MYTHS VS. FACTS
AUDIT EDITION

Not sure what a public company auditor does? We’re here to help by busting the myths around auditing and help you learn what a career in audit is really like.

**MYTH**
Auditors have to be math pros.

**FACT**
Auditors are good problem solvers who excel at inquisitive and innovative thinking and communicating.

**MYTH**
Being an auditor is a lonely job.

**FACT**
Auditors work together on engagement teams of all sizes with colleagues of various staff levels from within the firm.

**MYTH**
Auditing isn’t a meaningful career.

**FACT**
Auditors play an integral role in adding value to an organization, the capital markets, and investors.

**MYTH**
Auditors are tied to their desk.

**FACT**
Many auditors have an “office in a backpack” lifestyle and their location varies between the office, client sites, and even home!
**MYTH**
Auditors are stuck in their careers.

**FACT**
Public company audit is often known for rapid professional growth, and many auditors become top leaders (including CEOs and CFOs) in business.

**MYTH**
Auditors wear suits to work every day.

**FACT**
Auditors’ attire varies depending on where they are working. In the office, many auditors can wear jeans. When working from home, it’s their choice!

**MYTH**
Auditors will soon be replaced by robots.

**FACT**
Certain auditing processes are becoming automated, but human ingenuity and professional judgment remain a critical part of the audit.

**MYTH**
All auditors work for the IRS.

**FACT**
Although the IRS does employ auditors, auditors also work for public accounting firms and private and public companies and perform many duties outside of tax audits.

**MYTH**
Auditing does not lend itself to work-life balance.

**FACT**
Public company audit does have a busy season, but often firms offer perks to support the wellbeing of their employees.

**MYTH**
All auditors specialize in accounting.

**FACT**
Some audit functions require staff who specialize in data analytics, statistics, and information technology.