

60 seconds with...

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What drew you to your chosen career in MBE?

Variety! I have worked for a number of big life companies in the UK and India but always had a simmering wish to work for a boutique consulting firm. I believe small consultancies add value by being unique in the way they interact with clients and are always eager to provide customised client-centric solutions. So when the opportunity with MBE came my way I did not think twice to grab it. I have worked here for more than a year now and I can tell you I continue to be proud of the decision I took.

What do you enjoy most about your job within MBE?

The pragmatism of this organisation! MBE is full of energetic people at every corner with a can-do attitude to every problem thrown at them (that includes me!). We believe that an objective way of looking at a problem is at the heart of solving it. And I would also love to believe that problem-solvers will rule the world one day.

How does the concept of change play a role in your work?

I believe in the philosophy that the only constant in life (work) is 'change'! Every day is different in MBE, so expect surprises. From modelling to reporting to pricing we have to cater to a 360 degree canvas of clients and be able to offer solutions to their problems. Some deadlines may be grueling, but the variety of work always energizes me.

How do you handle unforeseen issues and problems?

As consultants a lot of our work is project-based i.e. something which is being done for the first time. As a result, sometimes issues and complexities do arise which are sudden and challenging. As consultants, clients expect us to have solutions to these problems. The approach generally taken is to find a practical and time-efficient solution and embed it into the process. We have an experienced bench of consultants who brainstorm to come up with these solutions. In the end we always get there!

When you were a child, what did you want to grow up to do?

I am really jogging my memory here, but I think at first I wanted to become an airline pilot. A few years later I wanted to be a software engineer and then a lawyer and then blah blah blah.....I don't exactly remember! Anyway, I landed up into this geeky little actuarial world and I don't regret my decision...hahaha!

I'm going to the bar, what are you drinking?

I try not to mix my drinks. Couple of pints is always a winner with me!



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