as a Valuations Manager, to being an Investment Associate in a small investment holdings boutique, to my current role as a Partner in Valuations & Modelling. This journey has shaped my experience and skillset, and I would not trade it for anything.

Q When things go wrong, what advice would you give about moving on?

A Things do go wrong, and no one is immune. They say experience is the best

teacher, so pick yourself up and move on. You will look back and either laugh about it one day or be proud of what you have overcome. Either way, life goes on; embrace it.

Q Did you have a mentor and, if so, what was the most important thing you learnt from them?

A I have a couple – some formal and others not so formal. One of the greatest lessons I learnt from one of them is that “you design the life you love”. It may take years, but in the end, all things work out for good.

FUN FACTS

Favourite colour:

Black - it makes me look slim #chuckles.

Current book on your nightstand:

I have two – *The Year of Yes* by Shonda Rhimes, and *Spare* by Prince Harry.

Favourite restaurant:

I have several favourites. A prerequisite – bubbles are mandatory, and I get to look monied.

Item on your bucket list:

Exploring the world with my daughter. Any corner of the world – as long as we are together. 🇧🇼