

# Nakai McLellan

Head of Internal Audit

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

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Head of Internal Audit-level leader with over 10 years of experience shaping and leading independent audit functions within complex, multi-jurisdictional regulated financial services, including Electronic Money Institutions and Fund Administration. Currently lead the European Internal Audit agenda for Block's European regulated entities, holding a Controlled Function (CF2) status under the CBI's Fitness & Probity Standards.

## CORE STRENGTHS

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Internal Audit Strategy, Regulatory Engagement, Board & Audit Committee Advisory, Governance & Risk-based Audit, Financial Crime / AML, Data Analytics (Tableau, Alteryx), AI Governance, Fund Administration

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Internal Audit Lead — International | Block

Aug 2025 - Present

- Driving the European audit strategy with a focus on regulatory engagement and board-level governance as a CF2-designated executive under the CBI's Fitness & Probity regime. Leading risk-based audits across AML, Privacy, and Information Security while shaping control frameworks aligned with EU regulatory expectations.

### Senior Vice President, Internal Audit | Maples Group

Nov 2021 - Aug 2025

- Led a multi-jurisdictional Internal Audit team delivering independent, risk-based assurance across highly regulated financial services operations in Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, BVI, Dubai, Jersey, the UK and Cayman Islands. Served as Acting Head of Internal Audit during leadership transitions.

### Vice President, Internal Audit | Maples Group

Feb 2019 - Nov 2021

- Managed the global, risk-based audit plan execution across international locations, focusing on high-risk operational and compliance areas. Led complex, end-to-end audits into financial crime, regulatory reporting, and operational failures.

### Senior Internal Auditor | Western Union

Oct 2017 - Feb 2019

- Executed end-to-end audits across high-risk areas including AML/financial crime, sanctions, regulatory reporting, finance systems, customer operations and emerging technologies within a complex, global, regulated payments environment.

## EDUCATION

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MSc Accounting & Finance, Napier University Edinburgh · Post Graduate Diploma Economics & Finance, University of Edinburgh · BA (Hons) Business Economics, University of Reading

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