



# TRANSFORM YOUR FINANCE ORGANIZATION

**SAP Central Finance provides the foundation for excellence**

In today's business environment, change is constant – driven by multiple factors including increased globalization, competitive pressures, evolving regulatory regimes, and a massive shift to conducting business online.

Companies continue to embrace mergers and acquisitions as an attractive approach to growth. But M&A activities bring together multiple ERP systems – and that can create significant integration and reporting challenges for the CFO and the finance team.

The answer is SAP Central Finance. Whether it's to seamlessly integrate and manage multiple ERP environments or provide a path to full SAP S/4HANA transformation, SAP Central Finance is the platform for finance excellence.



# Manage ERPs, deliver accurate results

Whether the M&A activity brings together equals, an investment in a promising new asset, or the divestment of a non-core line of business, the CFO must be the custodian of the change – providing a reliable and robust foundation upon which to accelerate the transformation of the enterprise.

During a merger or acquisition, the finance team must be able to quickly roll out and integrate financial reporting with minimal disruption. Frequently, CFOs and their teams need to accomplish this while working across multiple business units and many complex ERP environments. These can require highly manual processes, which can result in inconsistencies and delays in providing accurate, useful financial insights.

SAP Central Finance addresses these challenges with a single solution comprised of several existing, mature SAP technologies and tools, including SAP S/4HANA Financials, SAP Master Data Governance, and SAP System Landscape Transformation. Together, these give the finance team a unified view into all relevant ERP systems, including any legacy systems.

SAP Central Finance does not require SAP S/4HANA to deliver value to an organization. But even greater value may be realized with a full SAP S/4HANA transformation and SAP Central Finance is an ideal place to start, allowing a company to undertake this transformation at its own pace.





# A single, integrated financial landscape

SAP Central Finance establishes enterprise-wide standardized financial processes, enabling real-time, transaction-level detail replication from multiple ERP systems, including non-SAP ERPs. This provides the CFO with a single source of truth for finance reporting, plus the insights required to effectively run the business. It's also a platform that allows the company to quickly adopt finance innovations powered by state-of-the-art technologies such as AI and machine learning.

The solution supports two popular approaches to managing multiple ERP systems.

- Companies can use SAP Central Finance to enhance existing ERP systems by centralizing all basic finance processes and rolling out a shared-service model without requiring an SAP S/4HANA transformation.
- Companies looking to undertake an SAP S/4HANA transformation can use SAP Central Finance as the catalyst. This is particularly effective for enterprises that rely upon multiple ERPs, companies that have established aggressive M&A timelines, or organizations that want to leverage data analytics. By linking multiple legacy systems via a single quick reporting tool, SAP Central Finance offers a low-risk starting point towards implementing a harmonized, best practice-based SAP S/4HANA digital platform migration. It also supports future process activation within SAP S/4HANA via continued mapping and replication of the disparate source systems.

# Create value, not disruptions

**Capgemini's implementation of SAP Central Finance enables finance teams to create value for the company without impacting logistics or operations. The benefits include:**

- A finance transformation supported by a platform which fully integrates finance transactions with a harmonized data design
- Improved forecasting with real-time information
- The ability to develop next-generation finance capabilities that deliver improved financial processes, insight and reporting, and a faster, simplified financial close
- A single platform for all finance and shared-service activities
- A platform that facilitates rapid integration of new acquisitions
- Our solution can leverage Intel Optane persistent memory to help clients achieve optimum performance and lower total cost of ownership (TCO).

**In addition, companies embracing SAP Central Finance to jumpstart their SAP S/4HANA journey can realize additional benefits:**

- Manage multiple ERPs with scalability and real-time replication via the SAP S/4HANA database
- Enable acquired business units to maintain independence while providing the CFO with centrally focused control capabilities
- Combine multifaceted organizational insights into one solution to enhance activities such as intercompany reconciliation, eliminations, margin analysis, and consolidated group reporting.

# The right partner for SAP Central Finance

Capgemini supports SAP implementations for clients worldwide across all major industry sectors. Our finance expertise enables us to deploy SAP Central Finance to help our clients take advantage of next-generation financial capabilities while ensuring real-time, transaction-level integration involving multiple SAP and non-SAP ERP systems.

Whether the client is ready to undertake a full transformation towards SAP S/4HANA or prefers a more incremental approach that builds on core financials, Capgemini can work closely with the finance team to tailor the journey specifically to the needs of the enterprise.

Capgemini implements SAP Central Finance to assist companies of all sizes, across all industry sectors, leverage the platform for the finance excellence they need to get the future they want.

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