



YASHODHAN YARDI

GROUP HEAD OF AUDIT

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ABOUT ME

A seasoned professional with 20+ years of work experience in Banks, Financial Services institutions including areas mainly as:

- Internal Auditing;
- IT & Operational Risk Management;
- Information Security;
- Governance;
- Regulatory Compliance;
- IT Management / Consultancy areas

Varied regional experience in Bahrain, Kuwait, Bahrain, UAE, Malaysia, Turkey and India

Valued experience in developing strategies for mitigating risk and reducing operating costs.

Extensive expertise in supporting business executives to achieve business goals and growth targets, and well-versed at introducing robust internal controls, processes and standards in order to improve operations.

A strong leader with a proven background in developing targeted business operations plans, implementing improvements and supervising IT and Operational aspects to achieve successful results.

Always rated "Excellent" while serving various job profiles ranging from Systems Analyst to mid-management to Head of the department positions.

WORK EXPERIENCE

ARAB FINANCIAL SERVICES

Manama, Bahrain
Jun 2016 - Present

Group Head of Audit

- Conduct comprehensive risk assessment to develop annual audit plan get it approved by the Board
- Audited operations, technology, business, and support functions in Card processing, Fintech and Merchant Acquiring business by leading team of auditors
- Continuous engagement with Board members (at times weekly) and present assurance updates on quarterly basis
- Management of client audits, coordination of Schemes (MasterCard, VISA, AMEX), external audits, Standards (ISO 22301, ISO 27000, PCI-DSS) audits.
- Ensuring internal and external quality assurance over internal audit function regularly.

AMERICAN EXPRESS

Manama, Bahrain
Sep 2007 - Jun 2016

Manager Compliance and Internal Control

- Deputize Head of the department and manage the department fully during his absence.
- Manage, conduct and deliver Internal Control (Internal Audit), Compliance, Information Security and Operations / IT Risk function for the organization through leading a team of professionals
- Support senior management in advisory role for implementation of corporate governance, project management and new business initiatives
- Perform / participate in Fraud and Forensic investigations, as required by the Management
- Ensure regulatory compliance towards business standards, governance, AML and Financial Crime

KPMG (AND LATER "MOORE STEPHENS")

Kuwait
Aug 2004 - Sep 2007

Manager - Information Risk Management

- Project managed 24 client engagements (from business development, execution till closure) with professional team in Kuwait, Malaysia, Turkey, UAE and Bahrain
- Key areas delivered were planning and execution of internal audit plans for clients, assessment and or development of strategy documents, BCM & DRP, policies and procedures, system selection, Managed Security Services (MSS) setup, etc.

IDBI BANK

India

Sep 2001 - Aug 2004

Manager - Internal Audit / Business Consultant

- As Manager audit, developed and executed annual IT and Operations audit plan for the Bank.
- As Business Consultant, worked as techno-functional consultant and developed several automation programs for Finance, Risk, and IT functions.
- Delivered special projects as Funds Transfer Pricing, Branch Control Audit, Segmental profitability and cost allocation

EDUCATION

GENEVA BUSINESS SCHOOL

Switzerland

2019

MBA

Major in International Business Management

ISACA, US

Illinois, US

2008

Certified Information Security Manager (CISM)

Professional Certification in Information Security Management

ISACA, USA

Illinois, USA

2005

Certified Information Systems Auditor - CISA

Professional Certification in Information Systems Auditing

INDSEARCH

Pune University, India

2001

Master's Degree

Masters in Computers Management

INDIRA GANDHI COLLEGE

Mumbai University, India

1999

Bachelor of Technology

Bachelor of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineer

SKILLS

INTERNAL AUDIT

COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL

IT & OPERATIONS RISK MANAGEMENT

IT GOVERNANCE & QUALITY ASSURANCE

SALES AND MARKETING

INFORMATION SECURITY

IT ADVISORY, PROJECTS AND CONSULTANCY

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

IT MANAGEMENT

FRAUD INVESTIGATION