



MARKET TRENDS & SALARY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION



Throughout 2013 we have seen the Malaysia market continue to build pace across the fields of Technology and Finance & Accounting.

The headline demand in IT is very much centred around core IT, i.e Infrastructure, service management and delivery, ERP, and software development. In addition, we are seeing acute demand for experienced and qualified Project Managers across all disciplines, especially those that have regional exposure.

Within Finance there has been consistent demand as companies establish and build out their Finance regional support centres in Malaysia, so there has been significant and continued demand for experienced Shared Service Centre professionals. In addition, we have witnessed a trend in organisations moving some of their regional Finance roles from the traditional hubs of Singapore and Hong Kong to Malaysia. These roles span the accounting functions, with a significant demand on roles supporting the business, such as Financial Planning and Analysis, and Commercial Finance positions.

Our wider observation is that the KL Shared Services(SS) territory is being evaluated as a more solid choice for higher value activities versus some of the larger mainstream SSC location such as Manila and Chennai.

The strategy of many of the institutions is to add more senior strategic roles into the KL SS operation; roles that may typically have been positioned in Singapore and Hong Kong. This has led to a new breed of senior roles, offering upper quartile salaries and global reach, which is great for the local workforce in terms of career visibility.

The challenge remains finding locals who have the relevant C-level capabilities and it will put continued pressure on the need to identify foreign talent. KL is likely to remain an economic hub built for cost competitiveness, so offering salaries that are attractive on the global stage will remain a challenge. This is where factors such as lifestyle and local cost of living play a part.

On this note, many businesses are involved in the process of retracting IT and Finance activities away from outsourcing firms in favour of making direct hires, which shows a further faith and commitment to local workforce. The main reasons seem to be cost, quality, control and sustainability.

Whilst such activity will put more pressure on identifying strong local talent, the fact that companies have taken steps to a long term commitment to KL and are actively looking to place key strategic positions in this market bode well for the future.

We look forward to working with you on your career or organisation's recruitment needs.

Best Wishes for 2014

Sam Baxendale

Director, Malaysia

Finance & Accounting Professionals

Job Title	Experience	Annual salary range (RM)
Chief Financial Officer		275K - 500K
Finance Director - Large Organisation		300K - 360K
Finance Director - Small/Medium Organisation		240K - 300K
Financial Controller - Large Organisation		200K - 300K+
Corporate Finance		140K - 210K+
Finance Director - Small/Medium Organisation		180K - 220K+
Tax Manager		145K - 200K
Commercial Manager		120K - 180K
Treasury Manager		150K - 190K
Pricing Manager		120K - 180K
Finance Manager	4 - 6	105K - 150K
Credit Controller	6+	96K - 144K+
Financial Analyst	6 - 10	85K - 120K
Internal Auditor-Director		252K - 300K+
Business Analyst	6 - 10	85K - 120K
Internal Auditor - Manager		96K - 120K
Cost Controller	6 - 10	85K - 144K
Finance Manager	3 - 5	84K - 105K
Financial Analyst	3 - 5	54K - 96K
Auditor	8	120K+
Auditor	3	44K - 88K
Cost Accountant	3 - 5	60K - 65K
Tax Accountant Senior	6+	84K - 90K
Business Analyst	3	50K - 78K
Accountant	3 - 5	48K - 84K
Tax Accountant	3 - 5	48K - 85K
Accounts Payable/Receivable	3 - 5	48K - 84K



Technology

Commerce & Industry Professionals

Job Title	Experience	Annual salary range (RM)
Business Change		
IT Director	10 - 15+	180K - 250K
Program Manager	10 - 15+	160K - 240K
PM	8 - 12	150K - 180K
Business Analyst	5 - 12	120K - 160K
Application Development		
Solutions Architect	10 - 15+	180K - 220K
Development Manager	10 - 15+	100K - 140K
C++ / Java / .Net	3 - 8	80K - 140K
RDBMS developer/DBA	3 - 8	80K - 140K
Infrastructure		
Infrastructure Director	10 - 15+	180K - 240K
Infrastructure Manager	8 - 12+	140K - 180K
Solutions Architect	10 - 15+	140K - 200K
Systems Administrator	5 - 8	80K - 120K
IT Security Analyst	5 - 8	80K - 120K
Testing		
Test Analyst	4 - 7	60K - 100K
Test Lead	7 - 10	100K - 150K
Test Manager	11+	120K - 160K
SAP		
SAP Technical Analyst	5 - 8	50K - 90K
SAP Business Analysts	5 - 8	80K - 120K
SAP Techno Functional Consultants	5 - 10	90K - 160K
SAP Functional Consultants	5 - 10	90K - 180K
SAP Functional Lead	8 - 12	120K - 200K
SAP Project / Program Managers	10+	120K - 220K
SAP Regional / Global Managers	12+	200K - 260K
Oracle		
Oracle E biz Suite Technical (Developer)	5 - 10	80K - 100K
Oracle E biz Suite Techno Functional	5 - 10	80K - 120K
Oracle E Biz Functional	7 - 15	100K - 180K
Oracle E Biz Project Manager	10+	120K - 220K



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Banking & Financial Services Professionals

Job Title	Experience	Annual salary range (RM)
Business Change		
Program Manager	10 - 15+	220K - 300K
PM	8 - 12+	180K - 220K
Business Analyst	5 - 12+	150K - 180K
Application Development		
Solutions Architect	10 - 15+	150K - 220K
Development Manager	10 - 15+	240K - 280K
C++ / Java	3 - 8	100K - 150K
.Net	3 - 8	100K - 150K
RDBMS developer/DBA	3 - 8	100K - 150K
Infrastructure		
Infrastructure Director	10 - 15+	220K - 300K
Infrastructure Manager	8 - 12+	150K - 180K
Infrastructure Engineer	5 - 8	90K - 120K
Systems Administrator	5 - 8	90K - 120K
Info Security Director	10 - 15+	150K - 180K
Info Security Specialist	5 - 8	90K - 120K

Notes to salary tables:

1. Titles and levels vary from organisation to organisation.
2. The salary ranges given are only approximate guides. For tailored salary advice, please contact us directly.
3. 12 month base salaries are assumed.
4. All other benefits and bonuses are in addition to these figures.
5. Bonus ranges can vary significantly from company to company and will be influenced by market conditions, business and individual performances. Bonus ranges from 1 month at the low end to 100%+ at the upper.
6. Holiday entitlements range from 12 - 25 days with senior executives not usually receiving less than 18 days. Less than 15 is very rare and 20 days is becoming the norm.
7. Healthcare policies are standard.
8. Pension plans vary with some companies offering greater than the standard contribution. Top up schemes can increase employer contribution levels as much as 15-20 percent of the base salary for senior executives.

ABOUT AMBITION

Ambition is a leading global boutique recruitment business listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. With coverage across Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney, Japan, Malaysia, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and London we specialise within the areas of Banking & Financial Services, Finance & Accounting, Sales & Marketing, Supply Chain & Logistics, and Technology.

We are best known for specialisation with in-depth knowledge and expertise, well-established networks and deep relationships.

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