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# ABOUT US

## Background

KC LLP is a leading global public accounting, and consulting firm committed to providing our clients with an extraordinary level of service. Integrity, honesty, professionalism, and quality are the prevailing principles that guide our firm, ensuring that each client receives the personal attention they deserve. We strive to build long-term relationships based on outstanding teamwork, consistency, and reliability.

With over 100 professionals through network, member, and affiliated firms dedicated to serving our clients globally, we are one of the very few firms specializing in Asia - Chinese, Korean, and general practice with teams communicating in the native languages, providing services in the US, Asia, South Korea, China and India. We pride ourselves in our knowledge of both inbound and outbound work between the US & Korea, US & China, Korea & China and US & India. At KC LLP, we are committed to providing a personal service meeting our clients' needs. Our presence extends from CA to NY (USA), China, Seoul (Korea) and New Delhi (India). We can assist clients within the local geography with our integrated service delivery model, ensuring exceptional consistency in approach and reliability. Our business philosophy refers to our unique ability to provide clients with the breadth and depth of our expertise and technical skills as many of our people are veterans of the 'Big Four' and other national firms.

## China Practice

Our China practice has rapidly become one of the most well-recognized professional services firms in the legal, investment banking, and investor relationship industries, especially in corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions. Our dedicated, local professionals offer a broad range of accounting, audit, and tax consultation services, and with our extensive outbound investment experience, we help Chinese companies with their investment activities. We have significant experience and knowledge in initial and secondary public offerings, alternative public offerings (SPACs and reverse mergers), PIPEs and other private equity and debt financings, mergers, and acquisitions, general corporate and ongoing public company representation, corporate governance, outsourcing, due diligence, and investigative services.

## India Practice

KC LLP Global Services (BGS), our India office, is a strategic global delivery organization that engages with KC LLP member firms to provide innovative and customized solutions as part of the advisory and audit services. BGS makes its member firms increasingly relevant to their clients by leveraging our knowledge and experience in new accounting standard implementation, GAAP conversions, accounting policy and governance. Our talent also has a relevant in-depth experience with complex accounting solutions and transactions such as initial & secondary public offerings, alternate public offerings (SPACs and reverse mergers), PIPEs & other private equity and debt financing, mergers & acquisitions, due diligence and investigative services.

# OUR EXPERIENCE

## Why Choose Us?

KC LLP is a leading public accounting, and consulting firm committed to providing our clients with an extraordinary level of service. Integrity, honesty, professionalism, and quality are the prevailing principles that guide our firm, ensuring that each client receives the personal attention they deserve. Our firm comprises an exceptional group of experienced, technical professionals, including Certified Public Accountants, Business Consultants, and Financial Advisors, with a hands-on approach to assisting clients. Our partners are former 'Big 4' accounting firm senior managers and partners, and we combine industry knowledge, experience, leading methodologies, and performance focus to help enable efficient and effective audits.

## Audit Software

We use the leading engagement management software to allow our team members access to our files anytime and anywhere. This system allows firm and team leaders to monitor the progress of the audits from start to finish. The transmission of data within the program is automated which allows efficient and accurate work on every engagement.

## Who do we Serve

The clients we service in our audit, internal audit and advisory groups represent various industries across several countries.

# OUR SERVICES

Given the many complexities of operating in today's challenging environment, clients must understand the opportunities and risks from every angle. Our firm offers diverse Assurance, Accounting, Advisory, Tax, Business Management, and Consulting services to assist clients.

## Assurance

- Privately held Company Audits
- Compilations & Reviews
- Agreed-upon Procedures
- Not-for-Profit Audits
- Audits of Employee Benefit Plans
- International Financial Reporting
- Other Attestation Engagements

## Outsourcing Services

- Financial Reporting
- Treasury Functions
- Bookkeeping

## Mergers & Acquisitions

- Transaction Services
- Financial Accounting Consulting
- Risk Management
- Finance & Accounting Outsourcing
- IPO Readiness

## SEC Services

- Audits under PCAOB Standards
- Due Diligence
- Agreed-upon Procedures
- SEC Financial Reporting Assistance

# OUR EXPERTISE

## Financial Advisory Services

With our extensive expertise in the areas of accounting and financial reporting, we offer a broad range of sophisticated, customized, affordable solutions centered on our core competencies, including end-to-end accounting advice, audit readiness, assessment and process improvements, mergers and acquisitions, GAAP and SEC compliance, customized advice and training for small and mid-sized accounting firms, and litigation support.

## Internal Audit Services

The role of internal audit continues to evolve due to economic conditions, heightened competition in the international marketplace, and new and emerging risks, to name a few of the challenges. In this fluid environment, many companies are struggling to manage, and sometimes, identify the complex risks they face. Assessing and managing enterprise-wide risks have become a key concern of CFOs, audit committees, and other stakeholders. We provide a full range of internal audit services including governance, Sarbanes-Oxley advisory and internal audit process improvement.

## IPO Readiness

Going public can be critical to a company's success yet getting there can be a formidable process. Because preparation is the key to a successful IPO, we have the knowledge and experience to help you navigate and weigh the significant factors in your going public decision. We draw from our own experiences to provide companies in the process of or considering an initial public offering the tools, thought leadership, and expertise.

## Public Companies and SEC Services

The pressures and strains involved in managing today's public companies are vast. Growing shareholder value, addressing regulatory change, global competition, and protecting corporate reputation are just a few of the challenges management and the board of directors must address. In the area of SEC practice, our team of professionals has extensive expertise in the initial public offering (IPO) process, the filing of registration statements, and the conduct of audits and reviews in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB).

## Outsourcing Services

At KC LLP, our dedicated outsourcing group of highly qualified professionals, with extensive industry experience, can help you achieve what is most important to you. In applying their technical expertise and industry experience, our team can quickly submerge themselves in the operations of your business. Our outsourced accounting function and controllership services offer economical solutions to meet the interim, part-time, or full-time needs of your organization, while providing value added service. By outsourcing your accounting roles, you will have the ability to leverage resources as needed, without adding unnecessary overhead costs.

# MEET THE TEAM

## Steven Kreit Managing Partner



### Area of Focus

Steven Kreit is the Assurance Practice Leader at KC LLP. He works from our NYC office. He was most recently Office Managing Partner of the NYC office and the Partner in Charge of a National Firm's SEC practice. He has significant expertise in serving companies across major markets including life sciences, pharmaceuticals, cannabis, media, technology, manufacturing, and distribution. Steven's experience benefits his clients throughout their entire lifecycle: from emerging entities through growth stages and transactions as well as maturity.

Steven has taken companies public through various means including IPO, SPACs, Reg A+ and reverse mergers. He has helped companies file numerous registration statements, working with investment bankers and attorneys, and ensuring compliance with SEC rules and regulations. Steven's insight and guidance is based on more than 28 years of auditing public companies and working with the SEC.

### Business Experience

Steven brings more than an outsider's perspective: he has been engaged by clients as an acting CFO (for a publicly traded biotech firm) as well as a pro bono advisor to early-stage start-ups. He also serves on the Board and Executive Committee of a not-for-profit entity, currently holding the role of Treasurer.

Steven's work is well-respected by colleagues and financial executives. While at EisnerAmper he authored an annual research report for 8 years, Concerns About Risks Confronting Boards. This publication was well received by major media and financial outlets as well as for-profit entities focused on the issues of risk and reputation. He has done various webinars on such topics as how to go public and SPACs. His analysis of accounting and risk-related topics is regularly quoted in professional publications. And he is frequently engaged to speak for audiences that span the life science and technology industries. Prior to EisnerAmper, he worked at Ernst & Young as a Senior Manager.

As an internal leader, Steven has led numerous training sessions on critical topics including audit methodology and Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

### Education and Professional Credentials

- State University of New York at Buffalo
- Certified Public Accountant, New York
- AICPA (Active Member)

# MEET THE TEAM

## Joanne Chiu

Partner & Chief Operating Officer



### Area of Focus

Joanne C. Chiu is the Partner and Chief Operating Officer. Working from the firm's New York City office, she provides a broad range of tax planning and consulting services for both public and private companies, and high net worth individuals. She has served many Fortune 500 companies.

As the leader of KC LLP's Asia Practice, Joanne works primarily with international clients to understand their accounting and business needs, liaising to match client requirements with her broad range of resources and expertise. She has extensive experience leading Asian companies at all growth stages through IPOs and mergers and acquisitions (M&A). She also provides critical networking services, linking clients to other professional service providers, such as bankers, lawyers, insurance brokers, and real estate professionals.

### Business Experience

Joanne has over twenty years of experience in public accounting. Most recently, she served as Managing Director of the Asia Practice at a National Firm. Prior to that, she served as a Director and Founding Member of the China Desk at a large national firm. She specializes in EB5, e-commerce, estate & trusts, high-net-worth individuals, import & export, coordination of public offerings, and mergers & acquisitions.

The clients she serves operate in the family office, private equity, VC, not-for-profit, life science, cannabis, professional services, entertainment, technology, manufacturing, and real estate.

Joanne is a frequent presenter of international tax and real estate-related topics at events hosted by the Asian Real Estate Association of America (AREAA), China Real Estate Association, and NYC Real Estate Expo. Joanne also serves on the advisory board of AREAA Manhattan.

### Education and Professional Credentials

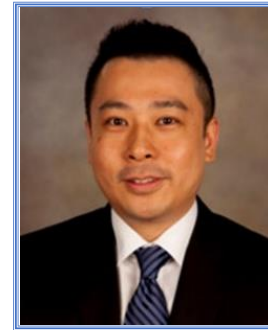
- B.S. in Accounting, New York University
- Certified Public Accountant, New York
- Fluent in English and Mandarin
- AICPA (Active Member)



# MEET THE TEAM

## James Huang

Partner



### Area of Focus

James is a Partner in the SEC Practice. James has more than 25 years of professional experience in auditing, due diligence, risk management, accounting and financial advisory, and transaction advisory services for Initial Public Offering (IPO) and Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A). James offers extensive experience and specialized expertise in the consumer products, retail, wholesale & distribution, services, industrial products & construction, and technology industries.

### Business Experience

Before joining KC, James served as a Partner for MGO. James started his career at Grant Thornton & PwC. Throughout his career, James was a Partner for a BDO Alliance Member CPA firm, a Director for BDO USA, LLP, and a Partner for BDO China where he completed a two-year international secondment, in which he oversaw the SEC Audit Practice. During his tenure with BDO USA, LLP, James was heavily involved with the BDO USA National Office on various technical accounting issues and critical audit risk areas.

### Education and Professional Credentials

- Master of Business Administration, Pepperdine University
- Certified Public Accountant, California

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## Ahmed Mohidin

Partner

### Area of Focus

Ahmed Mohidin is an audit partner in the SEC practice. Ahmed regularly provides internal consultation and concurring partner review on complex audit and accounting issues, mergers and acquisitions, initial public offerings, Form 10-K and 10-Q filings, and compliance with SEC regulations.

### Business Experience

Ahmed worked at three of the big four CPA firms (Price Waterhouse Coopers, Deloitte and Ernst & Young) in the US, UK and the Middle East, as well as founded an SEC and audit practice at GKM, a boutique full service firm, where he was audit practice leader and responsible for the firm's compliance with its system of quality control for the assurance practice.

Ahmed has served clients in a variety of industries and sectors for over 30 years includes providing assurance services to private and publicly held companies in the technology, communications, software, manufacturing, real estate, defense, construction, financial services, oil and gas, mining, and agricultural industries.

### Education and Professional Credentials

- B.S. in Commerce, University of Karachi, Pakistan
- Certified Public Accountant, California
- AICPA (Active Member)
- California Society of Certified Public Accountants

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## Ankur Sharma

Partner



### Area of Focus

Ankur Sharma is an Indian Chartered Accountant with 14 years of extensive experience in audit and assurance services. He has profound knowledge of audit methodology, quality and risk management policies for public and private clients. Ankur has comprehensive experience in leading audits of public and private clients, Sarbanes-Oxley 404 implementation and adoption of new accounting standards.

He specializes in the Life Sciences and Technology industries and has executed audits under UK GAAP, IFRS, US GAAP and Indian GAAP across various industries. Ankur also has thorough knowledge of data analytics, which includes analyzing data to provide important business insights to clients for better process understanding and improvement.

At KC LLP, Ankur leads and manages the India operations as the Office Managing Partner. He and his team work in collaboration with the US team for planning and executing audits on various public and private clients. Ankur also works on development of robust audit methodology, quality and risk management policies.

### Business Experience

Before joining KC LLP, Ankur served as an Audit Senior Manager with EY Global Services for 2.5 years. At EY, he handled a team of 70+ audit professionals and worked as Senior Manager on key Life Sciences and Advanced Manufacturing clients of the US region. He also spearheaded business development of his team for the India office, which compliments his current role with KC LLP.

Prior to 2019, Ankur worked with PwC India for over 11 years which includes a 2-year stint with PwC Reading office, UK within the assurance practice. During his tenure with PwC, Ankur worked on clients across various industries but primarily on FMCG and Technology industry clients. Ankur also contributed to the overall efficiency of the audit along with sharing business insights with the clients.

### Education and Professional Credentials

- Chartered Accountant, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- Bachelor of Commerce (Hons.), Delhi University, India.



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