



### **Shalim Matos**

Shalim Matos started her professional career providing financial audit services at KPMG in the Dominican Republic. During her tenure at KPMG, she led multiple clients in different industries. Within 3 years, Shalim was leading her own set of clients and reporting directly to the engagement partner.

After moving to the United States in 2010 in pursuit of new opportunities, Shalim soon found that she had to overcome a language barrier, cultural differences, and other challenges of a first generation American citizen. Shalim spent a small period of time at a top 10 accounting firm, but quickly realized that her true passion was in consistently providing insight and value to an organization. In 2011, she transitioned to the Internal Audit field joining Westrock, formerly Rocktenn. During her time at Westrock, Ms. Matos diversified her experience by providing support to management through compliance and operational audit services. She worked directly with the Compliance Reporting and External Auditors, gaining exposure to key stakeholders and executive leaders.

Her international and diverse portfolio experience helped Shalim rise quickly in the field of Internal Audit. By 2014 she was already an Audit Manager at a 3 billion dollar company, Serta Simmons Bedding and still at a country that was foreign to her.

Shalim remained at Serta Simmons Bedding and continued to thrive for six years of continued support and professional growth. In 2020 she was appointed Senior Director and Head of Internal Audit reporting administratively to the Chief Financial Officer and functionally to the Audit Committee.

Her professional accomplishment transcends her experience at Serta Simmons Bedding. At age 34, she has already earned a seat at the Atlanta Chapter Board of Governors of the Institute of Internal Auditors. Her contributions to the Atlanta Chapter includes her early participation in the Young Professional Committee, Academic Committee and now leader of the 2020-2021 Atlanta Chapter Mentoring Program. Additionally, Shalim has facilitated roundtables at the Atlanta Chapter of Internal Auditors for both the Young Professionals and Chief Audit Executive meeting.

Shalim's educational background includes a Bachelor in Accounting Science along with her Certified Public Accounting in the Dominican Republic at the early age of 21. Her continue drive to learn and build her professional background led Shalim to obtain a Master in Business Administration from Florida International University (FIU). In 2018, Shalim became a Certified Internal Auditor and most recently she also became a Certified Fraud Examiner.

Shalim maintains an active presence in social media sharing her own professional experiences, and insights in audit and leadership matters. She also provides perspective on important articles written by the Institute of Internal Auditors and other leaders in the Internal Audit Profession.