

A day in the life of... Imogen Paradise, Group Accountant.

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TAB's group accountant, Imogen Paradise tells us her daily work routine, what makes TAB a great place to work and what she's looking forward to over the next 24 months.

Imogen starts her day shortly after 6.30 am with a coffee and getting her two children ready for school. Once the school run is complete, she makes her way into the office. The first thing she does is check the business bank accounts for cash received and make sure these transactions are as expected, appropriately logged and receipts provided where necessary. Imogen tells us that cash management is an important daily task as well as the reconciliation of the loan book and ensuring that it is up to date.

Once these tasks are completed, her day could go in any direction. Every day is different depending on what activity is going on each week, if we are completing on a loan then Imogen will be busy producing completion statements and requesting funds from investors or if we are towards the end of the month, she is usually busy producing a profit and loss report and reconciling the balance sheet.

After work, she's back with her family helping with dinner, bedtime stories and then if she has time she'll do a pilates class or go for a short walk before unwinding in front of the latest Netflix series.

How long have you worked at TAB?

I have worked at TAB for just over seven months. Before TAB, I worked as a finance manager for a large global mailing corporation. Prior to that, I spent 10 years working in finance for a large UK

logistics company.

What does your role at TAB involve?

The finance team at TAB is very small, with only myself and Tom, the CFO. Therefore, my role is very extremely broad and I can be doing finance-related tasks for the business that includes paying supplier invoices, payroll, consolidating, reporting and even forecasting to ensure the reporting standards are financially compliant. It's an exciting time to be part of TAB, the business is growing, we are building the finance function and looking to secure institutional funding lines.

What's the best thing about working at TAB?

For me, it is the people that make TAB a great place to work. As soon as I joined, I was welcomed into a friendly, family style culture where everyone is eager and willing to get stuck in and help work towards the joint goal of making TAB grow successfully.

How do you relax outside the office?

I like to be active so I usually spend my time outside in the fresh air or at a class at the gym. I have found a new love for Pilates which I took up during the first lockdown when the gyms were shut.

What do the next 24 months look like for TAB?

We need to concentrate on ensuring we have the correct processes in place and that we are using the appropriate systems to record all financial transactions. I am working on a project at the moment to get our P&L and balance sheet onto new accounting software which will be a huge time saver and will enable us to run the finance function more efficiently. Over the next 24 months, as TAB grows, the finance function will also grow and we can build a strong and efficient finance team.

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