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**My first role model**  
The success stories of middle class personalities from where I live in Shivaji Park (Mumbai) had a profound impact on me when I was growing up – patriots like Savarkar, eminent sportsmen such as Vijay Manjrekar and Ramakant Desai are some examples. There are many others in music, arts, education, etc. I have been fortunate in my professional career to meet several outstanding professionals but those that I have tried to emulate are the ones who have also been outstanding human beings

**My first job**  
Arthur Andersen, where I started my articleship after BCom

**My first boss**  
The way the services industry is structured requires you to work with multiple people depending on the client and the engagement. I have been fortunate to work and learn from many outstanding professionals in India and abroad

**My first promotion**  
I was promoted to a Senior Associate at Andersen when I was doing my articleship

**My first disappointment**  
At 17 I decided not to pursue my passion for the Indian Navy as a career because I wasn't really interested in the sciences, which was a prerequisite

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