

Press release

## Post-HSC – Registration is open for the second cohort of the PwC Flying Start Programme

### Four years of study to become a career-ready graduate in the fields of accounting and finance

**Moka – 11 October 2022 - Students wishing to pursue a career in accounting and finance can now enrol in the second cohort of the PwC Flying Start Programme, which combines university studies (Curtin BCom Accounting and Finance degree), professional internships at PwC and progression towards the prestigious "ICAEW Chartered Accountant", the ACA. After graduating, students will have the opportunity to join PwC as full-time employees. Open to “school leavers” for the next academic year of Curtin Mauritius in February 2023, candidates must submit their application by 30 November 2022.**

The PwC Flying Start Programme is a collaborative effort between PwC, Curtin Mauritius and ICAEW. Launched in September 2021, 19 young people started their 'Flying Start' adventure in February this year. Students following this programme will not only benefit from exemptions for their degree in accounting and finance, but will also take additional professional level examinations, while carrying out internships in the financial audit professions within PwC, in Mauritius or abroad.

#### A dream come true

Michael Ho Wan Kau, PwC Human Capital Partner, responsible for the learning and development programmes of PwC employees, said: “It was a challenge to bring together an academic and a professional programme, and we have been very fortunate to start this experience with these 19 students. We welcomed them to the PwC Centre where they were able to immerse themselves in our world, and meet with the PwC partners”. The students have also been invited to some of the internal firm’s events. Mr Ho Wan Kau added that this programme is a unique opportunity for young students to have a head start in a professional career in a faster learning pace environment.

Mauritian qualified accountants are highly sought after locally and internationally. Many of them have gone to work abroad in European financial jurisdictions.

“The mismatch between academia and industry needs has been a long debate. A holistic approach is integral to future success. In other words, the regulators, industry and tertiary institutions should work hand in hand to ensure that the required graduate outcomes are relevant and aligned to specific needs. I would like to emphasise the importance of this partnership approach. The prestigious “PwC Flying Start Programme” is one of them: A unique programme in Mauritius combining academic study, integrated professional work placements and progress towards the prestigious ICAEW Chartered Accountancy qualification, the ACA. This partnership between industry and training is placing the student first by ensuring a combination of theoretical and practical experience, as well the opportunity to secure employment upon completion. This is a great example where a skills mismatch is being addressed via close stakeholder collaboration,” said Dr Jeremy Charoux, Executive Director of Curtin Mauritius.

According to Ms Meghan Doyle, ICAEW International Business Development Manager, the ACA equips students with in-depth knowledge across finance, accountancy and business, and is recognised by employers around the world. “We look forward to welcoming the Flying Start Programme students into the wider ACA student community through the Mauritian Student Committee. The committee is run by students for students, organising a variety of tailored events, providing networking opportunities and representing ICAEW locally. Flying Start students will be able to develop their skills and knowledge as well as build professional networks outside of the workplace and studies”, she said.

During their four-year university studies, students on this programme will not only enjoy exemptions for their BCom Accounting and Finance Degree, but will also complete additional Professional level exams, and participate in work placements at PwC, in Mauritius or abroad. Upon successful completion, students will be left with two further ICAEW Advanced Level exams plus a Case Study to complete. The paid internships and studies are all included as part of the course. PwC has also partnered with the East African Region (PwC EMA) to include African students in the programme.

Information sessions are planned on 12 October and 23 November 2022 at Curtin Mauritius. Interested students should visit [www.curtinmauritius.ac.mu](http://www.curtinmauritius.ac.mu) or contact: [study@curtinmauritius.ac.mu](mailto:study@curtinmauritius.ac.mu) to find out more.

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Attached to this press release is a brochure about the PwC Flying Start Programme.

## About PwC

At PwC, our purpose is to build trust in society and solve important problems. In Mauritius, we are recognised as thought leaders and change initiators, where our 300+ professional staff combine the resources of our global network with detailed knowledge of local issues.

PwC's focus on quality, independence, transparency and advanced methodology is – like all our services – designed to ensure compliance with professional standards, as well as optimising value for our clients and our stakeholders.

Our programmes will empower students to learn new skills for the digital world, to 'reimagine the possible' on how we work with clients and harness their skills to work on multiple projects through client engagements and study towards their professional qualification.

Read more on [pwc.com/mu](http://pwc.com/mu) and follow PwCMauritius on our social media platforms.

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## About Curtin Mauritius

Curtin Mauritius is located on the Charles Telfair Campus in Moka. The Charles Telfair Campus has over 21 years of experience in the management and delivery of international tertiary education programmes. In addition to operating Curtin Mauritius, the Charles Telfair Campus manages a number of international programmes from South and North Metropolitan TAFE in Western Australia. It also operates the Charles Telfair Institute which has its own diploma and degree awarding powers.

A truly global university, Curtin University is ranked in the top one percent of universities worldwide in the prestigious ARWU 2021 and is rising fast in other international rankings. Students at Curtin Mauritius enjoy first-rate facilities, high calibre staff, innovative teaching methods and strong links with industry practitioners. By choosing Curtin Mauritius you can be confident you are obtaining a globally recognised education from a leading Australian institution.

Read more on <http://curtinmauritius.ac.mu/>

## About ICAEW

There are more than 1.8m chartered accountants and students around the world and 186,500 of them are members and students of ICAEW. They are talented, ethical and committed professionals, which is why all of the top 100 Global Brands employ chartered accountants. \*

ICAEW promotes inclusivity, diversity and fairness. We attract talented individuals into the profession and give them the skills and values they need to build resilient businesses, economies and societies, while ensuring our planet's resources are managed sustainably. Founded in 1880, we have a long history of serving the public interest and we continue to work with governments, regulators and business leaders around the world. And, as an improvement regulator, we supervise and monitor over 12,000 firms, holding them, and all ICAEW members and students, to the highest standards of professional competency and conduct.

ICAEW is proud to be part of Chartered Accountants Worldwide, a global network of 750,000 members across 190 countries, which promotes the expertise and skills of chartered accountants on a global basis.

We believe that chartered accountancy can be a force for positive change. By sharing our insight, expertise and understanding we can help to create strong economies and a sustainable future for all.

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