

CAREERS IN TREASURY

For treasurers looking to broaden their horizons, the aim of this spotlight section is to enlighten not only those who are taking stock and evaluating their next career move, but also give advice to those in the embryonic stages of their treasury career on how they can make the next step.

In the first of four articles, **Howard Dodd**, Chief Financial Officer of Boots plc, explains the overall role of a treasurer, including the day-to-day duties involved in managing financial risks and cashflows. He looks at the ways treasurers can apply their already impressive skill sets to make a positive impact outside their treasury-related duties. He also explains how the skills learnt in treasury can have a significant impact on their organisations' corporate and financial strategies. Dodd urges treasurers to expand their peripheral vision and get involved in these areas. In doing so, he believes they will be on the way to progressing to the more exalted positions within their organisations, such as financial director or CEO.

In the second article, **Liz Salecka** talks to a number of recruitment specialists about how, after a two-year slump, the treasury recruitment market is on the verge of a resurgence. With the advent of IAS 39 and Sarbanes-Oxley, the encouraging news is that there is an increasing demand for treasury specialists, not only in lower to mid-level positions, but at senior corporate treasurer level too.

David Westby then introduces the latest results from the ACT exams which were held in April. Printed is a full list of those whose efforts paid off with them attaining AMCT, Cert ICM and MCT status.

Finally, when it comes to a new career – why choose treasury? **Matthew Mattheou** of Pure Recruitment explains the benefits of a career in corporate treasury. He looks at how treasurers' thorough understanding of the capital and money markets places them in a unique position to help their companies achieve their strategic goals. This article is a prelude to a new 'Career Path' section which will run in every issue of *The Treasurer* from September, and provide in-depth advice on careers in treasury.

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