

Trainer Profile: Malcolm Bacchus MA (Oxon) FCA

Malcolm Bacchus is an internationally experienced finance professional and practicing UK Chartered Accountant with over 30 years expertise and practical know-how of a wide variety of industries and sectors. As a specialist in providing strategic advice, mentoring ethical advice and interim management he provides guidance and advisory services including training and coaching to firms in the UK, Americas and globally.

Malcolm qualified as a UK Chartered accountant with a **Grant Thornton** and worked in audit and management consultancy for a number of years with **BDO Binder Hamlyn** as Senior Group Manager, then Principal Manager/Consultant, Property/Utilities before moving into industry. He has since held a number of executive directorships within both private and smaller AIM listed companies ranging across the information technology, communications, healthcare, property and service sectors.

Since 2011 he has delivered both consultancy and interim manager roles focused mainly in the preparation of management accounts, interim results and year-end financial statements for listed group; preparation of financial statements under IFRS and UK GAAP; compilation of three year rolling forecasts and annual budgets for a variety of companies; design of management reporting systems and board reports; preparation of accounting and internal control procedures manuals and implementation of accounting systems; corporate investigations and preparation of funding proposals and documentation; acquisition appraisals, valuation of brands, goodwill and other intangible assets; supervision of finance departments as well as advice on company secretarial issues, corporation tax, financial accounting and funding.

During 2005 – 2011 he served as Finance Director for a **Communications plc**, an AIM quoted group providing VoIP (voice over internet protocol) telecommunication services to private and corporate users whilst the group developed from a start-up position to a group with subsidiaries in the UK, Norway, USA, Malaysia and Iceland with annual turnover in the range £10m-£20m and employing around 40 people with management, reporting and accounting systems developed under his supervision. Reporting initially under UK accounting standards, the group successfully transitioned to IFRS in 2007 under his direction.

The previous 10 years Malcolm held a series of finance roles with increasing responsibilities at a **Properties plc**, an AIM quoted company with eight independent associated unquoted companies and a majority-owned ex-OFEX traded subsidiary company, all involved in property development and investment. The combined companies' projects had an end value in excess of £200m. Initially employed as a consultant for the float of Pathfinder Properties PLC on AIM in 1997, he has appointed head of finance in 1997/8 for all the Pathfinder and associated companies, including related construction and property management businesses. In 2000 saw him appointed Finance and Administration Director.

As a Fellow, he served as a National Council member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), was a former president of the London Society of Chartered Accountants and served on a number of the institute committees representing the membership principally on regulatory and technical issues and enterprise strategy. He has chaired the ICAEW's London Region Enterprise Committee which acts as a cross-forum group between the accountancy profession, business and government in promoting SME growth within London.

Malcolm holds master's degree from New College, Oxford and is a Member of the Institute of Directors, and a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts (RSA).