



KPMG Young Alumni on the Rise

**Allen Klingsick, Hilton Grand Vacations' Senior Vice President
and Chief Accounting Officer**



Allen Klingsick joined KPMG as an Audit associate in 2001 and spent nearly 10 years launching his career at the firm before moving on to Living Social, a start-up Internet company, as director of accounting and domestic controller. In his role at Living Social, he oversaw domestic accounting operations. Allen then joined Hilton

Worldwide in McLean, Virginia, in January 2013 and served in a variety of roles including vice president of Accounting and senior director of Accounting Research and Policy. During this time, he was responsible for overseeing timeshare accounting operations and global technical accounting matters.

Recently, Hilton split into three companies and Allen had the opportunity to serve as the chief accounting officer for Hilton Grand Vacations (HGV) beginning in January 2017 and relocated to its headquarters in Orlando, Florida. HGV is a timeshare company that markets and sells vacation ownership intervals and manages resorts in top leisure and urban destinations. HGV has 48 resorts located in premier markets, including the Hawaiian Islands, Las Vegas, Orlando, and New York City.

Inspiring future leaders

Drawing from the international training experience he gained at KPMG, Allen often finds himself guiding professionals who are just beginning their careers. "You are going to work hard anywhere, but make

sure you are always doing what you can to be part of the solution to any problem," he advises. He also suggests that more junior employees "get the most out of opportunities to meet diverse people inside and outside of your team" and stresses the importance of these connections down the road. "I noticed after progressing in my career, inside and outside of KPMG, that when you invest in valuable connections early on, it comes back three-fold."

Mentoring and coaching are two things that Allen placed value on while at KPMG. Today he enjoys mentoring others as a member of senior management. "It is not just about project management and making sure something simply gets done. It is about making sure you can identify talent and put the right people in the right places to be able to succeed quickly, creatively, and efficiently," he says.

Embracing his KPMG legacy

"I appreciate the work KPMG does because I can remember serving so many of my clients with the same values KPMG holds today," he notes. In fact, Allen feels that he still uses many of the skills he learned from his role as an international audit instructor including how to convey information that is foreign to someone in a manner that is most helpful for them. "Honing that skillset early on at KPMG has helped me tremendously...there is no other comparable place to kick off your career in finance," he states.

As HGV's senior vice president and chief accounting officer, Allen is a shining example of a young alum who continues to raise the bar for the success of KPMG alumni.



...when you invest in valuable connections early on, it comes back three-fold."

kpmg.com/socialmedia



The information contained herein is of a general nature and is not intended to address the circumstances of any particular individual or entity. Although we endeavor to provide accurate and timely information, there can be no guarantee that such information is accurate as of the date it is received or that it will continue to be accurate in the future. No one should act upon such information without appropriate professional advice after a thorough examination of the particular situation.

© 2017 KPMG LLP, a Delaware limited liability partnership and the U.S. member firm of the KPMG network of independent member firms affiliated with KPMG International Cooperative ("KPMG International"), a Swiss entity. All rights reserved. Printed in the U.S.A. The KPMG name and logo are registered trademarks or trademarks of KPMG International. NDPPS 694040