

## My First Month at MDA Consulting

Today marks my first month at MDA Consulting. What can I say? Or, shall I say, where do I start?

My first impressions of this company are only positive; the people are lovely, welcoming and, most importantly, supportive.

One of my main concerns about joining a new company, particularly one the size of MDA, was whether or not I could adapt to new pressures and deal with additional responsibility. So far, I'd say I've handled it fairly well – this, I suppose, is partly due to the fact my boss is currently knee-deep in a Stephen King novel in Cyprus, taking some well-deserved annual leave. Nevertheless, having the responsibility of dealing with clients face-to-face and over the phone during this time has given me some valuable experience that I can continue to implement in my work.

Undertaking valuations, managing variations, producing estimates, in addition to value engineering exercises, are tasks I've never had the pleasure of experiencing in great depth before joining MDA. This is one of the main reasons why I look forward to a long career here as I will be subjected to new and exciting challenges most days (regardless of how the M60 makes me feel every morning!).

The future of both MDA and myself looks bright and I will continue to work hard and stay hungry to learn. It just goes to show what can happen when you allow yourself to leave your comfort zone.

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