

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE SERVICES

Berkeley Research Group (BRG) has deep accounting and finance capabilities. BRG has over forty offices worldwide and more than 1,300 professionals, including CPAs with experience at large accounting firms. Over their careers, BRG professionals have assisted thousands of clients with their most critical accounting and finance needs. Our professionals have been engaged to assist with remediation efforts of high-profile restatements, have signed audit opinions for large multinational companies, and have helped clients account for billions of dollars of activity within short timeframes. These same professionals have worked with clients on internal and external regulatory and forensic investigations and have testified in many high-profile disputes.

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BRG's financial services capabilities extend across banks, consumer finance entities, insurance companies, broker deals, investment companies, and exchanges. Our expertise with financial instruments relies on multifaceted knowledge obtained working on many of the industry's most complex matters. BRG experts bridge a deep proficiency with accounting standards with practical prior experience working directly inside financial institutions.

Also, since BRG does not perform attestation work, our professionals can go beyond the services that audit firms will provide. For example, we have the ability to serve in an interim management role and take responsibility for booking transactions for which we are providing support. Our finance experts have taken actions for clients that have saved them billions of dollars and have helped keep entities from falling into bankruptcy.

BRG provides a broad range of services across accounting, control, and finance to help drive lasting improvement to your organization, including:

Accounting Policy Assistance

- New standard implementation (i.e., CECL)
- Transaction analysis/documentation
- Accounting policy drafting
- Financial reporting

Investigations and Regulatory Support

- SEC enforcement inquiries
- Internal investigations
- Expert witness consulting and testifying support
- Comment letter responses
- Forensic/fraud reviews

Internal Controls

- Risk and control assessments
- Remediation of material weaknesses and significant deficiencies
- Control and business process optimization
- Control design
- Sarbanes-Oxley control testing

Internal Audit

- Staff augmentation support
- Target subject-matter expert audit support
- Evaluation of internal audit department effectiveness
- Co-sourcing resources
- Audit universe determination and audit plan development
- Full or component outsourcing

Accounting and Finance System Support

- Buy versus build decision analysis
- Business requirement development
- Balance transfer support
- System selections
- User acceptance testing (UAT)
- Go/no-go decisioning

Restatement Assistance

- Program/workstream management
- Accounting policy evaluation
- Remeasurement
- Data gathering/cleansing
- Disclosure

Transaction Support

- Financial due diligence
- Spin-offs (opening balance sheets/historical performance/accounting infrastructure)
- Rapid system/accounting process stand-up
- Merger integration
- Conforming accounting harmonization
- Transaction booking support
- Staff augmentation

Finance Assistance

- FP&A enhancement
- Solvency/going concern analyses
- Impairment analysis
- KPI reporting/dashboarding
- Fairness opinions
- Interim executive support
- Liquidity and capital analyses
- Valuation of financial instruments

What we believe distinguishes BRG is that BRG professionals endeavor to achieve the perfect complement of functional experience uniquely tailored for each engagement and our ability to execute. We drive solutions and provide transparency into project status, risks, and roadblocks. We work tirelessly to avoid surprises and make a difficult process as painless as possible. The best testimonial that we can hear at the end of an engagement is “We are so glad we hired BRG for this project.”

About BRG

Berkeley Research Group (BRG) is a global consulting firm that helps leading organizations advance in three key areas: disputes and investigations, corporate finance, and strategy and operations. Headquartered in California with offices around the world, we are an integrated group of experts, industry leaders, academics, data scientists, and professionals working beyond borders and disciplines. We harness our collective expertise to deliver the inspired insights and practical strategies our clients need to stay ahead of what's next.

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