

Role summary

The role of Office Manager is to co-ordinate and provide administrative support to the Partner and project teams. A resourceful and flexible approach is required. The person must be able to work on their own initiative, be self-motivated and proactive. The position requires a high degree of responsibility, discretion and confidentiality.

The Office Manager is responsible for carrying out the following duties in accordance with Foster + Partners procedures as found in the Secretarial Administrative Guide.

Role definition

Job Title: Office Manager [Part time]
Reporting to: Day to day | Partner in charge Procedure |
Head of Secretarial Administration

Responsibilities

- Answer and direct all incoming external and internal telephone calls and assisting with enquiries
- Record telephone messages and pass them on by email or leave a voicemail message
- Meet and greet all F+P guests [clients, consultants, staff] in a professional manner
- Distribution of daily post and management of outgoing post
- Maintain Abu Dhabi office calendar and whereabouts of the team
- Process invoices, manage petty cash, book keeping, tax reporting and prepare monthly estimated expenditures and other financial administration liaising with the Dubai Receptionist/Administrator and Accounts in London as required
- Liaise with local tax authorities for monthly tax statement and reporting
- Liaise with local administration authorities for site office registering renewal
- Liaise with Accounts as required for payroll issues
- Liaise with HR as required for visa issues and assist with sourcing and booking accommodation for employees as directed
- Provide secretarial administrative support to Partner and project teams
- Effectively and efficiently manage meeting arrangements including room bookings, catering requirements, logistics, presentation set up and presentation material
- Provide secretarial administrative support to Partner and project teams including management of expenses and filing, typing and editing documents
- Co-ordinate travel arrangements including passport and visa assistance as required
- Ensure office team timesheets and expenses are completed promptly
- Liaise with and supervise office suppliers including cleaning staff, flowers, stationery suppliers etc
- Maintain stock including stationery, provisions, post etc
- Liaise with Foster + Partners London and any other site offices or individuals as required
- Management of housekeeping, ensuring office and environment is kept in line with Foster + Partners policy and standards

- Ensure that the clear desk policy is maintained
- Assist the Document Controller as required
- Flexibility as required
- Ensure that all tasks/duties are carried out in accordance with F+P procedures and standards as stated in the Secretarial Administration Guide
- Undertake other ad hoc duties as required at the direction of the Partners | HoSA

Qualities and skills required

- Able to demonstrate proficiency in the responsibilities of the role
- Legally able to work in the country in which the position is based
- Demonstrated proficiency in using Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel
- Fluent English, spoken and written is essential
- Fluent Arabic, spoken and written is preferable
- Smart and professional dress and personal presentation at all times, acting as an ambassador on behalf of Foster + Partners
- Professional, confident, courteous and helpful manner
- Punctual and reliable
- Ability to manage and prioritise tasks and time efficiently
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills – articulate and diplomatic manner
- Excellent organisational skills
- Resilient to cope with conflicting demands, able to prioritise duties and work under pressure while remaining calm and professional at all times
- Able to demonstrate initiative and a proactive approach
- Flexible attitude
- Ability to work independently and as part of an effective team
- To ensure that discretion is exercised when dealing with sensitive information and enquiries, and to ensure that appropriate confidentiality is maintained at all times
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work well with all levels of management and staff both internally and externally
- Thorough knowledge of, and compliance, with secretarial administrative procedures and standards
- Methodical, accurate and consistent attention to detail
- Self motivation and ability to take responsibility
- Commitment to maintaining and promoting high standards of the role
- Empathy with a creative environment

Desirable

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This description reflects the core activities of the role but is not intended to be all-inclusive and other duties within the group/department may be required in addition to changes in the emphasis of duties as required from time to time. There is a requirement for the post holder to recognise this and adopt a flexible approach to work. Job descriptions will be reviewed regularly and where necessary revised in accordance with organisational needs. Any major changes will be discussed with the post holder.

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