

Mountbatten Network News

Forbes 30 Under 30 (Europe - Finance 2018)



Ali-Reza Panjwani (New York, August 2013) <https://www.linkedin.com/in/alirezapanjwani/>, whose rise from intern to Vice President at J.P. Morgan (in 3 years), has been stratospheric, has now achieved the incredibly rare feat of being included in the **Forbes 30 under 30 (Europe - Finance) List** <https://www.forbes.com/30-under-30-europe/2018/finance/#208279173021>. This is an annual list of the brightest young entrepreneurs, professionals, leaders and stars in their fields, so to be included is very special indeed. With a stellar career to date, JP Morgan hired Ali from London to help enhance their strategic risk assessments group in New York. He has led a number of key global initiatives and projects throughout the last few years; and has recently undertaken a new role in Asset & Wealth Management, as a Business Control Manager.

Summarise your career journey so far

I graduated from Aston University in 2011, obtaining a BSc (with Hons) in Business and Management. Shortly after, I was the regional HR Manager at Pinsent Masons LLP, a law firm in London. However, I decided to transition into the Finance sector by applying for the Mountbatten Program in August 2013. Once I completed this year, I have simply not looked back and have enjoyed 4 very productive years at JP Morgan Chase & Co across a number of divisions including the Investment Bank and Asset & Wealth Management.

How did you secure your current job and what advice would you give to someone looking to follow a similar career path?

I'm grateful to have built a very supportive network since my graduation from the Mountbatten Program. Relationships are key - continue to build connections and establish yourself amongst your network. Prove yourself with the work that you do, find an area that interests you and learn it inside and out; show a willingness or a drive to be successful. When the time came, someone from my network reached out to me and recommended a vacancy that they wanted someone of my skillset to fill. All you need is an opening; a 'door that is left ajar', an introduction, an interview or a coffee with someone – and once you get this opportunity, it's your time to break the door down!

What do you consider to be your biggest achievement to date?

Without a shadow of a doubt, my biggest professional achievement is getting enlisted in the Forbes 30 Under 30 list for Finance. This accolade is not about me, it's bigger than that. This achievement is about legacy. It's about who else you can inspire. But most importantly, it's for my family and to honour their collective struggle. I simply stand on the shoulders of my forefathers who sacrificed more than I'll ever know. This is for them.

Whose career path do you most admire?

I'm a big admirer of both Eric Thomas and Prince Ea, world-renowned motivational speakers. Both of their stories are wonderfully inspiring, especially where they came from and what they have achieved.

What are your current career aspirations?

With God's help, I will continue to try and climb the corporate ladder; and hopefully have the opportunity to manage larger teams and regions. Additionally, I am always looking for opportunities to learn other areas and grow my skillset. Through this, I hope to extend whatever experience I have, in order to give back to others and support larger community and social initiatives