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Newton DeNiese is a senior manager performing Engagement Quality Control Review (EQCR) in the firm's Canadian Professional Practice Office and is also part of the Canadian Technical Accounting Consulting (TAC) practice. In his role as EQCR, Newton provides guidance and ensures audit engagement teams comply with requirements of CAS, ISAs, PCAOB and US GAAS auditing standards. In his TAC role, Newton specializes in assisting clients and engagement teams in accounting for complex financial instruments, allowance for loan losses, consolidation and interpretation of new accounting standards under IFRS.

Newton has over 20 years of international experience providing auditing and accounting services to clients in the banking, financial services, and large private companies in Bahrain, Canada, India, the United Kingdom, Spain, and Qatar. In his previous roles with a large accounting firm, Newton was part of the engagement team auditing large schedule I local and international banks, lease financing companies, among other clients in the financial services industry, part of the PCAOB technical topic team, and was also instrumental in setting up the accounting advisory services practice in Qatar.

A graduate of Mumbai University, India, Newton is an ACA (ICAI) and an Ontario CPA, CA.



Craig Cross is a partner providing accounting advice in the firm's Canadian Professional Practice Office and leads the Canadian Technical Accounting Consulting (TAC) practice. Craig provides guidance on the interpretation of accounting standards, supports engagement teams with technical accounting consultations and oversees the development of training courses and tools with respect to accounting and financial reporting. As part of TAC, Craig provides accounting and finance related services including GAAP conversion, preparation of carve-out financial statements, accounting policy development, review and implementation, assistance in going public transactions, purchase price accounting for acquisitions, performing impairment analysis and audit readiness support and assistance to finance teams.

A specialist in Canadian Accounting standards and reporting, Craig is actively involved in discussion groups, and has participated in industry forums and roundtables centering on accounting standard development and policy setting. He has 20 years of experience in professional services, including a secondment with the Ontario Securities Commission.

A graduate of Auckland University, New Zealand, Craig is a CA (Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand Institute) and an Ontario CPA, CA.



Vivek Kapoor is an associate member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). He also holds Master's in Business Administration degree with specialization in finance and a Master's in Commerce degree with specialization in Banking and Finance.

Vivek has been the Chairperson of the Bahrain Chapter of ICAI for 2016-17. Under his leadership, Bahrain Chapter of ICAI was awarded as the Best Overseas Chapter of ICAI, for the first time since the inception of the Chapter in 1997.

Vivek has spent close to a decade with Ernst & Young and KPMG in India and Bahrain with their corporate finance advisory teams. He has worked on private equity deals and capital market deals in India and Middle East. He is accredited with closure of transactions worth more than USD 1 bn.

Vivek is an avid speaker and trainer. He was the visiting faculty for the undergraduate course for Temple University, Philadelphia, USA from 2006-2008. He was also a visiting faculty for AICMS Business School, India and was teaching Financial Management, Accounting, Taxation and Auditing to the MBA students from 2006-2008. Vivek has also delivered several sessions as a guest faculty in different management institutes in India.

He has trained people for professional courses like AAT, CMA and ACCA. Vivek has also delivered a session at the Vasai branch of ICAI, Mumbai and Vadodara branch of ICAI, India on "Valuations in Mergers & Acquisitions" and professional opportunities for Chartered Accountants in the Middle East. Vivek has also trained the students of Certificate Course in Valuation of ICAI.

Amongst the overseas presentations, Vivek has presented on "Valuations" in Bahrain, Oman, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania) and Nairobi (Kenya) Chapters of ICAI.

Vivek is accredited with executing the first ever open offer transaction in GCC and has advised several corporates on fund raising and acquisitions.