



## Grant Thornton Georgia Welcomes A New Partner

The number of Grant Thornton Georgia partners has increased. Grant Thornton Business Process Outsourcing head - Paata Shurghaia became Grant Thornton partner from March 2019. Vakhtang Tsabadze – Director and Managing Partner continues leading the company.

Grant Thornton is one of the world's leading professional services networks, providing independent assurance, tax and advisory services to private and public organizations. Grant Thornton Georgia was established in 2005, however the network member firms have been working on various projects in Georgia since 1999.

Paata Shurghaia joined Grant Thornton Georgia as the Head of Business Process Outsourcing Department in 2016. He has multiple years' experience working in consulting companies in Georgia and the UK. Paata is a Business Process Outsourcing professional with 10 years' working experience in this field, which includes working for private, public and non-commercial organizations. He has been involved in large-scale global outsourcing projects in European and Asian countries. He is a PhD Candidate and has got his MBA in finance from Cardiff University, UK. He is also a member of the Authorization Council of Higher Educational Institutions and is an associate professor and an invited lecturer at a number of higher education institutions, where he delivers lectures & seminars in Financial Accounting, Managerial Accounting, Georgian Tax Legislation, International Taxation and Business Communication subjects.

"Partnership is a new form of collaboration. It is a tool, a platform which should guarantee the creation of new capabilities and contribute to company's rapid development, in response to our market" Shurghaia notes.

"I congratulate Paata on his new status," Tsabadze said. "It is of crucial importance to involve a new partner, who comes from our company, has experience of working with us, and knows the company, its culture and aspirations well. I am sure, together, we will make our company even more successful and achieve better results on the Georgian market."

2018 was a very successful year for the member companies of the Grant Thornton International network. In comparison with the previous year, the firm recorded overall global

revenue growth of 9% across the network in 2018. This is the network's highest rate of growth recorded during the last six years. In February 2019, **International Accounting Bulletin** published the global results of audit and consulting companies in 2018, with Grant Thornton ranked 6<sup>th</sup> on the list. International Accounting Bulletin carries out independent research without involvement of audit-consulting companies and presents fully transparent results.

Along with the global results, 2018 proved to be a successful year for Grant Thornton Georgia in terms of revenue, as well as in the respect of new projects and partners. Revenues of the company increased by 11% in Georgia, while the number of employees augmented by 20%. With the involvement of the partners, 2019 is expected to be even more successful for the Grant Thornton Georgia team.

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