

Cheval Success Stories

This feature is dedicated to colleagues who recently started a new role with Cheval, either as a result of a promotion or transfer. The feature aims to celebrate these success stories and to promote the internal opportunities within the company. It will hopefully inspire some of you to become another success story. Let's learn more about the success story of our colleague Sandor.



What was your career journey prior to joining Cheval?

I have worked in hospitality since I was 16. I come from a small town Sovata (in Transylvania) which is famous for its lake and beautiful landscape. As such, it is frequented by tourists, so hospitality seemed to be a good career option. Around the age of 18, I worked mostly in restaurants. For my bachelor's degree I studied economics and tourism in hospitality at a University in Hungary.

I came to London in December 2011 and in January 2012 I started working at Strathmore Hotel, which was a small four star boutique hotel under Grange Hotels. I worked there for 6 months as a waiter and then for one year as a concierge.

How and when did you start your journey with Cheval?

My journey with Cheval started in June 2013 when I started working as a concierge at Cheval Thorney Court. I was on a fixed term contract at that time. However, in October 2013 I was promoted to Assistant Head Concierge and I worked at front office for 10 years.

What is your new role?

In February 2024 I moved from front office to finance and now I am a Finance Assistant for Cheval Thorney Court and Cheval Hyde Park Gate.

What helped you get the new role?

While working at Cheval Thorney Court as Assistant Head Concierge, I had a close relationship with a Finance Assistant for Cheval Thorney Court and Cheval Hyde Park Gate, Miriam,

as I was covering her finance duties when she was not available.

When Miriam left Cheval Thorney Court, she recommended me as her replacement. However, the time was not right for me, as I was moving to Swindon. The next opportunity to move to finance came in February 2024 when another Finance Assistant Jens got promoted to Management Accountant and moved on to different area of the business. He recommended me as his replacement and this time I did not let the opportunity pass me by. I was also lucky to have support of my Front Office Manager, Craig. Apart from my line manager, I have always had the continuous support from my General Manager, Fergel, who identified my strengths as being strongly procedure and operations driven, and when the opportunity came, he encouraged me by strongly endorsing my application

What do you particularly enjoy about your new role?

I have always liked working with numbers, so this is big part of the role I really enjoy. I also like following procedures and widening my horizons about revenue and costs, forecasting and budgeting.

What would be your advice to your junior colleagues who would like to get to the same place in the future?

If you want to achieve something, learn. Do not wait for people to push you. Be proactive. Ask questions. Give 100 % from what you have. Have a goal and know what you want.

What are your plans and aspirations for the upcoming months and years?

I want to learn everything a Finance Assistant needs to know. More specifically, I would like to focus on budgeting. I would also like to sign up for university and eventually become Chartered Accountant. The studies will take about 5 years.

Have you seen the latest vacancy list? Go to Talent Toolbox to see if there is a role available you are interested in and speak to your manager or HR for more information.