

Professional Experience



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Position

Partner, National Technology Risk Services and Digital Assets CoE Leader, KPMG in Canada

Education, Licenses and Qualifications

- Bachelor of Commerce, Majoring in Management Information Systems (M.I.S) at Concordia University, John Molson School of Business, Montreal, Canada
- Certified in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)
- Project Management Professional (PMP)
- Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)
- Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC)
- Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
- Government of Canada Reliability Security Clearance

Background

Kareem is a Partner in KPMG Canada's Advisory practice and co-leads the firm's Digital Assets practice nationally. With over 25 years of professional services experience, he specializes in emerging technology risk, digital assets and enterprise blockchain, technology transformation governance, and risk management.

He has led advisory and assurance engagements across the digital asset ecosystem, including crypto treasury and wallet management, stablecoin platforms, blockchain infrastructure, and regulated digital asset custody. His experience includes supporting crypto custody and control assessments, stablecoin platform reviews, digital asset risk framework development, and technology audits of crypto-native financial institutions. Kareem is also a recognized thought leader who has contributed to industry risk frameworks and delivered training on blockchain, crypto risks, and controls at leading conferences and institutions.

Professional Experience



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Position

Senior Manager, Technology Risk Consulting, KPMG in Canada

Education, Licenses and Qualifications

- Masters of Science in Accounting with Cognitive Analytics, Data Analytics, Simon Fraser University
- Graduate Diploma in Accounting, Goodman School of Business, Brock University
- Honours Bachelor of Accounting, Goodman School of Business, Brock University
- Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA)
- Government of Canada Reliability Security Clearance
- Chainalysis Reactor Certification
- Elliptic Specialist Investigator Certification

Professional Associations

- CPA Canada

Background

James is a Senior Manager in KPMG's Digital Asset Center of Excellence, and he has a deep understanding of blockchain networks, digital assets, stablecoins, tokenization, staking, global digital asset regulations and risks & controls. He has been actively involved in the Digital Asset space since 2017 and bring 9 years of audit and advisory experience focused on supporting global regulators, financial institutions, custodians, institutional staking service providers, payments service providers, stablecoin issuers, crypto trading platforms and crypto-native companies from an assurance and advisory perspective.

James has delivered several externally facing educational workshops on global digital asset regulations and is actively involved in educating regulators on the risks, controls and industry best practices in the digital asset space.

He is certified on Chainalysis Reactor and is an Elliptic Specialist Investigator and has performed on chain digital asset investigations and wallet risk rating analysis using these blockchain analytics tools for a number of audit clients and select advisory clients.

Professional Experience



**George
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**Digital Assets CoE
Manager**

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Position

Manager, Digital Assets CoE, KPMG in Canada

Education, Licenses and Qualifications

- Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree, Economics. Carleton University,
- Elliptic, Certified Investigator, Blockchain Monitoring, May 2023

Background

George is a Manager in KPMG's Digital Asset CoE practice in Toronto, where he works directly with the digital assets team on tokenization, blockchain networks, digital asset platforms, and broader digital asset strategy. He has supported a range of digital asset engagements spanning due diligence, ecosystem partner assessments across custodians and exchanges, enterprise blockchain platform risk, and financial modelling for digital asset products. His experience also includes developing policies and procedures for wallet management, private key protection, access controls, custody risk mitigation, and smart contract risk management.

George has also advised on go-to-market strategies for digital asset investment products and delivered education sessions on blockchain, digital assets, NFTs, decentralized finance, smart contracts, and digital asset regulatory trends. Prior to joining KPMG, he advised institutional real asset firms on portfolio strategy, including early tokenization and security token issuance models, and worked with real estate investment structures on acquisition, disposition, and leasing of institutional properties. This combination of digital asset, control, and real asset experience gives him a practical perspective on the convergence of traditional finance and emerging digital infrastructure.