

60-SECOND INTERVIEW



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How did you get into treasury?

I had an opportunity to join treasury about five years ago. Although my knowledge in the area was initially limited, having qualified as an accountant and specialising in forecast planning and analysis to manage cash flow in particular, I was able to transition quite quickly – I have not looked back since.

What do you like about treasury?

In the various projects undertaken, I have had the opportunity to drive change positively and demonstrate a role where you can create value, which is the most rewarding part. I also enjoy managing relationships with banks and investors to support the company's requirements in view of an evolving financial backdrop.

How has your qualification benefited you in your career so far?

I am working to consolidate my accounting qualification (FCCA) with the AMCT qualification and progress further in treasury management.

What's the most important lesson that you've learned during your career?

Being prepared to 'do battle' with those who are fearful of change by drawing focus to the positives (a bit of hand-holding can sometimes also help!).

What would be your best piece of advice to someone else considering a career in treasury?

Two simple characteristics that will stand you in good stead: being approachable to stakeholders and having the right attitude to the task. Once established, the rest should fit into place.

What's your ultimate career goal?

Being able to manage and influence a larger treasury team.

If you weren't a corporate treasurer, what would you be and why?

I would have loved to be a chef in a Michelin star restaurant! I am the ultimate foodie and find cooking quite empowering. When travelling on business or leisure, the first thing I've always done is identify the best eateries and taken inspiration to create my own fusion.

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Treasury in a day

A one-day introduction aimed at anyone new to treasury, looking to broaden their understanding of the function, or who wants to improve their ability to have better conversations with management, operations, banks or with treasurers as customers. You will learn about the role of a treasurer within the context of business, and you will be introduced to key treasury concepts and financial instruments commonly used.

22 March, London

Working capital optimisation

Understand why working capital management is vital for the generation of sustainable cash flow and survival of all companies. You will gain an appreciation of the techniques that can be employed to manage working capital and improve efficiencies within the supply chain. The course deals with the basic principles within payables, inventory and receivables

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23 March, London

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