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Why choose Scholes for your next audit?

Selecting an auditor is not an easy process and with so many big names dominating this field it can be difficult to differentiate between which firm can provide the best service to you.

At Scholes, we pride ourselves on providing a competitive audit that goes beyond the usual expectations of such a service.

Focusing on building close relationships and calling on our expertise, our audit process is inherently designed to add value to an audit by expanding on the information to offer additional insights into your finances.

Working to some of the tightest deadlines within our profession, we consistently provide clients throughout the UK with a service that exceeds their expectations.

To give you an impression of the level of service that we can provide, please see what our clients have to say about their audit experience with us via the case studies provided in this brochure.



FD, renewable energy business with international focus

As an accredited test site for wave and tidal technologies, our client plays a crucial role in supporting developers to test their prototypes in real sea conditions.

Operating grid-connected and smaller-scale wave and tidal energy demonstration sites, hydrogen production and energy storage facilities, the business is at the forefront of renewable energy innovation.

The company's Finance Director, explains the value that Scholes, as their audit and advisory partner, brings to the table:

"There are three key areas where Scholes supports us – the main and project-specific audits, and payroll services.

“It's a well-rounded service that gives us confidence everything is handled properly.”

"When Scholes carries out our annual audit, they make sure our financial systems are robust and in good health. Beyond that, they provide independent audit reports for our grant funded projects.

"It's essential to have that level of independent scrutiny and they manage it seamlessly for us.

"One area where they've been especially helpful is with our fixed asset register. As an asset-heavy company – with subsea cables, substations and other expensive equipment – it's vital to manage asset values correctly.

"Their advice over the years has helped us ensure everything is accurately recorded and allocated in our systems."

In terms of the working relationship, our client says:

"They're very quick to respond, give us solid advice and provide direct feedback at audit committee meetings.

"Scholes provides a very positive experience, they're responsive and incredibly helpful. I'd have no hesitation recommending them to others."

CFO, community leisure trust

The company's Financial Team highlighted the many benefits that came from working with Scholes as an advisory and auditing partner:

"They offer ongoing assistance. It's very much open lines of communication with them, which is fantastic for letting the finance team work efficiently.

"Any issues or questions that we want to run by them, they're more than happy to pick up an e-mail or for us to call them."

We were able to help the client to make their systems more efficient allowing them to focus on running the business.

"Scholes helped develop the reporting system, like the monthly Profit and Loss reports, and it just made a massive difference.

"The new system made it so we had more confidence in the information that they were sharing, we could handle any questions knowing that the numbers were good.

"They also act as our intermediary between us and the key stakeholders. We provide a draft set of accounts and they work with us through the full auditing process."



“We would absolutely recommend Scholes to any business looking for an auditor.”

General Manager, farming co-operative

Having worked together for over 25 years, our client was able to offer valuable insight on the way that we run things at Scholes. In particular, the way that our auditing process interacts with the business:

"It's always fairly simple. People tend to dread audits, but, with Scholes, it's never all that bad.

"They can do a lot of the auditing from their office, so they don't have to come in here and bother us too much. It helps to stop the auditing process from becoming disruptive.

"They're always on top of things, and you can get in touch with them whenever you need."

When looking back over our working relationship, the client observed how we have improved over time:

"Things have got easier for us. They used to spend most of a week up here sitting beside us, going through files, but now they're only here for a full day.

"They've helped us with plenty of challenges over the years. They were especially helpful during Covid when the financial situation seemed to change every day."

When asked whether the client would recommend us for other businesses seeking an auditor, they said:

“I would definitely recommend them. They are easy to contact and make everything easy and understandable.”

"They're persistent as well, they won't let anything go unnoticed. That lets them make a list of positives and negatives that we can then use to guide our business decisions going forward. Scholes are efficient, helpful, and in-depth in their approach."

FD, development trust

We spoke with a Financial Director, who has worked with Scholes for many years, and asked them to describe how our approach to auditing looks from a client perspective:

"Scholes always start off their audit process with an intensive meeting to establish everything they will need to make the process as efficient as possible.

"This sets the audit up to be as thorough as possible. We try our best to do all of our bookkeeping but it is a huge reassurance knowing that we have an extra line of defence if anything slips through the cracks. They notice everything."

Having worked with us for a while, the client was able to reflect on the way we operate:

"They're not disruptive when they audit. They are very thorough but not painful about it.

"They respond to emails very quickly and if they've sent an email that we haven't responded to, they'll call us to draw our attention to it. That's helpful because we're not sitting in front of a desk looking at emails all day."

When considering whether they would recommend us to other businesses seeking auditing, the client said:

"I have seen how other auditors work, some of the larger ones, and they don't have the same efficiency to them. Scholes really care and it shows.

"They are independent and it makes a big difference. They understand our business and the effort we put into our work and they support us so that we can carry on.

"When it comes time to submit our taxes, even the officials are reassured that we use a dependable company like Scholes.

“ Their information is accurate and trustworthy - I would recommend that everybody use Scholes. ”

How we can help

As well as being a statutory requirement, high-quality audits enhance confidence in the capital markets and develop trust in the financial situation of a company.

Our audit services provide quality, transparency and technical excellence, but where we differ from other firms is in our highly personal approach, which adds considerable value to the support that we provide.

Reputation in the audit industry is based on the quality of audit delivered and as you will see from the comments provided, our services are highly regarded by users.

To ensure these high levels of service we have recruited and trained staff, invested in technology and advocated for audit system improvements.

Audits are increasingly guided by complex rules and a widening regulatory regime, which need to be balanced with the needs of key stakeholders.

Not only do we meet these new demands, but we ensure that we provide transparent audit information, explained in simple language so that investors and regulators can gain a full appreciation of a company's performance.

If you would like to us to assist you with your next audit, contact us at enquiries@scholesca.co.uk



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