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Annual General Meeting

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A letter from the ACCA president

As president since November 2020, I've been very lucky to meet with many members and future members, albeit online. I truly wish this could have been face-to-face and in a real space rather than a virtual one. Lockdowns and restrictions on travel made this impossible for me as it did for so many of you.

But travel restrictions are only one of the huge challenges we've all faced over the last year – and which we continue to face.

From these meetings, formal and informal, I've witnessed first-hand how so many ACCA members have stood strong in the face of the Covid-19 storm. It makes me and my fellow Council members proud to witness their resilience, talent and innovation in continuing to guide and support the businesses and organisations in which they work – and their colleagues and clients – through difficult times and tough decisions. I know this has not been easy, and that many have experienced immense personal and professional challenges in a year like no other in living memory.



A letter from the ACCA president

What I've heard and seen during these meetings is an ACCA community that is robust and connected. It has been pleasing to see our global community taking opportunities to share their thoughts and experiences on navigating the crisis. I wholeheartedly thank our members and future members for their strength over 2020–21.

Our annual report for 2020–21 shows how ACCA has been resolute in its determination to support our members, future members and the wider community through these uncertain times, demonstrating resilience, flexibility and strength.

My thanks and that of Council also go to Helen Brand, the Executive Team and all ACCA employees. With Council, we have worked together to launch and implement a new strategy to 2025 and adapt our 2020–21 critical strategic focus in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic. Yes, it has been a challenge, but we have collaborated to assess the risks and prepare for what may lie ahead. Importantly, we have worked to ensure our support is there for our community.

We have been able to achieve this by staying close to our strategic values of innovation, integrity and inclusion, and by remaining true to our purpose to be a force for public good, and to lead the global accountancy profession by creating opportunity.

In the integrated report we shared some great examples of the support we developed over the past year, all aimed at creating value for members and future members. I am sure that many of you will have seen and taken advantage of some of these innovations as they were rolled out, and I hope that they have proved helpful.

It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you over the year, a year in which the importance of having a powerful, well-connected and supportive community has never been more evident.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Millar', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Millar
President

Chief executive's strategic report

Through a period of extraordinary demands on our members and future members, ACCA's firm focus has been on supporting them to the very best of our organisational ability.

It has been abundantly clear that in a time of such uncertainty and volatility, professional accountants have been more heavily relied upon than ever. The work undertaken by accounting and finance professionals within, and for, enterprises has taken on even greater significance. In every sector, they have been the backbone of organisational sustainability and competitiveness.

We have been acutely aware that the pandemic has created both individual and professional challenges for our ACCA community. In addition to the health effects, a significant number of our members and future members have experienced direct economic consequences as a result of Covid-19.

Our approach has therefore been two-fold – developing both the personal and the professional support that is most needed by those we serve.

Introducing a monthly rolling relationship survey of members and future members has – as intended – enabled us to move more quickly in identifying emerging needs and introducing solutions. Providing tailored support to those in specific sectors has proved to be particularly effective. With SMEs relying on advice from their professional advisers in order to stay afloat and pivot their business models, we have had a strong focus on SMP support and development. This learning, together with activity to develop a more tailored public sector members' proposition, will be built on in the coming year as we work on more segmented offerings by employment sector and other segments.

For future members, our priority has been enabling them to continue their ACCA Qualification journey. This led to us accelerating our existing strategic plans for remotely invigilated exams and rolling these out in record time where centre-based exams were not possible due to local and national lockdowns. And while every ACCA student had at least one exam sitting disrupted during the year because of the pandemic, the hard work our teams put in on new examining solutions meant that they could still make progress towards membership. We also continued to work closely with our learning partner community who have responded magnificently to the new demands the pandemic has placed on them.



Chief executive's strategic report

Supporting and retaining our current and future membership base is of course central to ACCA's financial sustainability. Focusing on ensuring that our ACCA community sees real value in staying with us is therefore paramount. At the same time, we've challenged ourselves in terms of efficiency throughout the year and refocused activity and spend to areas where it has delivered the most value to members and future members.

OUR PROGRESS IN 2020-21

2020-21 HIGHLIGHTS

Reinforcing our purpose as a force for public good:

- Intensified our focus on our overall purpose with specific commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and started to determine how we will measure our success

Supporting employability:

- 1.6 million roles advertised on ACCA Careers and 20,000 users visited our advice section in March 2021
- Reinforcing the value our members bring: an employer NPS score of 51; 90% rate us positively for shaping the global accountancy profession; 91% rate us as good at promoting the highest ethical standards
- Winning Professional Accountancy Body of the Year again at the Digital Accountancy Forum and Awards 2020 for the support we provided to members through our Covid-19 hub and for how we championed the role our practitioners play
- 97% of members now see ACCA and its partners as their first-choice source of CPD
- Enabling our future members to continue their journey: 595,425 exam entries and ramping up access to quality support – including wellbeing support

Inclusion in action:

- Our powerful, connected and supportive community of 769,000 members and future members in 178 countries
- Our research – Leading inclusion: simple steps and significant leaps – shared the inspiring stories of our members
- Ensuring geographical diversity of representation on our Council: 59% of Council is female
- Commitment to publishing UK gender and ethnicity pay gap

Increasing our digital capability:

- Rolling out remote examinations as a contingency where centres could not open
- Ensuring the on-line delivery of learning
- The transition to modern, cloud-based finance, CRM and data systems continues, with first deployment scheduled for August 2021.

2.5% year-on-year growth on our member file

Pre-pandemic, ACCA was already preparing for an accelerating pace of change. Detailed analysis of the disruptors of the future, coupled with scenarios work to test ACCA's strategic response, informed the development of a flexible and responsive new strategy to 2025 which enabled us to act swiftly and decisively from the start of the global systemic shock caused by Covid-19.

Chief executive's strategic report

We assess progress against the strategy to 2025 through seven measures, adopting a balanced scorecard approach. In 2020–21, however, we deployed a reduced and sharpened focus, designed to help ACCA respond to the Covid-19 crisis in the most agile and sustainable way. This saw us apply a critical strategic focus to three areas:

- 1 Member and future member support and retention:** our members and future members are at the heart of ACCA and it was critical that we demonstrated that we understand and support them, retaining them so we can keep delivering the trusted professional accountancy community the world needs. Every member and future member we retained helped keep ACCA financially sustainable.
- 2 Exam delivery and innovation:** it was critical that we successfully ran as many exams in as many markets as possible: this lies at the heart of ACCA's financial sustainability as well as that of many of our partners. It was also key to the confidence, progression and retention of our future members. We had an organisation-wide focus on innovation and redeployment of resources to support the exam effort.
- 3 Financial sustainability:** our focus on exam delivery and innovation, and member and future member support and retention has been essential to support ACCA's continuing financial sustainability. In addition to this, we introduced a range of mitigating actions to reduce our operating spend and investments as a way of offsetting the revenue impact of exams cancelled so far. We also took proactive steps to plan for a sustainable future, exploring a range of possibilities and adopting a deeply cost-conscious approach to spending.

We set four targets against our areas of critical strategic focus, meeting three out of four:

CRITICAL STRATEGIC FOCUS MEASURE	2020–21 YEAR-END TARGET	2020–21 YEAR-END RESULT	ACHIEVEMENT
Member retention	94.7%	97.0%	Met
Future member retention	82.1%	83.8%	Met
Inclusion: % agreeing that ACCA acts with members' and future members' best interests at heart	70%	67.4%	Not met
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	-£8.9m	£20.3m	Met

AN INNOVATIVE YEAR

- Covid-19 hub – a one-stop resource for members to support them in dealing with the implications of the crisis, launched on 12 March 2020
- Wellbeing hubs for members and future members with advice and guidance on a wide range of issues
- Sector resources such as the SMP Practice Room, Practice Connect, and tailored versions of *AB Direct*
- New *AB* magazine in web and app formats, continuously updated with articles and resources, CPD, webinars, digital conferences and informal digital engagement to ensure we all remain connected and continue to learn
- Professional insights reports to engage and inform, from the impact of Covid-19 to sustainability and the value of the profession
- ACCA Careers – our job board, and virtual jobs fairs held in numerous jurisdictions over 2020
- Refreshed 'new member welcome journey' and virtual member recognition ceremonies and events
- Lifetime membership for retired members
- A global mentoring programme available for members and future members.

Our strategy to 2025 talks about the need to change continually. This has been reinforced by the global context and the level of disruption through which we and our members are operating. It is essential therefore that ACCA is optimally organized and as efficient and effective as possible. On this basis, we reviewed our organisational design in 2020–21 to enhance impact and consolidate activities so that we can improve our agility, effectiveness and decision making.

In addition to efficient delivery, we have also intensified our focus on our overall purpose and impact by announcing our specific commitments to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. We'll begin reporting against these in detail in 2021–22. In this way, the value we create and protect through our members and our work as an organisation will be our guiding light to 2025 and beyond.

Chief executive's strategic report

AREAS OF CRITICAL STRATEGIC FOCUS IN 2021-22

In light of the continuing uncertainty caused by the global context, and in particular the Covid-19 pandemic, our core assumption is that both ACCA and its community will continue to face significant disruption during 2021–22. With this in mind, our view is that the most appropriate and pragmatic approach to 2021–22 is to continue to deliver against a critical strategic focus, with associated measures that ensure we are targeted in our response.

Our three areas of critical strategic focus are:

- **Member support:** we want every member to value and retain their relationship with ACCA. In 2021–22, we will support their careers and employability, and give them access to relevant information and upskilling opportunities so they can contribute to sustainable global recovery.
- **Student progression:** we want every student to value and progress their journey with ACCA. In 2021–22, we'll give our students all the support they need to confidently enter and pass their exams. To enable this, we'll run exams in as many markets as possible, bolstering capacity through online exams with remote supervision.
- **A sustainable organisation:** in 2021–22, we will keep innovating to meet the needs of our customers and investing in our future. Transforming how we operate will strengthen our flexibility and financial resilience, delivering organisational efficiencies. This will free us up to create maximum impact and seize new opportunities as we deliver the strategy to 2025.

We have agreed the following four targets against these areas of critical strategic focus:

CRITICAL STRATEGIC FOCUS MEASURE	2020–21 RESULT	2021–22 TARGET
Member retention	97.0%	97.0%
Inclusion: % agreeing that ACCA acts with members' and future members' best interests at heart	67.4%	70.0%
Financial sustainability	£20.3m surplus before tax	£1.8m surplus before tax
Future member retention	83.8%	83.8%
Progression: % of students passing an exam in the year	29.3%	31.6%

The Executive team has set planned performance targets across the entire balanced scorecard and will monitor these closely throughout the year.

In 2021-22, we will also continue to challenge how we operate, innovating to deliver our ambitions. This will enable us to move forward with purpose, seizing new opportunities and investing for the future to propel ACCA forward.

We look forward to delivering on all of this – on behalf of all our stakeholders, but especially our members and future members – over the next 12 months.



Helen Brand OBE
Chief executive

AGM notice of meeting

Notice is hereby given that the one hundred and sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS will be held virtually on Thursday 18 November 2021 at 13.00hrs GMT, for the following purposes:

- 1 To receive and adopt the Report of Council and Accounts for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.
- 2 To receive the report of the ballot for the election of members of Council.
- 3 To reappoint as auditors Grant Thornton UK LLP.

By order of Council

Andrew Steele, Secretary
The Adelphi
1/11 John Adam Street
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United Kingdom

17 September 2021

NOTES

- 1 *Under bye-law 59, no member is entitled to be present or vote at any general meeting who is in arrears with any subscription or sum payable by him/her to the Association. Under regulation 4(3) (b) of the Chartered Certified Accountants' Membership Regulations 2014, annual subscriptions are payable on the first day of January in each year.*
- 2 *This notice is given in accordance with Bye-law 71 and Bye-law 49. Members are encouraged to cast their votes online: www.cesvotes.com/acca21*
- 3 *A member may appoint as his or her proxy any other member who is qualified to vote. A form of proxy is circulated with this Notice. If you wish to appoint a proxy, you must complete the form online or return it to the scrutineer by post to the address on the form to be received no later than 13:00 GMT on 11 November 2021.*
- 4 *For more information about this year's virtual AGM, registration and how to vote, go to: www.accaglobal.com/aggm*

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants Summarised consolidated accounts

The summarised consolidated accounts are taken from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants for the year ended 31 March 2021 and may not contain enough information for a full understanding of ACCA's financial affairs. Therefore, members are invited to read the full consolidated financial statements which are available on request from:

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The Adelphi
1/11 John Adam Street
London WC2N 6AU
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or from the website address www.accaglobal.com

ACCA summarised accounts

Summarised consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 March 2021

	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2020 £'000
Notes		
2 Income		
Fees and subscriptions	110,717	105,910
Operating activities	<u>101,372</u>	<u>110,481</u>
Total income	<u>212,089</u>	<u>216,391</u>
Expenditure		
3 Operational expenditure	180,453	186,707
4 Strategic investment expenditure	<u>20,841</u>	<u>21,607</u>
Total expenditure	<u>201,294</u>	<u>208,314</u>
Operating surplus	10,795	8,077
5 Income from investments, finance costs, other gains and losses	<u>9,522</u>	<u>(5,730)</u>
Surplus before tax	20,317	2,347
Tax	<u>(1,802)</u>	<u>(917)</u>
Surplus for the year	18,515	1,430
6 Other comprehensive income for the year	71	99
7 Recognition of actuarial (losses)/gains	<u>(5,509)</u>	<u>10,285</u>
Total comprehensive result for the year	<u><u>13,077</u></u>	<u><u>11,814</u></u>

Summarised consolidated balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2020 £'000
Notes		
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
8 Property, plant and equipment	39,969	46,682
9 Intangible assets	16,575	13,436
10 Financial assets	66,867	65,608
	<u>123,411</u>	<u>125,726</u>
Current assets		
10 Other current financial assets	35,001	45,560
11 Trade and other receivables	47,415	33,703
12 Cash and cash equivalents	40,918	27,070
	<u>123,334</u>	<u>106,333</u>
Total assets	<u>246,745</u>	<u>232,059</u>
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES		
Funds and reserves		
15 Accumulated fund	47,524	34,518
15 Other reserves	(333)	(404)
	<u>47,191</u>	<u>34,114</u>
Liabilities		
13 Non-current liabilities	51,623	56,084
14 Current liabilities	147,931	141,861
	<u>199,554</u>	<u>197,945</u>
Total liabilities	<u>199,554</u>	<u>197,945</u>
Total reserves and liabilities	<u>246,745</u>	<u>232,059</u>

The accounts were approved by Council on 3 July 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



M Millar President



B Sheehan Chair of Audit Committee

Notes to the summarised accounts

1 Basis of preparation

These summarised accounts are taken from the audited consolidated accounts of ACCA for the year ended 31 March 2021, which were prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards. The auditors' opinion on those accounts was unqualified. The comparative figures, where appropriate, are for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The summarised accounts may not contain enough information for a full understanding of the financial affairs of ACCA. A booklet containing the full audited consolidated accounts of ACCA, together with the corporate governance information, may be obtained on request from ACCA or viewed on the ACCA website www.accaglobal.com

Our Integrated Report provides a wide range of information about ACCA's strategy, governance, performance and prospects to show how we create value for our stakeholders and explains the place we occupy in society. The report can be accessed at www.accaglobal.com

	Year ended 31 March 2021 £'000	Year ended 31 March 2020 £'000
2 Income		
(a) Fees and subscriptions		
Members	55,490	52,035
Affiliates	8,677	8,276
Students	46,550	45,599
	110,717	105,910
(b) Operating activities		
Qualifications and exams	86,263	98,677
Member and student engagement	1,241	1,337
Markets	2,049	4,202
Regulation and discipline	6,118	6,014
Other income	5,701	251
	101,372	110,481

Notes to the summarised accounts

	Year ended 31 March 2021 £'000	Year ended 31 March 2020 £'000
3 Operational expenditure		
Chief Executive's Office	(7)	64
Markets	40,107	48,330
Strategy and Development	19,293	20,601
Governance	14,843	15,546
People	13,438	10,940
Finance and Operations	92,779	91,226
	<u>180,453</u>	<u>186,707</u>
4 Strategic investment expenditure		
Exams Delivery	4,532	4,287
Market Development	–	196
Market Adoption	2,165	2,757
Digital Transformation (formerly Renovate core capabilities)	11,232	10,162
Digital	–	2,151
Workplace Transformation	1,127	–
Meet Compliance	1,295	541
Strategic Efficiency	2,491	–
Portfolio Management	(2,001)	1,513
	<u>20,841</u>	<u>21,607</u>

Strategic investment expenditure relates to project costs within each category, and once a project has reached completion then any ongoing expenditure is treated as operational. The Digital Transformation programme is transforming core business systems (finance, CRM, data, information management) to modern solutions with the aim of being more commercially agile and better attuned to customers' needs. The Exam Delivery programme is developing our exams platform to ensure it remains relevant to our future members. The Strategic Efficiency project was initiated to manage ACCA's response to Covid-19 and the changes necessary to maintain financial sustainability. The Market Adoption programme ensures that customers are ready to embrace the changes made to the qualification. Portfolio management relates to the net of portfolio overheads, capitalisation, amortisation and impairment. Negative values occur when the amount capitalised from projects exceed the cost of non-rechargeable overheads and amortisation.

Notes to the summarised accounts

	Year ended 31 March 2021 £'000	Year ended 31 March 2020 £'000
5 Income from investments, finance costs, other gains and losses		
Investment income	697	1,057
Realised gains on disposals of investments	4,685	758
Unrealised gains/(losses) on change of fair value of investments	5,969	(4,488)
Finance costs	(1,751)	(2,125)
Losses on forward currency contracts	(78)	(932)
	<u>9,522</u>	<u>(5,730)</u>
6 Other comprehensive income		
Items that will be subsequently reclassified to profit and loss		
Currency translation differences	71	99
	<u>71</u>	<u>99</u>
7 Recognition of actuarial (losses)/gains		
Recognition of actuarial (losses)/gains	(5,509)	10,285
	<u>(5,509)</u>	<u>10,285</u>
Actuarial gains and losses which arise from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are accounted for in comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.		
8 Property, plant and equipment		
Leasehold improvements	6,749	9,860
Right-of-use assets	30,521	33,068
Plant and equipment	1,466	2,094
Computer systems and equipment	1,233	1,660
	<u>39,969</u>	<u>46,682</u>

All assets are stated at depreciated cost.

Notes to the summarised accounts

	Year ended 31 March 2021 £'000	Year ended 31 March 2020 £'000
9 Intangible assets		
Internally generated software	1,513	4,358
Third party intangible assets	<u>15,062</u>	<u>9,078</u>
	<u><u>16,575</u></u>	<u><u>13,436</u></u>

Intangible assets relate to internally generated development costs and other third-party costs of which the vast majority relates to the delivery of the exams qualifications and Digital Transformation. Internally generated development expenditure and third-party costs which meet the criteria of IAS 38 and which is not otherwise capitalised as a tangible asset, has been capitalised as intangible. Intangible assets are stated at amortised cost less any amortisation and impairment.

10 Financial assets		
Non-current assets	66,867	65,608
Current assets	<u>35,001</u>	<u>45,560</u>
	<u><u>101,868</u></u>	<u><u>111,168</u></u>

Financial assets, comprising units in two of Baillie Gifford's managed funds, three of Adept Investment Management's strategic funds, BentallGreenOak's Property Debt Fund and cash funds (current assets) managed by Royal London Asset Management, are fair valued at the close of business on the balance sheet date. ACCA's non-current financial assets are classified by the fair value hierarchies as follows: Level 1 (£nil); Level 2 (£59.6m); and Level 3 (£7.3m).

11 Trade and other receivables		
Trade receivables and accrued income	25,750	24,780
Prepayments and other receivables	20,736	8,792
Taxation recoverable	875	–
Derivative financial instruments	<u>54</u>	<u>131</u>
	<u><u>47,415</u></u>	<u><u>33,703</u></u>

Notes to the summarised accounts

	Year ended 31 March 2021 £'000	Year ended 31 March 2020 £'000
12 Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents	40,918	27,070
	<u><u>40,918</u></u>	<u><u>27,070</u></u>
<p>Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, demand and short-term deposits with banks and similar institutions which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.</p>		
13 Non-current liabilities		
Retirement benefit obligations	17,816	17,884
Lease liabilities	33,807	38,200
	<u><u>51,623</u></u>	<u><u>56,084</u></u>
14 Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	46,207	39,868
Tax payable	–	8
Derivative financial instruments	952	951
Deferred income	88,351	89,805
Lease liabilities	6,359	6,600
Provisions	6,062	4,629
	<u><u>147,931</u></u>	<u><u>141,861</u></u>

Deferred income comprises mainly of fees and subscriptions from member and students accounted for in advance less an appropriate provision for bad debt as well as exam fees paid in advance by students and monitoring contract income paid in advance.

Notes to the summarised accounts

15 Funds and reserves

	Currency Translation £'000	Available- for-sale Investments £'000	Total £'000	Accumulated fund £'000
Balance at 1 April 2019	(503)	–	(503)	22,803
Surplus for year	–	–	–	1,430
Currency translation	99	–	99	–
Recognition of actuarial gains	–	–	–	10,285
Balance at 31 March 2020	(404)	–	(404)	34,518
Surplus for year	–	–	–	18,515
Currency translation	71	–	71	–
Recognition of actuarial losses	–	–	–	(5,509)
Balance at 31 March 2021	(333)	–	(333)	47,524

Notes to the summarised accounts

16 Capital

ACCA considers its capital to be its accumulated fund and its other reserves. Council's financial objective is to generate a targeted operating position, to build and maintain reserves at a sustainable level, taking into account the various competitive risks.

ACCA is not normally subject to any material externally imposed capital requirements, however as ACCA entered into a facility agreement with Barclays Bank plc for a Floating Rate Revolving Loan supported by the UK Government's CLBIL Scheme, it is required to comply with various financial covenants as follows:

- **Minimum liquidity**
ACCA shall ensure that the aggregate of Cash and Cash Equivalent Investments and the undrawn and uncanceled amount of the Facility Amount:
 - i for each Relevant Date ending 30 September, shall be greater than £15,000,000;
 - ii for each other Relevant Date, shall be greater than £25,000,000; and
 - iii for each other Quarter Look Forward Period, shall be greater than £10,000,000.
- **Gearing**
ACCA shall ensure that at all times the ratio of Gross Borrowings to Total Assets shall not exceed 60%.

These covenants have been tested as required during the year without any issue. ACCA is also required to provide regular financial information such as management and annual accounts, budgets, investment portfolio valuations and compliance certificates.

There has been no requirement to utilise the facility during the year.

17 Contingent liabilities

In the course of the year ACCA undertook an in-depth analysis of its various income streams in international markets to confirm or identify exposure to international sales taxes. This analysis was in parallel to a systematic review of the tax profile of various national offices in international markets who provide supporting services to ACCA. This proactive review is to determine whether historical tax practices remain appropriate or accurately reflect how ACCA now operates in international markets. This work is ongoing and will continue in the year to March 2022.

Given the increased scale of digital delivery and the reach of ACCA this is a considerable exercise which has required extensive use of external advisors and remains ongoing in a number of areas. Where ACCA has identified areas where we consider there is tax exposure, we have engaged with the appropriate authorities to determine the matter and ensure continuing compliance. There are however a number of possible jurisdictions where this work remains in progress and there is the possibility that ACCA will be exposed to additional tax liabilities, some of which may have historic application, with interest and penalties thereon. At this stage the overall outcome remains speculative and as such it is not possible to quantify this liability.

Membership of Council at 31 March 2021

Maryam Abisola Adefarati

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Adefarati Foundation

Nasir Ahmad

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Group Chairman – CIMB Group Holdings
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Susan Allan

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Group Finance Director – Willerby Group Ltd

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Matt Dolphin

Essex, United Kingdom
Finance Director – Greater Anglia

Joyce Evans

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Joyce Evans, Consulting

Kevin Fitzgerald

Singapore
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Cristina Gutu

Bucharest, Romania
Senior Manager – KPMG

Datuk Zaiton Mohd Hassan

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Chief Executive Officer – Malaysia Professional
Accountancy Centre

Lorraine Holleway

The Hague, Netherlands
Head of Accounting Policy – Shell

Michelle Hourican

Dublin, Ireland
Director – Datatrails

Babajide Iboronke

Lagos, Nigeria
Group CFO – Viathan Group

Paula Kensington

Sydney, Australia
Owner/founder – PK advisory

Lock Peng Kuan

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Managing Partner, Audit & Assurance – Baker
Tilly Malaysia

Arthur Lee

Hong Kong SAR, China
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CGN New Energy Holdings Co. Ltd.

Dean Lee

Shanghai, China
Group CFO – SCO

Membership of Council at 31 March 2021

Oxana Losevskaya

Moscow, Russia
Partner – SL Partners LLC

Ayla Majid

Islamabad, Pakistan
CEO and Founder – Planetive and Managing
Director – Financial Advisory Services, Khalid
Majid Rehman, Chartered Accountants

Gillian McCreadie

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Business Services Manager – Robb Ferguson
Chartered Accountants

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Dubai, United Arab Emirates
CFO – Bayt.com Inc.

Mark Millar

Woodbridge, United Kingdom
Audit Chair/Non-executive Director,
East Suffolk & North East Essex NHS
Foundation Trust

Brigitte Nangoyi Muyenga

Zambia, Africa
Commissioner Finance – Zambia Revenue
Authority

Amos Ng

Singapore
Group CFO – Straco Corporation Limited

Joseph Owolabi

Melbourne, Australia
CEO Rubicola Consulting, Australia

Siobhan Pandya

Dallas, USA
Senior Director of Business Assurance and
Excellence – Mary Kay

Ronnie Patton

Bangor, United Kingdom
Senior Lecturer in Professional Accounting
Practice – Ulster University

Melanie Proffitt

Leicester, United Kingdom
CFO – Farncombe Estate

Marta Rejman

Warsaw, Poland
Head of Shared Services Centre – Re:Sources,
Publicis Groupe

Brendan Sheehan

Brisbane, Australia
CEO – White Squires

Sallah-ud-din (Den) Surfraz

Mauritius
Head of Compliance, Butterfield (Mauritius)
Limited

Dinusha Weerawardane

Brentford, United Kingdom
Senior Lecturer in Accounting and Finance -
University of West London

Matthew Wong

Shanghai, China
Partner – China Asset & Wealth Management
Tax Leader of PricewaterhouseCoopers

Alice Yip

Hong Kong, China
Partner – KPMG

Phoebe Yu

Shenzhen, China
CFO – Shenzhen Capital Group Co. Ltd.

Council members' attendance at Council meetings during 2020–21

The table below shows attendance by current members of Council at Council meetings during 2020–21. There were five Council meetings in 2020–21 as the March 2020 Council meeting was moved to April 2020 due to Covid-19 travel restrictions. Council members elected in November could attend a maximum of two meetings*.

Maryam Abisola Adefarati	2/2*	Arthur Lee	5/5
Nasir Ahmad	5/5	Dean Lee	5/5
Susan Allan	5/5	Oxana Losevskaya	2/2*
Liz Blackburn	5/5	Ayla Majid	5/5
Carol-Ann Boothe	5/5	Gillian McCreadie	5/5
Ben Catlin	5/5	Nauman Asif Mian	2/2*
Natalie Chan	5/5	Mark Millar	5/5
Orla Collins	5/5	Brigitte Nangoyi Muyenga	5/5
Sharon Critchlow	5/5	Amos Ng	5/5
John Cullen	5/5	Joseph Owolabi	5/5
Matt Dolphin	5/5	Siobhan Pandya	5/5
Joyce Evans	5/5	Ronnie Patton	3/5
Kevin Fitzgerald	2/2*	Melanie Proffitt	5/5
Cristina Gutu	5/5	Marta Rejman	5/5
Datuk Zaiton Mohd Hassan	5/5	Brendan Sheehan	5/5
Lorraine Holleway	5/5	Dinusha Weerawardane	5/5
Michelle Hourican	5/5	Sallah-ud-din (Den) Surfraz	2/2*
Babajide Ibironke	2/2*	Matthew Wong	5/5
Paula Kensington	5/5	Alice Yip	5/5
Lock Peng Kuan	5/5	Phoebe Hao Yu	5/5

Statement on elections to Council

RETIREMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mark Millar is retiring from Council and, in accordance with bye-law 15(d), is not eligible for re-election.

The following members of Council are retiring and are offering themselves for re-election:

Susan Allan	Cristina Gutu	Lock Peng Kuan
Amos Ng	Marta Rejman	Dinusha Weerawardane

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

The following members of ACCA have been nominated for election to Council in accordance with bye-law 16:

Victoria Ajayi	Mompati Kgaimena	Dani (Ladan) Saghafi
Abiodun Daveraux Akerele	Muhammad Ali Khan	Fergus Wong
George Kwadwo Baah	Philip Maher	Ernest Wong
Hidy Chan	Major Mei Qinxue	Shujuan (Jane) YANG
Krishna Prasad Dahal	Ian Ng	Omer Zaheer Meer
Muhammad Junaid Younas Ghori	Oluwaseyi Oshibolu	
Refat Jiwani	Kamlesh Rajput	

There are, therefore, 25 candidates for the 10 vacancies on Council.

It is mandatory for those elected to Council to accept and adhere to the Code of Practice for Council members. All the candidates in the Council elections have agreed, if elected, to comply with and be bound by the Code of Practice, the contents of which can be viewed at www.accaglobal.com/codeofpractice

Members' attention is drawn to the statement below on the skills and attributes that ACCA believes Council as a whole should contain.

Council develops strategy for ACCA as a whole and Council members act for the whole organisation. ACCA considers that it is essential that Council has access to the following skills and attributes from among its members:

- an ability to take a strategic and analytical approach to issues
- an understanding of the business and the marketplace
- experience of global organisations
- an understanding of good governance
- communication and networking skills
- an ability to interact with peers and respect the views of others
- decision-making abilities
- an ability to act in an ambassadorial role in different environments
- planning and time management skills
- high personal and professional integrity
- a willingness to learn and develop.

Election addresses



Victoria Ajayi

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Deputy chief financial officer

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Broadcast Media

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Nigeria

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2010

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Speaker, moderator, mentor at ACCA events
ACCA advocate for Nigeria and Africa

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Advisory Board member of a fintech
IoD membership and Board-level experience

ELECTION STATEMENT

I am Victoria Ajayi, FCCA, resident in Nigeria, currently seeking your support at the ongoing Council election.

My experience

I have over 15 years of finance leadership experience garnered from an assortment of roles held in the UK and Nigeria with the right exposure to board level consultations and the breadth of experience needed to represent you on Council. I have also been privileged to feature in ACCA's global employability campaign, moderated sessions including CPD events and spoken to several students, affiliates and members on behalf of ACCA.

My service, contribution and influence

My service with ACCA began even before I was admitted to membership in 2010. Whilst completing my ACCA exams with The Hyde Group, UK, I single-handedly helped the company to gain its approved employer status. Years later, after moving into the media space, I facilitated a number of media-coverage agreements for ACCA to further enhance our brand and visibility. I also provide opportunities for ACCA members to speak on topical economic matters on business news and continue to promote the ACCA brand in the media at any given opportunity. I won ACCA's Advocacy award nationally and evolved to being the regional winner in Africa.

Other contributions I have made to ACCA include:

- Represented and supported the ACCA team whenever there are partnership talks with other regional professional bodies;
- Championed access to free career development training for members;
- Spoken at career fairs to students in high schools and universities on careers choices in accounting and finance;
- Founded the ACCA Women's Network Nigeria (ACCA WNN) and through this medium, offered scholarships to prospective female accountants who wish to write the ACCA exams, further reinforcing ACCA's purpose statement that 'We are a force for public good'.

My pledge

My lifelong ambition is to always be M.A.D (making a difference). Therefore, with your votes and support in this election, I will be spurred on to be M.A.D about ACCA member affairs, represent your interests with great care and skill, whilst still safeguarding the image, brand and reputation of our prestigious association.



Abiodun Daveraux Akerele

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Senior corporate reporting manager, Westlake Chemical

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Petrochemical, manufacturing

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Canada

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2012

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Member, ACCA Network Panel, Canada
Global member advocate and mentorship

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Controller and CFO in financial services
Controller and CFO in aerospace operation

ELECTION STATEMENT

I am a proud FCCA member having completed my designation in 2012.

My professional career combines a unique blend of strategic leadership, vision, technical knowledge development, working with finance experts in the small medium practice sector in the Sub-Saharan African region where I developed a strong professional community network and aptitude for good governance; good sustainable focus to build pride in the accounting professional landscape for the next generation of accountants. In this capacity, I have mentored, *pro-bono*, more than a thousand prospective accounting students through their ACCA qualification and also advocated for ACCA members in workplaces to advance their professional career as part of member support.

Thereafter, I advanced my professional career in North America in the aerospace industry as a controller in addition to working in manufacturing and financial services. In my present role as senior corporate reporting manager with Westlake, I have worked with senior executives and regional finance leaders in a high-level professional capacity while continuing to foster ACCA awareness. I have contributed to building support for ACCA brand recognition and inclusiveness in Canadian workspace.

I am standing for election to Council in the forthcoming ACCA Council election with the following intents:

- I am passionate about giving back as a way to build a global network of support for the next generation of accountants in the face of globalisation and the economic challenges it presents.
- I am passionate about building ACCA's member network; nurturing and advancing our professional values to the next generation of accountants.

If I could seek your vote, in collaboration with other Council members, I will work to:

- Advocate for diversity and inclusiveness in workplaces through top industry finance leaders members; to promote decent work and economic empowerment for all members.
- Support members' relevance in the face of globalisation and economic competitiveness via effective member engagement to connect with ACCA approved employers, partners and other networks in accelerating their career and/or professional work engagement.

Please vote for me as we continue to advocate for all members advancement and promoting ACCA brand.



Susan Allan

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Group finance director for Willerby Group

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Manufacturing

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

United Kingdom

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2000

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Council member 2015 – present

Audit Committee, ACCA representative CCAB-UK board

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

International career in blue chip companies

Financial strategy and change management specialist

ELECTION STATEMENT

My name is Susan Allan, I've been honoured and privileged to serve on ACCA Council for the past six years – I thank you for supporting my journey so far. I am the ACCA representative on the board of CCAB UK (Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies) and sit on ACCA's Audit Committee too. Previously, I was International Assembly representative for England and served on the ACCA Strategy Implementation and Resource Oversight Committees. My introduction to 'giving back' to ACCA began when I joined the local members panel in Yorkshire.

I am group finance director for Willerby Group – UK market leader in the manufacture of caravans and lodges. Previously, I was head of finance for DFS, who manufacture and retail furniture throughout the UK and mainland Europe. Before DFS I worked for bathroom manufacturer Ideal Standard International in a variety of commercial finance roles, with responsibility for markets across Europe, Africa, and South America. I also held a strategic finance role within their global head office in Brussels.

As an accountant I think that my ACCA qualification is priceless. For example, my ACCA global passport has opened international opportunities throughout my 33-year career. Our unique global community is something I am immensely proud of. Our agility and reach help ACCA make a real difference and we must continue to evolve for the future, as we face a rapidly changing world. Over the past 18 months, I have never felt closer to my ACCA family as we have all connected digitally across the world, supporting, and learning from each other whilst sharing our pandemic stories.

As a member working in the business community with a wide network, I am well placed to represent the corporate sector, a significant portion of ACCA's membership. I really enjoy meeting people, being ACCA ambassador, a key aspect of the Council member role. I am looking forward to when future meetings can be in person again. I would be honoured to be elected to Council for a third term.

I ask for your support so that I can continue to serve you, the members.

Thank you.



George Kwadwo Baah

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Assistant professor of accounting – Quinnipiac University (USA)

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Education

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

United States of America

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2006

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Chairman, ACCA USA Network
Audit Forum and Education Forum member

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Accounting professor – 25 years
Management consultant – 24 years

ELECTION STATEMENT

I am Dr George Baah. I am asking you to vote for me in the upcoming council elections. I am running because I have seen how ACCA can enhance member value in their careers when members collaborate for a common purpose. As the ‘chief advocate’ of the United States member network, I see the need for ACCA members to intentionally strengthen the brand through recruitment, member retention, creation of opportunities for employment and business by leveraging the ACCA platform and member connectedness.

Strengthening requires engaged leadership, dedication to ACCA’s ideals, ethical decision making, collaboration among members and time commitment to ACCA’s service. These qualities helped us build a resilient USA member network currently chaired by Ayaz Wadia with Sandy Chu as vice-chair. I intend to bring these qualities to ACCA Council.

Advocacy effort

As the ACCA leader in the USA, I spearheaded:

- 1 Members professional support: to improve employment of members, we asked members to hire within ACCA first; offered leadership training for upward mobility potential; liaised with ACCA staff to create employment support (job fairs, resume writing and interview coaching) for members looking for work.

- 2 Pandemic response: The pandemic required swift, innovative and collaborative effort between members and ACCA staff to ensure all planned activities continue unabated. I asked each chapter head to check on members regularly and report if anyone needed help. These efforts helped create a sense of belonging within the ACCA USA community.
- 3 Keynote speaking: I am a regular keynote speaker at most of the 10 US chapters and ACCA Caribbean for 10+ years. I love being the chief advocate for ACCA members.
- 4 Practitioner Insights Forum: I have been an active member of the Audit Forum and the Educational Forum.

Council value proposition

I am a dedicated, passionate, forward thinking, experienced professional. An advocate who believes ACCA members’ best days are ahead of us. We just need to take advantage of the platform. Enhancement of the ACCA brand through recruitment and retention will be my focus at the council if you elect me to the council.

Let’s go to work!



Hidy Chan

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Board director and Audit Committee chair, CBG

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Financial institution

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Hong Kong SAR, China

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2000

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Council member 2017–2020, Rethinking Risk Report Resource Oversight, IA, SME chair

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

M&A, ESG, trust advisor, entrepreneur, philanthropist
Corporate governance, risk management, finance control

ELECTION STATEMENT

I am a strong believer in ACCA value. In 2017, I was fortunate to be elected in Council. I hope to be re-elected for my second term in order to continue my passion of supporting ACCA, its members and future members in the era of sustainability.

During my first term in Council, I have served on the Resource Oversight Committee, represented Council at International Assembly. I participated to drive forward ACCA's strategy to 2025 and to help overcome the changing challenges facing our profession.

It was my tremendous privilege to contribute my experience and insights in the ACCA *re-thinking risk for the future* report.

Ever since 2001, I have been serving ACCA for 20 years. When I was ACCA's SME chair, I appeared in the Metro Finance Radio with my ACCA SME sub-committee members to share our expertise and given many accounting-related tips for other SMEs.

It was my honour to deliver talks to the professionals and entrepreneurs about 'agile and resilient' in post-pandemic and 'Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (GBA)', a new growth pole of China's economy.

As an alumna of the University of Manchester, ranked first world's best university for action on sustainable development, I am passionate about tackling United Nation Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs). ACCA is also committed to the UNSDGs. I want to contribute to ACCA on UNSDGs in line with the UN's decade of action.

Inspiring current and future members is a passion of mine. Striving forward exploring new ideas, ensuring the profession is ready for not just today but tomorrow.

I believe my experience, networks and passion are an asset to Council. I am now seeking your support for re-election for a second term on Council so I can contribute within ACCA's governance framework.

I would be honoured if you could support me with your vote.



Krishna Prasad Dahal

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Managing partner, Focus Somar Audit and Tax Accountants Ltd

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Accountancy, audit, taxation

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

United Kingdom

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2008

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Member – ACCA Global Forum, Harrow Panel Advocate – global recognition and affordable fee

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Managing partner audit practice firm London
Ex-Council member – ICAN (Nepalese accountancy body)

ELECTION STATEMENT

I am a passionate member about long-term strategic vision to drive ACCA toward a globally leading accounting body to face global challenges, transferring uncertainties into opportunities, branding, recognition and making ACCA accessible to all entrants, students and members around the world. I hold over 20 years' experience in providing audit and advisory services to clients in the various sectors advising many of leading companies operating in UK, Europe, Middle East and South Asia.

Our profession is facing ongoing and future global challenges, such as artificial intelligence, digitalisation of accounting work, regulations, standards and many more?

Do you think we are prepared?

With the above passion and vision, I am proposing myself forward as a candidate for Council election 2021.

I truly appreciate receiving your valuable vote to pursue the following agenda to promote ACCA and its global image, which will make all of us proud.

A Global challenges

Collectively we should take a lead to formulate a strategy for upcoming global challenges and social expectations. I would like to contribute towards creating synergies to maximise use of the best practices and facilitates skill sharing with the greater harmonisation of the global accounting bodies and professionals.

B Accessible and modern education

We should further strengthen our system using online platforms, e-learning, digital books and employ local resources to make education more accessible and affordable. Simultaneously we must emphasize the continuous advancement of our course material to meet future expectations.

C Full recognition and expansion to all regions

ACCA should play an intelligent role and put forward a solid marketing strategy to liaise with local accounting regulatory bodies to achieve the full recognition to our members in their respective countries for further expansion.

D Competitive fee and brand image

ACCA must consider providing competitive and affordable fee w.r.t. local body in the developing economies to motivate high caliber students and continue as members of ACCA. This step will not only help in galvanize local economies, but also ensure that ACCA continues to be recognised as a global brand around the world.



Muhammad Junaid Younas Ghori

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Chief AML officer – ZT Bank

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Banking

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Pakistan

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2008

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Pakistan Member Network Panel (2008–12)

Member of ACCA sub-committees

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Joint director – Securities and Exchange Commission

Vice president – MCB Bank

ELECTION STATEMENT

I am working as chief AML officer with the leading bank in the country. I specialise in money laundering investigation, detection, prevention, forensic accounting, fraud examination, risk management and compliance. I am a pentamer finance professional besides FCCA, a chartered accountant, chartered Islamic finance professional, chartered banker and certified AML professional. I am regarded as the foremost expert in AML procedures and practices and highly sought after for expert advice in anti-fraud, corruption and money laundering.

I have been awarded the highly competitive and prestigious Endeavour Award of Australian Government. I cemented my qualifications with a Master of Finance in Investment Banking from University of New South Wales, Sydney Australia. I also remained professional development mentor at UNSW Business School.

I possess over two decades of experience in the financial sector and capital markets, served at leading banks and at Securities and Exchange Commission. During my professional stints, I spearheaded significant initiatives in regulation, business, technology, risk management, investments, financing and human resource development. I served on a number of national and international forums and deliberated on financial sector issues.

Money laundering is the greatest single threat to global business, financial systems, and economies, encompasses non-financial businesses and professions. Being public interest profession, professional accountants have significant role in the fight against financial crime. Accountants need to understand the risks across the countries they work with, the services they provide and the clients they serve.

The challenge of responding to financial and green crime will drive billions of dollars in new investments in systems and human resources with shifts in functions across businesses, financial and regulatory institutions. New roles are emerging in financial institutions, accountancy, consulting, regulatory and supervisory institutions. ACCA professionals make an ideal fit to fill in the space for sanctions analysis, transactions monitoring, forensic accounting, fraud examination, compliance, risk management and in supervision and regulation.

To upskill ACCA members in the above areas and advocating against the financial and green crime shall be my foremost objective at Council. I will bring distinctive skill set, diversified experience and breadth of knowledge at ACCA Council.



Cristina Gutu

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Advisory services senior manager – KPMG Romania

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Public practice – consulting services

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Romania

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2006

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Council member 2018 – present

ACCA International Assembly representative 2010–16

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Auditing and consultancy professional (Big4)

Professional trainer at BPP and KPMG

ELECTION STATEMENT

Dear ACCA members,

I am Cristina Gutu and I am a current serving member of Council while working as a senior manager for KPMG Romania. Being a professional accountant working in consultancy and an experienced trainer working closely with ACCA students, I am in a unique position to understand very well the challenges facing ACCA students and members, as well as the benefits ACCA membership delivers.

It has been 18 years since ACCA became part of my life and made me even more passionate about our profession, as it gave me the opportunity to take my career in any direction I wanted: from gaining valuable practical international experience in auditing and consultancy to getting even closer to ACCA by supporting and coaching future aspiring students in their journey of becoming members. As a professional trainer for more than 13 years, I am extremely proud of each new generation of ACCA members contributing to the growth and development of our global network.

The time has come for me to give back to ACCA. I have had the privilege of being elected to the ACCA International Assembly (2010–2016). With your kind support, for which I am really grateful, I was elected as a member of the global Council in 2018. I served as a member of the Standards Board and I am currently a member of the Qualifications Board. I am also chairing the ACCA Global Forum for Ethics.

ACCA is part of my personal life too. I am married to an ACCA member and our 11 year old daughter already knows very well what ACCA means. (She is very proud to have met several ACCA presidents in person!)

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my statement and for getting involved in the voting process! I would be honored if you would support me with your vote to enable me to continue to serve you as part of the ACCA Council, acting as an ACCA ambassador, supporting the true value of diversity and contributing to the shaping and delivery of the ACCA strategy.



Refat Jiwani

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Board/committees chair: Imagine Canada; COSTI Immigrant Services; Alzheimer Society of Canada

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Not-for-profit

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Canada

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

1978

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Network panel 2017–2018, ACCA advocate nominee
Keynote speaker ACCA Canada graduation ceremony

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

C-suite executive corporate Canada and not-for-profits
Board member, treasurer, board committee(s) chair

ELECTION STATEMENT

ACCA enabled me to realise my dream as a poor kid in a small town, to give my best and seize every opportunity to grow personally and professionally and in turn to give back to society.

Professionally, I am a c-suite executive (CFO/CEO) who transitioned from being the CFO of a multi-billion-dollar public company to work with organisations that help people less fortunate than myself to improve their quality of life. This began when my wife and I joined the Aga Khan Development Network as volunteers in Tajikistan and led to my most recent position as CFO of the Aga Khan Museum. I recently retired to devote all my energy to the charities sector as a volunteer. The last 15 years have given me a sense of inner satisfaction that cannot be financially compensated. I continue to give back to our profession and society at large. I actively serve on three charity boards and chair board committees.

I believe my strong professional, management, executive and board level experience position me well to provide the right balance for ACCA's at all levels as we continue to build ACCA into the premier global accounting body. I was born in Africa and educated in the UK. I have global perspective and experience, having worked in Europe, North America, and Central Asia. I have traveled to 68 countries. I was an ACCA advocate nominee and have served on ACCA network panel. I support ACCA in Canada as guest and keynote speaker. I have been a mentor to many aspiring accountants and other professionals.

I will not make any promises that I may not be able to keep. I promise to wear a global hat on behalf of all members and aspiring members. I will strive to inspire younger ACCA's. I will support and help drive ACCA's strategy to 2025.

Thank you for reading my bio. Please exercise your right to vote. If you feel my background positions me well for ACCA Council and to represent ACCA's globally, then please vote for me. If not, I thank you kindly for your consideration.



Mompoti Kgaimena

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Managing partner, Mamlathan and Associates

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Private practice

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Botswana

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2013

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Member, ACCA Network Panel, Botswana
ACCA advocacy

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Audit manager at Abson and Partners
Senior internal auditor at Unigem (PTY)

ELECTION STATEMENT

I am Mompoti Kgaimena, an ACCA from Botswana. I hereby seek your support and votes to represent you on Council for 2021.

I have over 10 years' experience in audit and accounting. My accounting experience includes public and private companies in diverse industries, including banking, medical insurance and non-profit NGOS. I have more than six years' experience in other sectors where I was responsible for accounting and financial management. Due to my qualifications, I am now the managing partner of Mamlathan and Associates as well as Whiteprint (PTY) LTD.

Over the years, I have encouraged, guided and mentored students, affiliates and members in their ACCA journey and served as an ACCA advocate. I am also an active member of the ACCA panel in Botswana.

I got my ACCA practicing license in 2013 and started my own small medium practice (SMP) in 2014. It is a consulting SMP for audit and accounting, as well as tax and advisory.

ACCA has given me lots of business opportunities as a practicing member and I would like to contribute in the global strategy and governance of ACCA. I am proud to be an ACCA fellow member and would like to make all members proud of their ACCA membership with a global dynamic accounting body as well.

I am mindful of the challenges faced by members and students of ACCA, particularly in new and developing markets, and I want to work for their benefit and help provide them with equal opportunities. I wish to serve on Council and be involved at the strategic level, examining issues of wider reaching and longer term importance and help in establishing ACCA's position on global issues.

Kindly give me a chance to serve you on Council so as to achieve our ACCA goals and dreams together.

Thank you



Muhammad Ali Khan

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Chief financial officer at Zeenat Textile Pvt Ltd

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Private sector

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Pakistan

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2021

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

ACCA mentoring program 2021

ACCA advocate

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Counseling, advisory, crisis management

Finance director business consultancy (future brightener's)

ELECTION STATEMENT

Respected ACCA members,

My name is Muhammad Ali Khan and I am the chief financial officer of a leading textile company, existing in the industry since 1970 with the name of Zeenat Textile Pvt Ltd.

I am a self-driven, energetic individual who is looking to make significant changes for the benefit of all. After obtaining the ACCA membership in July this year, I've decided to stand for Council election.

Being a fresh member, I am well aware of the problems and difficulties that ACCA members are currently facing with employers and ACCA market. My top priority will be to ease the process by communicating the problems to the ACCA management so that corrective actions can be taken timely for the desired results.

I am also registered with the ACCA mentoring program where students, affiliates and members connect with me and we discuss the challenges that our ACCA community is facing. My role in the ACCA will be to resolve ACCA community with a single voice which means I will interact with ACCA management on your behalf and will make sure that challenges and problems are getting resolved on timely basis.

I am proud to be an ACCA and as being part of such an amazing community. It would be an honor for me to serve on Council.

My ambitious pledge

- 1 Ensure that ACCA significant addition and acts as enablers to member's professional objectives and ambitions.
- 2 Prerogative policy that enhances the voice and resources for ACCA members.
- 3 Ensuring ACCA acts in members and the public interest.
- 4 Be available to members and act as a channel – allowing members voices to be heard at the top table.

Thank you for taking the time to read through my statement, I hope I can count your support in the upcoming election.

Conclusion

I'll act on behalf of all members to ensure that ACCA's future direction continues to address the evolving needs of our members and all stakeholders while promoting the highest ethical standards.

Please vote and support me and let's work together.

Yours sincerely,
Muhammad Ali Khan



Lock Peng Kuan

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Managing partner, audit and assurance, Baker Tilly Malaysia

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Public practice

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Malaysia

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2000

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Council member 2018 – present
Chair, ACCA Global Forum, Audit and Assurance

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Managing partner, audit, Baker Tilly Malaysia
Acting chair, PSC, Baker Tilly International

ELECTION STATEMENT

With your support, I was elected to Council in 2018. It has been such a privilege to serve you in that capacity over the last three years, especially so during this unprecedented global crisis that has impacted so many people. The purpose of ACCA – to be a force for public good – has become even more pronounced in such a time.

During my term on Council, I was appointed to the Audit Committee and also continued to serve as the chair of ACCA Global Forum for Audit and Assurance. I was also tasked to be the Council representative on the Professional Accountants Advisory Board of ICMA Pakistan. These have broadened my perspective on the current issues faced by accountants globally and the strategy that is needed moving forward.

Together with fellow Council members, we formulated the ACCA strategy towards 2025 while navigating through the challenges brought about by the pandemic over the last two years. ACCA's strategy in creating opportunity for anyone of ability, continues to be my motivation to serve on Council.

I will continue to bring the following capabilities to serve Council towards ACCA's 2025 strategic plan:

Lead

Advocacy is key in shaping community mindset. My involvement in ACCA SMP100 activities in my previous roles as the chair for the SMP Focus Group, chair of the Public Practice Committee and deputy chair of ACCA Advisory Committee in Malaysia have provided me with the experience and platforms to advocate for the change ACCA wants to see happen.

Create

There is a need to constantly develop creative solutions to stay ahead. Apart from ACCA, my additional roles as acting chair of the Professional Standards Committee of Baker Tilly International, and involvement in various professional accountancy bodies and activities in Malaysia and internationally, has equipped me with unique knowledge and experience to contribute towards shaping the future of the global profession.

I therefore humbly seek your support for an opportunity to continue to serve as your Council member at this critical time as we face the volatility with the world reeling from the effects of the pandemic.



Philip Maher

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Director – financial advisory services, Mazars

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Professional services

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Ireland

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2005

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Chair ACCA Ireland, 2021

ACCA International Assembly representative 2020–22

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

20 years experience in financial advisory

Strategically minded, finance expert, trusted advisor

ELECTION STATEMENT

It is a privilege to put myself forward for election to Council. If elected, I will work with all stakeholders to positively impact ACCA's vision to develop the accountancy profession the world needs.

My candidacy is based on three elements:

Passion

I am committed to accountancy and finance as a profession. Working with, learning from, and sharing information with my colleagues, our members and my clients energises me. It drives me to assist our profession in these challenging times, where a strong voice is needed more than ever given the urgent need to address the climate emergency.

Connection

When we look to the future, for me it is about creating opportunity and the power of connecting with members globally.

I am most proud of ACCA's schools initiative where we advocate and change the perceptions of the profession. Through my collaboration with members who teach accounting in a school in a disadvantaged area of Limerick city, I have seen how being a champion of social mobility can effectively change people's lives.

As the current ACCA Ireland chair, I have had the opportunity to represent ACCA at important international events such as the 2020 International Assembly, where you can really see the power of our member connections.

Understanding

With over 20 years' experience in the accountancy profession in Ireland and Australia as financial advisory director, I have evolved to be considered a trusted advisor to SME and multi-national clients. ACCA has played a pivotal role in my career: I have also served as chair of the Munster Network Panel and as a member of the Accounting and Education Sub-committee in Ireland.

My experience with ACCA is that the more I have given my energy, time and experience, the more I have benefitted and the more I have to give. The role of Council member is a great opportunity to give even more, and I would relish the opportunity to utilise my skills and experience in shaping the future of ACCA and its members in the global arena.

I am asking you to give me your vote.

Thank you.



Major Mei Qinxue

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Senior vice president, chief operating officer, JW Renewable Energy Co. Ltd.

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

New energy

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

China

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2013

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Deputy chair, Southern China Steering Team
International Assembly representative 2020

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Group COO, a listed energy company
Group CFO, a listed environmental company

ELECTION STATEMENT

Dear ACCA members,

Hope you are all safe and well during this challenging period!

I started my ACCA journey 10 years ago by passing exams within two years. As a busy middle-aged professional, husband and father, I had huge pressure but believed ACCA means opportunities. In March 2013, after reallocating to Hong Kong from Shanghai, I immediately became an ACCA lecturer, and continued my career and MBA study. ACCA did open a window for me when the other doors were closed.

If elected, I can contribute to ACCA governance reforms, with my knowledge, skills and passion, specifically on:

- Strengthening oversight in supporting the Executive Team to deliver 2025 strategy.

My global exposure and C-suite experience provide me with capabilities an ACCA Council member needs. I've been a senior VP and COO in a listed energy company, managing a global business of US\$100M. I was the CFO in a listed environmental company and for 16 years working for global leaders like Nestle, Mattel and ICI Group. Besides, I am a global MBA from Manchester Business School.

- Enhancing member engagement and providing agility to better respond to emerging opportunities and challenges, eg Generation Z, post-pandemic recovery, digital transformation etc.

I've been an ambassador and community-builder. In 2014, I founded Major's Club, an online platform to support thousands of ACCA students and members. Since 2016, I became a top-ranking career-mentor with over 165,000 fans, on a major knowledge sharing platform in China, promoting ACCA and the profession. I've delivered over 50 presentations and trainings as an ACCA advocate for universities, CICPA, Stock Exchange and national accounting institutes at various occasions including high-profile forums, CPD events and global webinar on the B&R in the past five years. I am winner of ACCA's Greater China Advocacy Award in 2018 and the deputy chair of ACCA Southern China Steering Team.

- Ensuring members' interests continue to be well represented, being central in setting strategic direction and overseeing the organisation.

Join me and make ACCA a caring community of accountants!

I am ready to serve. Please vote for me!



Amos Ng

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Group CFO/Straco Corporation Limited

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Tourism

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Singapore

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2005

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Council member 2019 – present

ACCA International Assembly representative 2012–16

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Past experience – general management, independent director

Chairman Audit Committee – Autism Association (Singapore)

ELECTION STATEMENT

My name is Amos and I am a first-term Council member from Singapore standing for re-election to the global Council this year.

During my first term, I served as a member of the Remuneration Committee and have contributed extensively to the Professional Insights round-table in addition to speaking as a panelist at professional fora. In this year's election, I hope to have your support to continue my work with Council and expand my contributions to the global ACCA community.

I feel strongly about ACCA because it was the ACCA qualification that launched my career some 35 years ago and brought me through an international career to where I am today, serving as the group chief financial officer of a publicly-listed developer and operator of premier tourist attractions in China and Singapore.

I started my service to ACCA a decade ago in 2011 with the aim of paying forward the benefits that ACCA has afforded me over the years. I served on the Singapore Network Panel, eventually spending five

years in the leadership as vice-chairman and chairman and as a delegate to International Assembly. I had the privilege to interact extensively with many of our members and industry partners and these interactions informed me about the concerns many of our members have regarding the evolving expectations and challenges from an industry dealing with an increasingly dynamic business landscape.

Over the years, I have experienced first-hand the challenges and rewards that follow a career in the accounting profession and believe that I have much to offer as an advocate for members of ACCA. As a senior member within the local accounting community, I would also look to leverage on my network (both at the personal and professional level) to provide mentorship, grounded insights and leadership to help steer ACCA to greater heights in an increasingly uncertain future.

I hope that you will look favourably upon my candidacy and look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve ACCA and its global community in a second term.



Ian Ng

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

APAC CFO and head of M&A

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Manufacturing

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

China

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2009

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

ACCA Central China Steering Committee chair
ACCA International Assembly representative

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

APAC CFO of Ammega Group
China CFO of GE Transportation

ELECTION STATEMENT

I have more than 20 years finance experience in multiple industries. Started with PWC Malaysia as auditor for four years and then served Ernst & Young China for two years. Joined Eaton Corporation as APAC M&A manager for three years and worked as a business finance partner ('FBP') for another three years. Joined General Electric in 2012 as GE R&D organisation FBP and subsequently worked as the GE Transportation China FBP for five years. Joined Nielsen as China FBP for three years, resolved a joint venture and completed the Nielsen business separation. Recently, joined Ammega Group and serve as APAC CFO and head of M&A. Graduated from Multimedia University of Malaysia with Bachelor of Accountancy and passed chartered accountant of Malaysia Institute of Accountants and certified public accountant of ACCA.

While an ACCA student, I helped Eaton Corporation in China to be qualified as ACCA qualified employer. After I obtained the ACCA qualification in 2009, I continue to uphold the membership pride, participated in most of the ACCA events. Averagely, I spent at least 100 hours/year on ACCA events, helping to promote the professional qualification to non-students, students, and existing members.

As part of supporting the ACCA China strategies on China state-owned entities, I participated in the China Construction Company's financial management trainee program set up. On the global stage, I am part ACCA's Global Business Finance Forum Committee, where ACCA professionals around the world gather on a quarterly basis to share the latest economic, political, and business development, with specific focus on business finance implication. Besides, I'm also one of the ACCA International Assembly members, which serve as an advisory forum to Council members.

My passion for the ACCA organisation has never faded despite encountering personal and work challenges. Through ACCA events, I learned from the fellow members and made a lifelong friend who keeps me motivated at work and passionate about my career. I'm currently holding the president role for ACCA Central China Steering Committee and will devote all my dedication to bring ACCA to the next level.



Oluwaseyi Oshibolu

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Director at EY

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Professional services – banking and capital markets

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Nigeria

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2015

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

ACCA Advocate of the Year winner

ACCA Tutor Excellence Award winner

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Trusted financial advisor, 13 years in consulting

Founder, Ivy League Associates (platinum ALP)

ELECTION STATEMENT

I am honored and excited to put myself forward for election to serve on Council. When I completed the ACCA exam in 2008, I knew there was more to my involvement than earning a qualification and this has been the drive for my active engagement in promoting the brand and empowering the growth of future members.

Background

As a leader at EY, I oversee a diverse team of professionals who help architect a better working world for businesses, communities and other stakeholders by enhancing public confidence in capital markets and governance. I have had the privilege of gaining deep technical insights into various sectors of the economy, engaging at board level on matters of interest and mentoring aspiring finance leaders.

Contributions

The need to continually enrich our membership pipeline and empower future finance professionals to meet employers' demands remain paramount. Consequently, I founded what is now the leading ACCA learning partner (platinum) in Africa a decade ago. This way, I have accelerated the growth of over 7,000 students and supported 1,200+ affiliates and members in the last decade. Working with ACCA's

leadership in Africa, I have been involved in executing several initiatives including:

- facilitating conversations with employers on the value of ACCA.
- mentoring university students by sharing my ACCA story and encouraging enrolment
- creating awareness about qualification changes and integrating same
- presenting and sharing insights at various events – CPDs, ALP conference, sector events etc.

I was voted by members in Nigeria as the first ACCA Advocate of the Year in 2018. This was in addition to other recognitions such as Best Advocate in Employer and Student Environment, Tutor Excellence Award, amongst others.

Commitment

I seek your mandate as a commitment to serve. I will bring my experience from engaging with students and members to bare in shaping our strategic initiatives and supporting ACCA's growth in various market. Specifically, I will work to strengthen member network effectiveness, advocacy for gender balance in finance and collaboration with other key stakeholders in order to provide more opportunities for our members.

I hope to earn your mandate to serve.



Kamlesh Rajput

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Founder and CEO Sterling Finance (UK) Limited

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Public practice

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

United Kingdom

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2002

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Manchester Panel Network member

Manchester Panel Network chair 2005–2012

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Founder and CEO of Sterling Finance

International trade and tax expert

ELECTION STATEMENT

My reasons for applying to become a Council member stem from my desire to contribute and add value to ACCA in meeting any future challenges.

I am extremely grateful and indebted to ACCA and the reason for that is I come from a very humble background, as a migrant I arrived in this country and after ten years I really struggled to progress my career. I decided to study ACCA and my life changed dramatically, particularly when I qualified and became an ACCA practitioner.

I have been inspired by many members whom I have met and during my membership I have always tried to contribute back to the ACCA community, by serving for the Manchester Member Network initially as a panel member and later as chair. I actively engage in promoting ACCA education and the brand to high schools, colleges and universities having also served as external examiner for ACCA courses at Salford University and the University of Wales in Newport.

I sincerely believe in family values and advocate these values both personally and professionally. Family values are what drive my commitment to support the wellbeing of my family, team, peers and fellow ACCA members.

I'm married with two sons, Anand and Adarsh and now Adarsh is also an ACCA qualified graduate. I am fluent in English, Gujarati, Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi. In my free time, I love to play cricket, read, listen to music and work for a local charity, as well as spending time with relatives and friends.

Yes, I'm as qualified as any member reading this and yes, I have many years of experience but above all, I sincerely want to give my commitment back to ACCA and its members by becoming a council member. I hope this is sufficient for me to genuinely hope that you will support my application.



Marta Rejman

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Head of shared services centre – Re:Sources, Publicis Groupe

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Corporate services – shared services

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Poland

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2002

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Council member 2015 – present

ACCA representative on IFAC Board 2009–2015

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Expert in outsourcing and finance transformation

CFO experience from several European jurisdictions

ELECTION STATEMENT

I graduated from Warsaw School of Economics, hold an MBA diploma of University of Calgary in Canada and since 2002 I am a member of ACCA.

I have been on the global Council since 2015 and served on Remuneration Committee, Resource Oversight Committee and Governance Committee. I have actively supported design and implementation of the new governance model through my participation in Governance Implementation Task Force.

In the last year I had an honor to act as a Council Board member.

Between 2009 and 2015 I represented ACCA on the Board of IFAC also as a member of the Audit Committee and Planning and Finance Committee.

I actively support the organisation in Poland through Member Network Panel.

I have also participated in International Assembly.

I am passionate about ACCA and its global reach. I have represented the organisation in a number of panel discussions, publications and as a member of ACCA delegation on the World Congress of Accountants in Kuala Lumpur and Rome.

My professional career includes various accounting roles including CFO position within ING Group. Since 2010 I have been involved in developing shared services centers as a head of EMEA SSO for Jones Lang LaSalle and currently as a head of SSC for Publicis Group providing financial, IT, payroll, tax and legal services to a number of European countries.

The last months brought a tremendous change to our perception of the world, business and the role of accountant.

If re-elected I would like to work with ACCA to support members in navigating through new, post-COVID reality, overcoming crisis and finding new ways to grow the businesses and professional careers.

ACCA with its global reach and increasing number of young talents is uniquely positioned to drive the new training trends and grow the constituency of new professional accountants well equipped not only to react to but also to drive the rapid change and innovation, support ethics and sustainability.

I trust I am able to support ACCA in its mission and would be delighted to have an opportunity to continue as a global Council member.



Dani (Ladan) Saghafi

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Associate professor of practice, Brunel University London

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Higher Education

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

United Kingdom

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2007

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

ACCA advocate in SME sector

ACCA advocate in higher education

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Entrepreneur and cross-border M&A advisor

Educator in audit and corporate finance

ELECTION STATEMENT

Professional background

My career started in 2002 in the UK in audit and after qualifying with ACCA in 2007, I joined Deloitte corporate finance. In 2016, in an entrepreneurial move, I co-founded a boutique start-up consultancy, Frontier Partners. I currently serve as a partner and the head of transactions of the firm.

In 2019, after 17 years of leading M&A transactions and holding directorship roles, I embarked on higher education with a mission of bridging the gap between employers' practical needs and academic thought leadership.

Commitment and motivation

I am passionate about innovation, life-long learning and diversity. If elected I will support Council and members to make contributions in emerging areas such as:

- Cultural agility
Building cultural intelligence, agility and collegial networks in our profession and amongst students and members.

- Business communities
Reaching out to SME business communities and communicating their fresh perspectives to Council to achieve an innovation-led growth of ACCA.
- Shaping professional lives of our youth
Introducing university graduates to the wide range of career options available to them as an ACCA qualified member and being an advocate for our professional body.
- Strategic alignment
Effectively shortlisting issues raised by network of members and aligning them with strategic leadership goals set by the Board.

I am nominating myself for the council elections for the first time. This opportunity will allow me to bring an energetic and positive approach as both a practitioner and an educator and to help continuously improve ACCA's quality and reach globally.

Thank you for your consideration.



Dinusha H Weerawardane

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Senior lecturer – accounting and finance at University of West London

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Higher education

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

United Kingdom

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2015

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Council member 2018 – present
ACCA advocate since 2010

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

10 years lecturing ACCA or accredited courses
External examiner: Ulster and Coventry Universities

ELECTION STATEMENT

As a serving member of Council, I thank you for your previous support and for the trust you have placed in me. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to engage with so many members and future members and contribute to oversight activities during these challenging times. I now seek your support for re election so that I can continue to serve you.

I was admitted to ACCA membership in 2015 and fellowship in 2020. The ACCA Qualification was a stepping stone for my academic pursuits, leading me to gain a PhD, specialise in Business Law and become a principal fellow of the Higher Education Academy. I am currently based in the UK, where I am a senior lecturer and subject head for accounting and finance at the University of West London, but I am originally from Sri Lanka with experience in the MESA region as well.

My time on Council has significantly increased my knowledge and understanding of ACCA. As a volunteer custodian, I contribute to governance activities, strategy formulation and efforts to safeguard ACCA's reputation and brand for the benefit of our

members, future members and the wider business community. I currently serve on the Regulatory Board and have represented Council at International Assembly. I also regularly participate in local, national and global network events, and continue to connect and engage all stakeholders in the ACCA journey.

I enjoy inspiring and supporting ACCA students to progress towards membership and maximise the benefits of their qualification, and my experience in the higher education sector enables me to contribute valuable insights to Council. Through my network of connections, I link up ACCA professionals from around the world to create new opportunities and synergies. Being in touch with members from many different markets enables me to understand their needs and reflect their views to Council.

My vision is that ACCA continues to produce accounting professionals the world needs by being innovative and responsive to new trends, technologies and most importantly, member needs. I would truly appreciate your support once again so that I can contribute to achieving that vision.



Fergus Wong

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Director, tax services, PricewaterhouseCoopers HK

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Public practice

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Hong Kong SAR, China

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

1983

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Council member 2013–2019

Chairman, ACCA HK Committee 2014–15

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Director, tax services, PwCHK since 2008

Senior teaching fellow, HKCityU 1998–2003

ELECTION STATEMENT

Of the members, by the members and for the members.

Being an ACCA member for more than 35 years, I am a devoted ACCA supporter. I am fortunate and it is my honour to serve on the ACCA global Council between 2013 to 2019. The belief of our founders in equal opportunity for anyone irrespective of their economic and social background to join the accountancy profession have been rooted in me since 1976 when I started my ACCA journey as a student. With the world progresses, the accountancy profession will evolve. 'Think Ahead' reflects the pioneer spirit of ACCA and this put us in a leading position.

After having a break for two years, I am seeking to continue my service on Council and through which to contribute to the development of ACCA and the professional at large. I believe the younger generation is the future of the profession and of ACCA. Coaching and mentoring young accountants has been always in my heart. My solid experience in higher education and profession support my contribution to Council and to the ACCA development.

Apart from being member of ACCA Council, I have been actively involved in ACCA activities since 1980, including a member in the ACCA HK Committee and the chairman of the Hong Kong Committee in 2014–15. Participating in various ACCA activities is my tribute to this great organisation. Working with other ACCA members makes me feel I am contributing to the profession and ACCA.

I strongly believe my experience and my devotion to ACCA and the profession at large will enable me to continue to contribute towards the success of ACCA. For this reason, I like to appeal for your support this year.



Ernest Wong

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

President and Group CFO, KVB Holdings Limited

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Investment and financial Services

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Hong Kong SAR, China

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

1994

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

ACCA HK chairman, International Assembly representative

Member, Accountants for Business Global Forum

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Listed Companies: ED, CFO; PE Investment, University Court member; Prominent Associations president

ELECTION STATEMENT

Dear fellow ACCA members,

I am Ernest Wong. I would like to ask for your support in this ACCA global Council election.

Contribution

It is my honor to serve ACCA in various capacities starting from 2011, here are some of the highlights:

- Chairman of ACCA HK 2020-2021
- Member of Accountants for Business Global Forum 2017-2020
- International Assembly Representative 2020-2021
- Committee member (by election) of ACCA HK 2014-2021
- Chairman of Professional Development Sub-committee 2014-2019
- Chairman of SME Sub-committee 2014-2019.

Being the chairman of ACCA HK last year under the pandemic situation, I managed to work with the team to organise a series of celebratory activities for the 70th anniversary of ACCA HK. Moreover, I am particularly excited about the renewal of MOU between ACCA and HKU Business School.

It is a landmark case bridging the academic to the professional, and driving global competitiveness and employability of the future generation.

Public roles

I have actively participated in other public roles:

- Court members of HKU 2016-now
- UN ESCAP, task force member 2017-now
- Deputy chairman of HKU Convocation 2016-2021
- President of HKU Graduate Association 2014-2018
- Executive director of CFA HK 2015-2017.

Academic and professional qualification

I am a true believer in life-long learning:

- FCCA since 1999
- MSc from Saïd Business School of University of Oxford
- MSc in Investment Management from HKUST
- MSc in Electronic Engineering from CUHK
- BBA from HKU
- Charter holder of CFA Institute.

Career

I have been over 30 years of corporate finance, financial management and private equity experience. I have successfully brought several companies to go IPO in Hong Kong and London Stock Exchange. I have been the CFO, executive director and audit committee chairman of listed companies.

Commitment

- Increase the advocacy for ACCA among the professions, the employers, various stakeholders and the public to further increase our reputation and awareness.
- Support the ACCA 2020-2025 strategic initiatives and beyond.

With my passion to work for ACCA as a global council, I hope I can have your vote and support!

Thanks!



Shujuan (Jane) Yang

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Partner, Ernst & Young Hua Ming

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Public Practice

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

China

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2003

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Steering Committee member, ACCA China North
Sponsor or participate in ACCA seminars/events

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

18-month exchange program in EY Chicago
Two years working in EY London

ELECTION STATEMENT

My 20 years being a FCCA passed so fast, just like I flipped the pages of a calendar. I still remember the first exam taken in Beijing Language College in December 2000 and the last exam held at Wembley Stadium in London two years later. ACCA witnessed my career development over the past 20 years, from China as a young professional, to US/UK as an audit executive, and then back to China as a seasoned partner with EY. No matter where I worked and lived, ACCA is always a surrounding community and truly a global professional home for me.

Other than being a steering committee member of ACCA China North and a sponsor or supporter to some events organised by ACCA, I always asked myself in recent years how I could assist ACCA in building a better working world for other students and members, till a few months ago when I had a chance to talk to Jenny Gu, the then ACCA president and a couple of Council members. Their experience sharing made me believe serving in the Council could be a good way to further share my professional experience

with younger generations, to improve ACCA's profile in China and enhance ACCA's strategy development and implementation globally. I, a home-grown professional in China with five-year international working and studying exposure, could be a qualified ambassador to connect Chinese accounting professionals with global community.

I am the managing partner of EY Beijing, government and infrastructure market segment leader of EY Greater China and an Advisory Council member of EY Asia Pac. Externally, I have been a guest professor of Renmin University of China for Master of Professional Accounting for 10 years and am also an accounting expert engaged by China's Ministry of Finance. If elected, my experience and commitment would enable me to fulfil all the responsibilities. To further promote ACCA's value and profile and to implement its strategy effectively would be my goal. I also wish to leverage my connection with other regulatory and accounting professional agencies in China to make ACCA more influential to accounting professionals globally.



Omer Zaheer Meer

JOB POSITION/TITLE AND EMPLOYER

Managing partner (taxation and corporate services),
Millennium Law and Corporate Company (MLCC)

SECTOR EMPLOYED IN

Public Practice

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

Pakistan

ACCA MEMBER SINCE

2008

PREVIOUS/CURRENT ACCA INVOLVEMENT

Global Tax Forum, International Assembly, advocacy
Chair MNP, Policy Insights' Editorial Board

RELEVANT CAREER EXPERIENCE

Managing partner, CEO, director, associate professor
Strategic thinker, taxation and AML expert

ELECTION STATEMENT

Foreword

My belief is that those of us fortunate enough, have a duty to give back to the profession and humanity.

It's an honour to put myself forward for ACCA Council election, having been very actively engaged with ACCA. My ACCA advocacy began in student society (2003) and turned a leaf after becoming a member (2008) in London.

I've been ACCA's network panel member (Pakistan) since 2015. It's been an honour to be the first ever unanimously elected and twice serving Chairperson of MNP (since 2018), representing its 40,000+ members, affiliates and students.

Having won ACCA's Exceptional Public Value and National Advocacy awards, I've evolved from national to regional to global levels and learned about ACCA's unique vision, workings and adaptability.

Professionally, I've held many leadership positions besides being a managing partner at MLCC.

Commitment

Considering the unique challenges due to Covid-19's global implication, I commit to bring to Council:

- continued selfless devotion and passion for ACCA fraternity
- tax and corporate laws specialisation
- 14 years'+ crisis management experience at board and public sector level
- governmental policy making experience
- ideas to capitalise on the fast evolving regulatory and tax framework culminating from China-Pakistan Economic Corridor with exciting economic possibilities

- strategic experience from various think-tanks
- insights from extensive interactions with ACCA members across the globe and
- a fresh perspective.

Key contributions

Besides above, I've:

- mentored thousands of ACCA members, affiliates and students,
- represented ACCA at hundreds of events and employers,
- delivered numerous ACCA CPD sessions, attended by thousands,
- contributed on Professional Experts' Forum and
- worked extensively with ACCA's regional members' affairs and policy teams on various initiatives.

While also chairing:

- Taxation subcommittee and
- 'ACCA-LCCI tax clinic'.

And contributing at:

- Global Tax Forum,
- Policy Insights' Editorial Board and
- International Assembly.

Conclusion

I'll act on behalf of all members to ensure that ACCA's future direction continues to address the evolving needs of our members and all stakeholders while championing the highest ethical standards.

Please vote and support me and let's 'Think Ahead' together.

Thank you.



The
Benevolent
Fund

The Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund combined summarised report and financial statements

The combined summarised financial statements are taken from the, as yet unaudited, financial statements of the charitable company, The Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund, for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the financial statements of the unincorporated charity of the same name for the year ended 31 March 2021. The combined summarised financial statements are unaudited.

The combined summarised financial statements may not contain enough information for a full understanding of each of the charity's affairs and members are invited to read the full financial statements of both charities.

Copies of the full financial statements may be obtained on request from:

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The Adelphi
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or from the website address <http://www.accaglobal.com/en/member/membership-benefit/benevolent-fund/about-benevolent.html>

Hugh McCash Secretary
September 2021

Combined summarised statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Total funds Year ended 31 March 2021 £	Total funds Year ended 31 March 2020 £
Income		
Donations	75,301	79,492
Legacies	8,033	12,535
Investment income	91,694	132,498
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Total income	175,028	224,525
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Expenditure		
<i>Expenditure on raising funds</i>		
Investment management costs	21,507	21,762
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>	57,480	111,826
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Total expenditure	78,987	133,588
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Net income excluding investment gains/(losses)	96,041	90,937
Net gains/(losses) on investments	733,053	(484,416)
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Net income and net movement in funds	829,094	(393,479)
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Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward at 1 April	4,137,522	4,531,001
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Total funds carried forward at 31 March	4,966,616	4,137,522
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Combined summarised balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	31 March 2021	31 March 2020
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Investments at market value	3,778,861	2,988,093
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Current assets	1,230,078	1,185,550
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(42,323)	(36,121)
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Net current assets	1,187,755	1,149,429
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Total assets	4,966,616	4,137,522
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Unrestricted funds		
Designated funds	309,063	274,808
General funds	4,657,553	3,862,714
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Total funds	4,966,616	4,137,522
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The Benevolent Fund

WHAT IS IT?

The Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund (CCABF) currently exists as two charities – the 'new' charitable company limited by guarantee (company number 8880293 and charity registration numbers 1156341 and SC045337) and the 'old' unincorporated charity (registered number 222595). Both charities have the same name and the new charity has exactly the same objects as the old charity. All activities, including trustee meetings, giving of grants, collection of donations, are administered by the new charity. There remain some assets in the old charity which will be transferred to the new charity in due course. Our mission statement remains 'Supporting members and their families in times of need'.

Following a change in the rules at the 2017 AGM of the old charity, there is no longer a requirement for the old charity to hold an AGM where members of ACCA need to be invited. The change in the rules means that for both charities, the members are the trustees. Therefore there is no notice of meeting included in these papers.

WHEN DOES CCABF HELP?

There are many different situations, the most frequent being periods of hardship, disaster, ill health, unemployment, redundancy and death. For example during the year CCABF helped ACCA members who had been affected by Covid-19.

HOW DOES CCABF HELP?

ACCA members apply for assistance by completing an application form which is discussed at quarterly trustee meetings. In some cases a trustee or an ACCA member appointed by the Board of trustees will visit the applicant to discuss their circumstances in more detail to better assess their needs and give advice where necessary. Sometimes the trustees will decide to give financial assistance. Whatever the circumstances, CCABF will endeavour to find the best solution for each applicant.

WHAT HELP DOES CCABF GIVE?

Where appropriate, CCABF will provide financial assistance in the form of regular grant assistance, one-off donations or secured loans.

HOW CCABF HAS HELPED – A FEW EXAMPLES

- Covid-related grants where members have lost their jobs or incurred medical costs.
- A member suffering from cancer was given a monthly grant to help with ongoing medical costs.
- A member whose young daughter had a severe physical condition was given a grant to help fund a life-changing operation.
- A member who had a brain tumour which affected her sight was awarded a grant for a document reader to allow her to continue to work.
- A member who had suffered domestic abuse from her spouse was awarded a grant to help pay for legal costs to get a divorce.
- A member who had to temporarily give up work to care for her daughter who suffered from mental health issues was given a monthly grant to supplement her income.

The Benevolent Fund

HOW CAN YOU HELP CCABF?

CCABF receives funding primarily from donations and legacies provided by members. You can help the charity by:

- making a donation online at MYACCA any time or when you pay your annual membership subscription
- a single donation by cheque made payable to 'The Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund'
- Gift Aid donation (UK taxpayers only) (see overleaf for details)

- setting up a Standing Order to make an annual donation (see overleaf for details)
- a bequest from your will or estate (see overleaf for details)

In addition, you can help raise awareness of CCABF by promoting the charity as much as possible to ACCA members and their families. If you know of any members and/or their families who you think may require help, then please advise them to contact CCABF or even contact us on their behalf.

Supporting members and their families in times of need

Please forward donations to:

Hugh McCash, Honorary Secretary,
Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund,
110 Queen Street, Glasgow G1 3BX, United Kingdom.

If you need further information on CCABF, please contact Hugh McCash on +44 (0)141 534 4045 or at hugh.mccash@accaglobal.com





Donation Forms

HELPING CCABF

I enclose a donation to CCABF of £ _____

- I am interested in assisting CCABF by visiting members in need.
 I would like CCABF to send me an application form for assistance for myself/a colleague.

Title (Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms/Other) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Membership number _____

If you are sending a donation please complete the Gift Aid form below, if appropriate.

CHARITY GIFT AID DECLARATION

CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS' BENEVOLENT FUND

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year.
Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

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In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

- I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ _____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past four years to:
Name of charity: **The Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title (Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms/Other) _____

First name (or initials) _____

Surname _____

Full home address _____

Postcode _____

Membership number _____

Date _____

Email _____

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.



STANDING ORDER FORM

BANKERS ORDER

Date _____

To (Bankers name and address) _____

Bank account number _____

Please pay the sum of (in words) _____

**To: Metro Bank
One Southampton Row, London WC1B 5HA**

Sort code: 23-05-80 for The Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund

Account number: 12020268

On the _____ day of _____ 20 _____

and on the same day annually until further notice, charging my account.

Signature _____

Name in full _____

Address _____

NB Please cancel any previous standing order in favour of credit of The Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund

Quote ref: _____ \ B E N



LEAVING A LEGACY

As the Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund is a UK registered charity, any legacies left to us are exempt from tax and may help to reduce the overall inheritance tax due on your estate.

If you are thinking of leaving a gift to us, we would suggest that you begin the process by contacting your solicitor. If you already have a will, it can be amended by your solicitor through a codicil.

HOW TO WORD A LEGACY

The suggested wording for a legacy is:

"I give to the Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund (charity number 1156341), registered office, The Adelphi, 1/11 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AU the sum of [in words] OR a [in words] percentage share of the residue of my estate for their general charitable purposes absolutely"

Please let us know if you have included the Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund in your will.

Title (Mr/Miss/Mrs/Ms/Other) _____ First name (or initials) _____

Surname _____

Full home address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Membership number _____ Date _____

Email _____

Please tick as applicable

- I have already included a gift to the Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund in my will
- I am considering adding a gift to the Chartered Certified Accountants' Benevolent Fund in my will.

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