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Tell us about your PageGroup career so far...

I joined Michael Page South Africa in November 2012 as part of a 12-month learnership program. We were advised that there would be an opportunity to be with the business long term beyond the learnership programme. It was at that point that I made the decision to give this opportunity my best and hopefully in the end I would be rewarded with a post in one of the biggest recruitment agencies in the world.

Indeed after completion of the learnership, I was asked to stay on as a Researcher. This role entailed assisting managers and directors with the vacancies they were working on. After 12 months in the researcher position, our MD decided to launch a temp and contract division and approached me to join the team. A few months into the temp/contract division, I was promoted to Consultant – fully responsible for my own portfolio. A few months later, I was promoted to Senior Consultant, and today I am Managing Consultant.



Why did you join PageGroup?

I finished my studies in 2012 and whilst looking for employment, I received a call from Michael Page about an opportunity to join a multinational recruitment agencies on a 12-month learnership. This, for me, looked like an opportunity I couldn't ignore. The fact that I would gain working experience in a global business was very attractive. I attended interviews and was fortunate enough to be one of the 7 candidates selected to participate in the learnership.

What are your career aspirations with PageGroup?

At the moment, I am working with the Finance & Banking division at Michael Page South Africa. My goal is to drive this division to be one of the most profitable in the business with a team reporting into me.

What is most rewarding about your job?

From the moment I contact a candidate to discuss a vacancy, up until the moment I give them a call to tell them they are the successful candidate and have secured the role, the gratitude that is displayed is the most rewarding aspect of my job. It is an indescribable feeling knowing that you have lifted weight off someone's shoulders and have essentially made their life a bit better.

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