

# Shared success

A co-location initiative is enabling ACCA and CA ANZ staff to enjoy greater collaboration across Asia Pacific

Staff at ACCA Singapore recently welcomed a new team member to its state-of-the-art offices in Raffles Place. CA ANZ relationship director Samantha Chan is among the first CA ANZ staff to co-locate, with more desk shares planned at offices in Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong later this year. The move follows an agreement between ACCA and CA ANZ to co-locate staff to facilitate collaboration on key projects and initiatives under the strategic alliance. Chan took a few moments out of her busy schedule to talk about what the move means to her:

**Q:** You are a pioneer in the ACCA and CA ANZ co-location project. How has it gone?

**A:** The ACCA team have been very welcoming and helpful with the move. I



previously worked in a service office by myself so coming to an office environment with plenty of people around me has been a nice change!

**Q:** What are the benefits of sharing an office with ACCA staff?

**A:** As the relationship director for CA ANZ based in Singapore, my role involves looking after around 1,000 CA ANZ members in the city-state. Moving to the ACCA office means it is much easier to work together on collaborations and joint events. Plus we get to bounce ideas off each other.

**Q:** What do you enjoy most about the ACCA office?

**A:** The water views overlooking Marina Bay Sands! 📍

## GECS survey gives positive outlook

ACCA's latest Global Economic Conditions Survey (GECS) shows a positive global economic outlook despite a slight drop in confidence, compared with the last couple of years. The quarterly survey of finance professionals, including CFOs, conducted by ACCA and IMA (the Institute of Management Accountants) found that North America is the most confident region, followed by South Asia. Confidence levels are lowest in the Middle East. As in the previous survey, the biggest concern cited by respondents is rising costs, both in terms of wages and raw materials.

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