



## Companies in Motion



# LPG CPA celebrates 5th anniversary, joins DFK International

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In March 2009, Luis Santiago, Pedro Rosario and Gabriel Méndez decided to join forces to establish a full-service accounting and business advisory firm oriented toward client service, and new business trends, thinking and dynamics. Five years later, the trio is celebrating having been accepted as members of DFK International, a worldwide association of independent accounting firms and business advisers with 212 member firms in 82 countries around the world.

The firm was founded on the promise that its directors, Santiago, Rosario and Méndez, as well as the professional staff at LPG CPA, P.S.C., will always be there for their clients in good and not so good moments. "We like to foster relationships with our clients without compromising our independent criteria. We take their problems and situations very seriously, even personally; until they are resolved, we don't stop thinking about them," said Luis A. Santiago Pagán, company president.

LPG provides an extensive selection of services, including routine assurance, accounting and tax-compliance services such as audits,

reviews, compilations, tax-returns preparation and bookkeeping. LPG also offers an array of nontraditional and technically demanding services, such as Statement on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) No. 16 (previously SAS 70), internal controls audits and consulting, IT consulting and system audits, Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) compliance, forensic accounting, litigation support, due diligences, corporate reorganizations, tax planning and many others.

"Our customers come in all sizes, from the smallest to the biggest players in the business community. We offer services to customers in various industries, including insurance, construction, financial institutions, retail, distribution, service providers, auto dealers, nonprofit, sole-proprietorships and many more," said Santiago Pagán as testament to the firm's wide-ranging capacities.

"The key to our growth has been



*The founding partners of LPG CPA (from left) Pedro Rosario, Luis Santiago and Gabriel Méndez, celebrate their fifth anniversary and acceptance into DFK International.*

the personal touch we give all our clients, the competent team of professionals who we place at our clients' service and our experience in different traditional and nontraditional services. Additionally, we have stayed true to our values and goals as a firm, and last but not least, we are committed to maintain an accessible fee structure. From a firm standpoint, our first and foremost priority has been and always will

be our clients. Everything else in the firm must revolve around that," he added.

Santiago Pagán is quick to recognize that Puerto Rico's economy hasn't been in the best shape for some years now, and has spurred the firm to embark on "the expansion of [its] business advisory services by entering into work synergies with other firms and colleagues," adding that LPG "is always sensitive to the economic situation of each of [its] existing and prospective clients."

The firm's president is confident there is still plenty of room for the company to grow in Puerto Rico, which remains its number one priority. "Becoming part of DFK International positions us to expand our service offering and reach markets outside Puerto Rico. This affiliation fortifies our capacity to serve local and international clients and goes hand in hand with the growth that we have experienced in these first five years," he explained. ■

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