# Transforming Financial Strategies: Unveiling Tenneco's Finance Automation Journey

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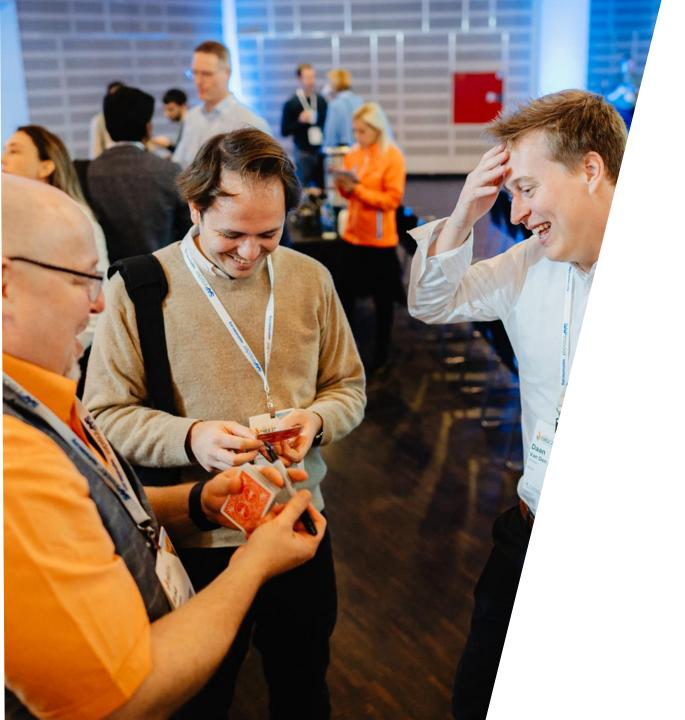
2024



## What We'll Cover

- About Tenneco
- Tenneco's Finance Automation Journey
- Continuing the Finance Automation Journey
  - Order to Cash
  - Record to Report
  - Procure to Pay
- Wrap-Up





# **About Tenneco**

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Tenneco is one of the world's leading designers, manufacturers and marketers of automotive products for original equipment and aftermarket customers.

Tenneco is driving advancements in global mobility by delivering technology solutions for diversified global markets, including light vehicle, commercial truck, off-highway, industrial, motorsport and the aftermarket.





Over
70,000
team members



~15B in revenue



~200 manufacturing sites



~30
aftermarket distribution centers & warehouses



~40
globally
networked
engineering and
technical centers



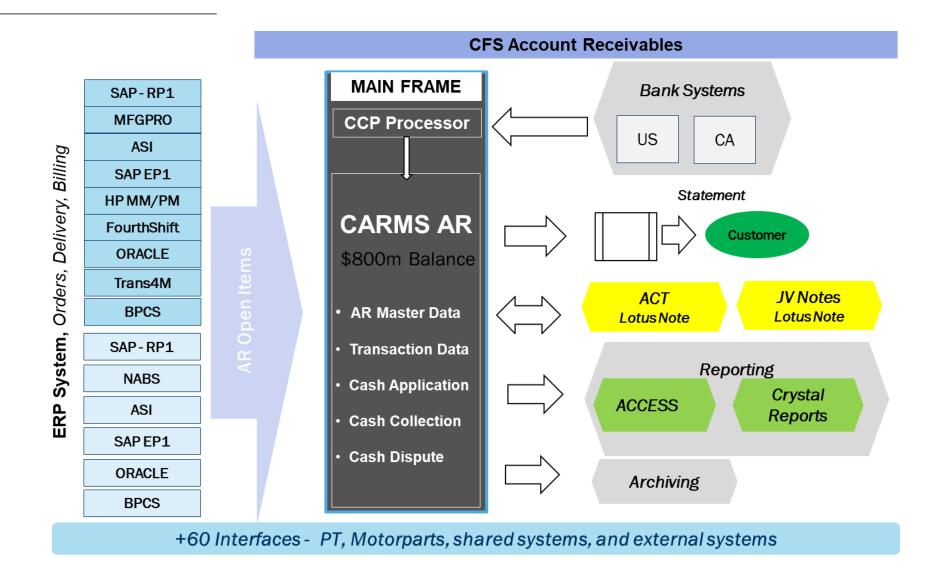
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# Tenneco's Finance Automation Journey

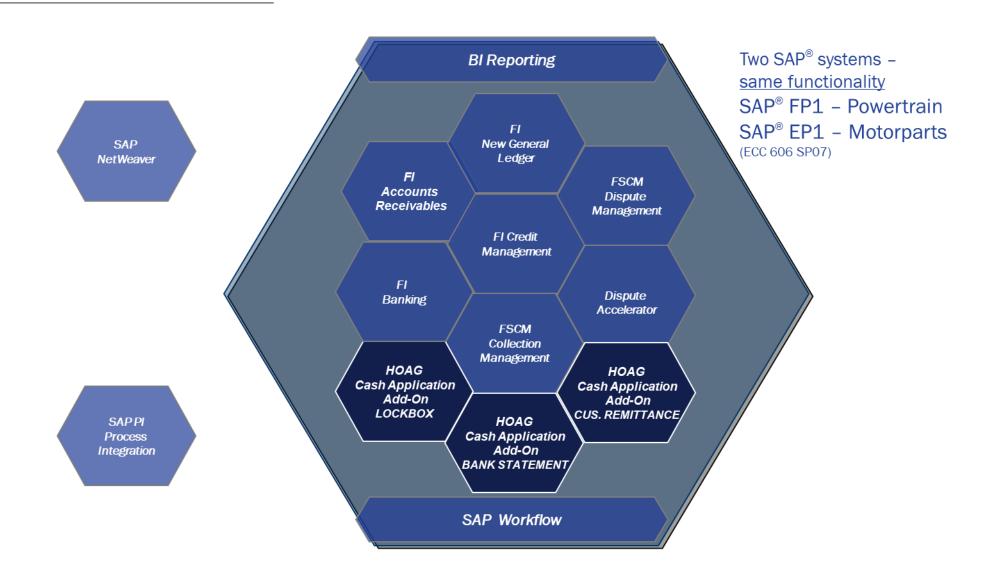
"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step" Lao Tzu



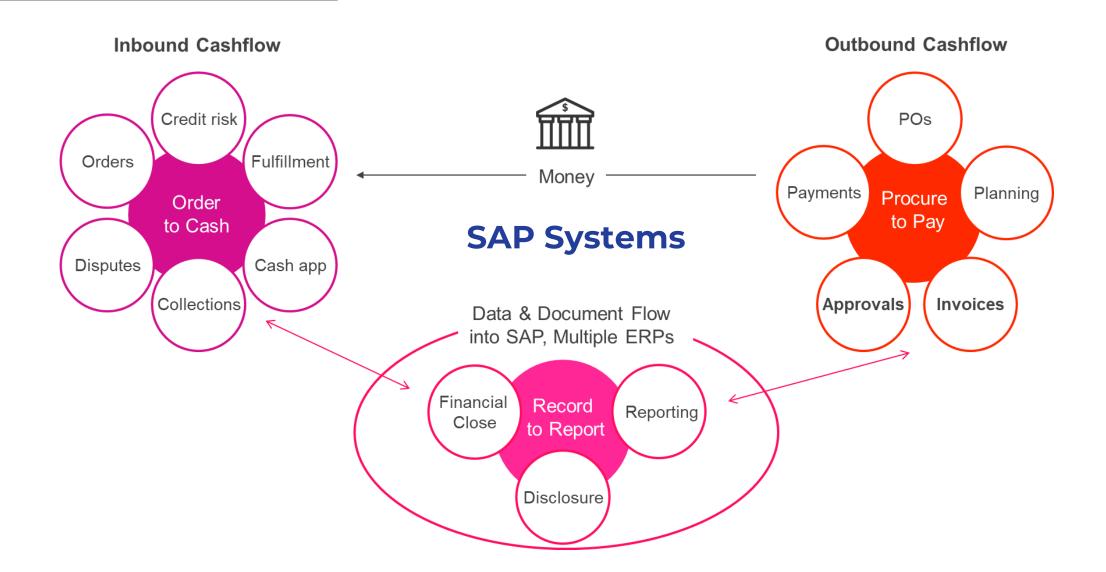
## Our Reality in 2013: Legacy Systems Prevented Automation



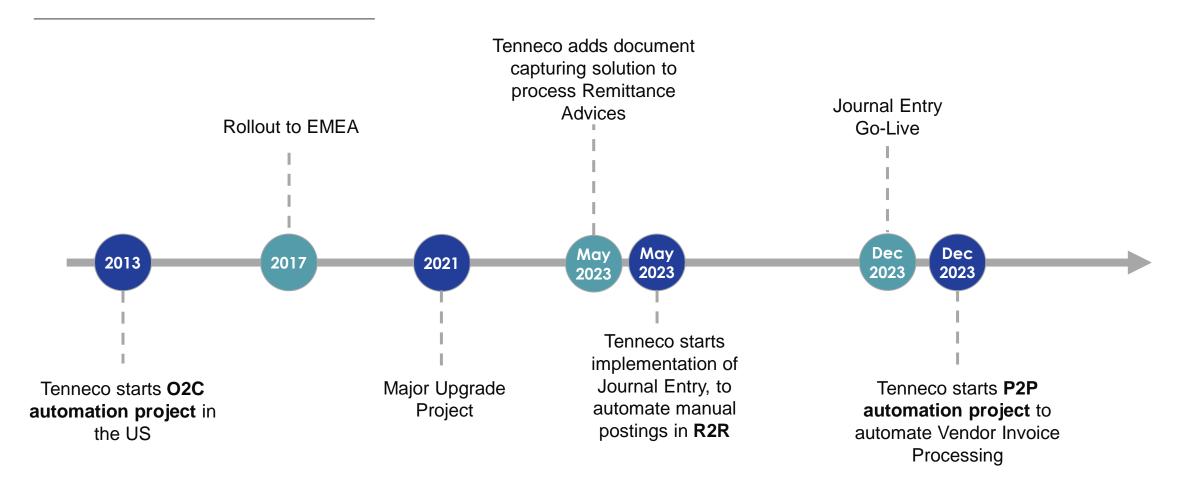
# Our Vision in 2013: Single View of Cash Inflows in SAP



## **Our Vision for Finance Automation**



# **Major Milestones**

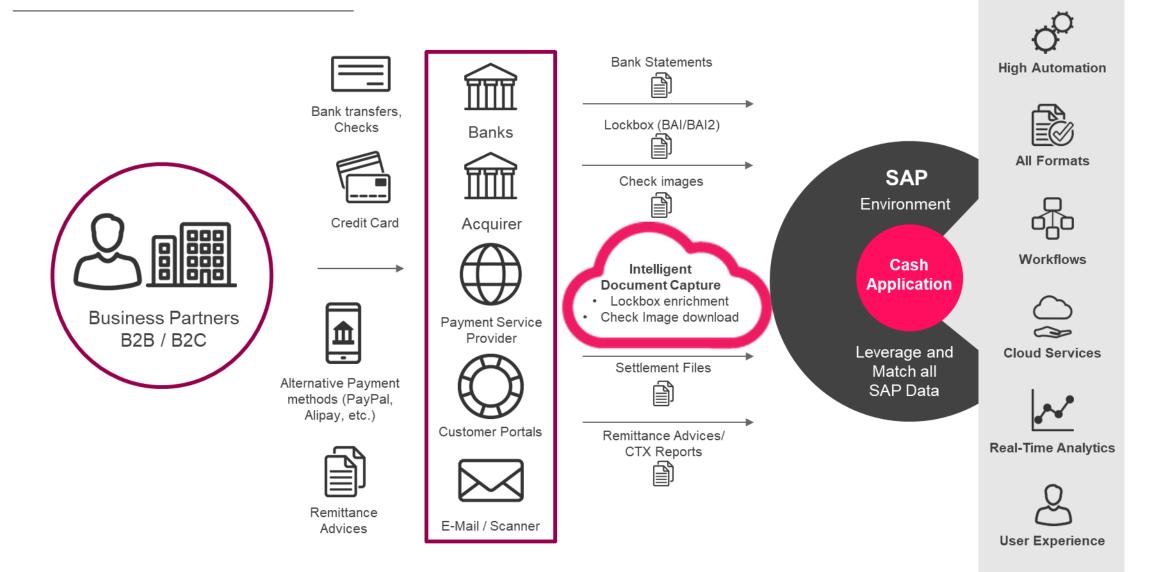


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# **Cash Application Solution**



# **Cash Application Automation Rates**

Results in February 2024, without Remittance Advice Capture (coming later this year)

Cash Application				Grand
Automation	EMEA	US	MX	Total
Total target posting				
payments	58 248	78 362	13 770	150 380
Automatic Posting	39 978	49 378	8 877	98 233
Percentage	69%	63%	64%	65%

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#### How the Financial Close Process Works in SAP

#### **Financial Close Process in SAP Systems** Corporate Reporting and **Entity Close Accounting Disclosure** Close General Ledger Intercompany Consolidation Reporting Reconciliation and Analysis • Sub Ledger Notes • Disclosure Account Management Leasing Reconciliation Management Revenue Entity Close Accounting Management **Governance and Control**

Process Control | Master Data Management | Financial Close Management

#### **Journal Entry Challenges**

- Manual data entry
- Manual processing / no workflow
- No audit trail
- Lack of processing details/history
- Manual approval
- No reporting

# Tenneco's Record to Report Challenges & Objectives

Company had grown over time, creating a complex financial close process that was:

- Highly manual and time-consuming
- Inconsistent different regions handled journal entries differently
- Lacked visiblity. It was hard to see the current status for journal entries at month end
- Hard to track down responsible individuals when entries weren't entered or posted
- Needed to comply with corporate financial controls (4 eye principle)

#### **Journal Entry Objectives**

- Standardize process for manual journal entries
- Single view of journal entries
- Automate the review and approval for 2 transaction codes:
   JE FB01, JE FB50

#### **Automate Manual Journal Entries for Faster Financial Close**

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#### **Journal Entry Transactions**

- JE\_FB01
- JE\_FB01L
- JE\_FB08 No upload
- JE\_FB50
- JE\_FBB1
- JE\_FBD1
- JE FBU8 No upload
- JE\_FBS1

#### **Automate Manual Journal Entries**

Capture | Create | Approve | Track & Notify | View







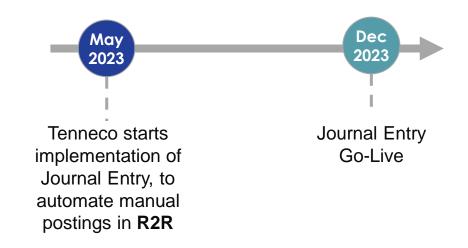




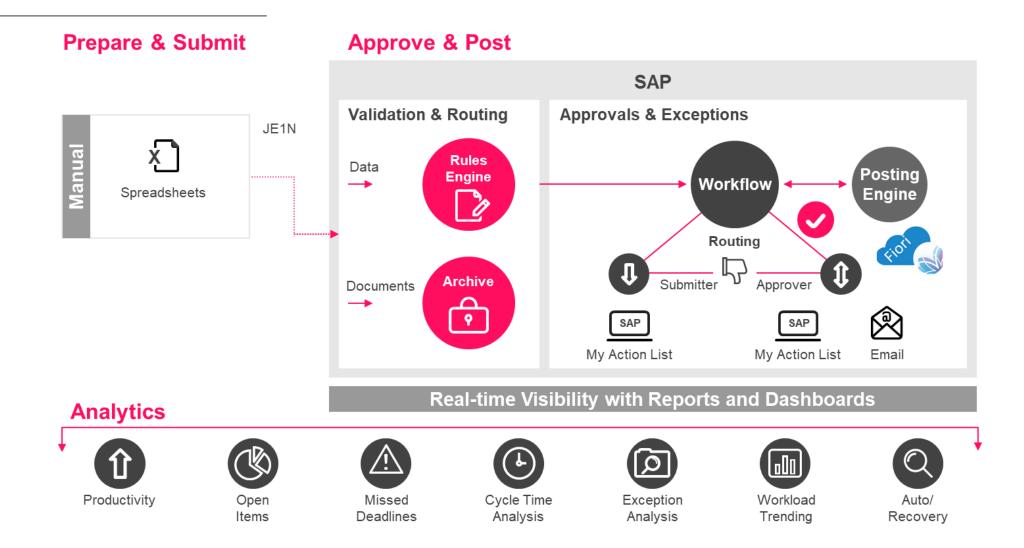
# Tenneco's Record to Report Timeline & Objectives

Company selected an add on solution that would standardize and automate the manual journal entry process. The chosen solution:

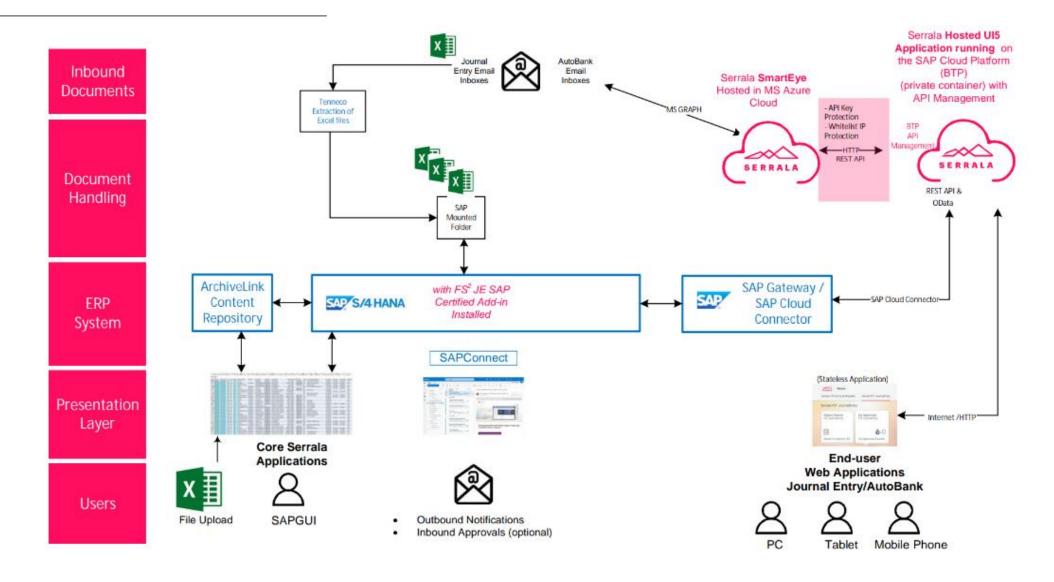
- Deployed in the cloud
- Leverages existing SAP Financials (FI) configurations
- Does not required additional hardware and minimizes maintenance
- UI5 Approvals (web) app enables users to review and approve entries on mobile device, anytime, anywhere
- Intelligent document capture for journal entry attachment extraction (Cloud) and upload from an SAP-based folder



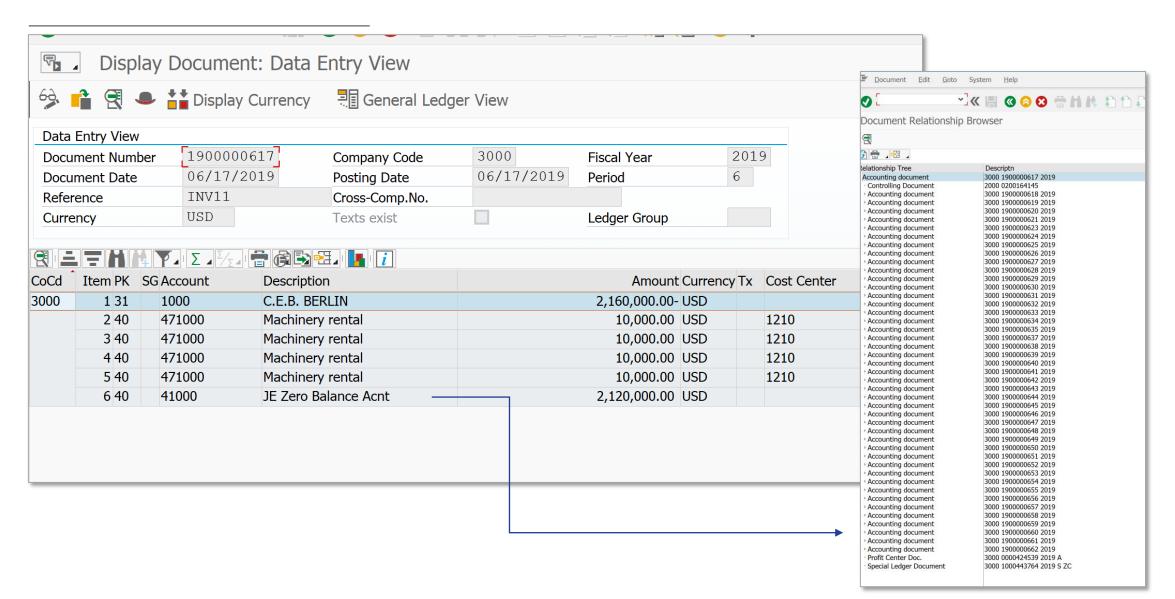
## **Automate for a Faster Financial Close**



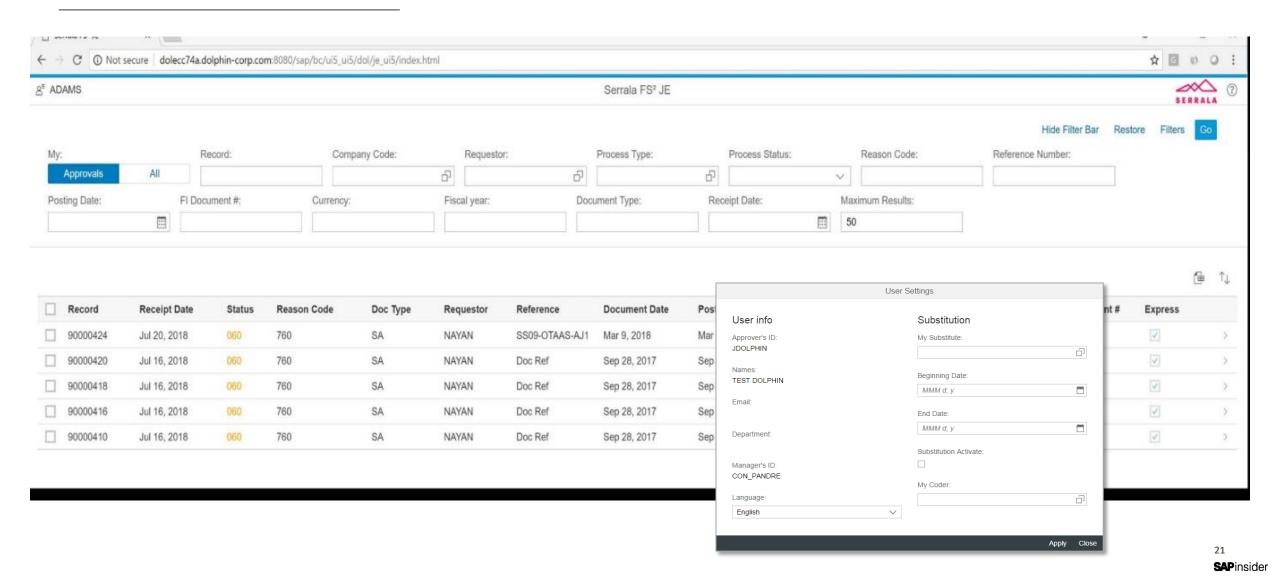
# **Tenneco System Architecture & Process Flow**



# **Automatic Splitting of Very Large Documents for Posting**



# **UI5 Approvals & Substitutions**



# **Journal Entry Results & Benefits**

Benefits of the journal entry automation solution include:

- Consistent process for all shared services users
- Less manual work with automated routing and posting
- Full visibility into journal entry status
- Improved controls with the ability to ensure entries are not approved by the same person who created
- Faster time to close

Journal Entries	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Total
Total	584	744	756	2084

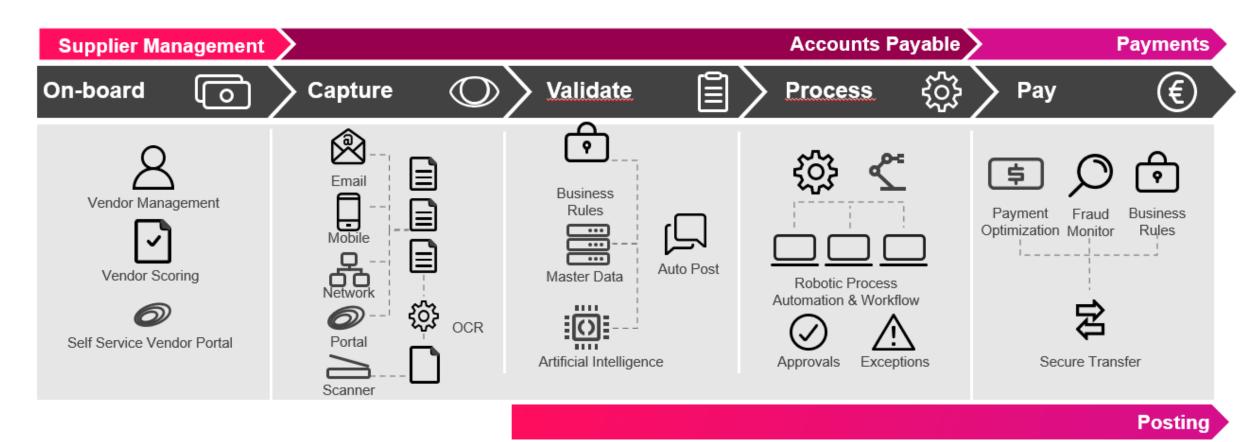
- Solution has been live since late 2023
- Only one SAP instance at this time, serving France and US

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# **Invoice to Pay Solution**

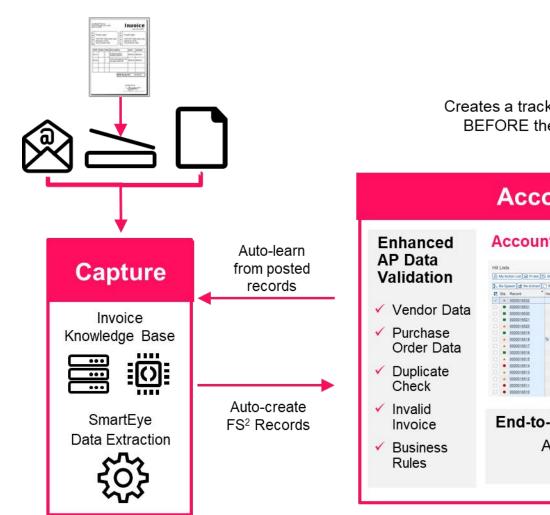


**Analytics & Reporting** 

Portal & InfoCenter

**Data & Document Archive** 

# **Intelligent Document Capture**

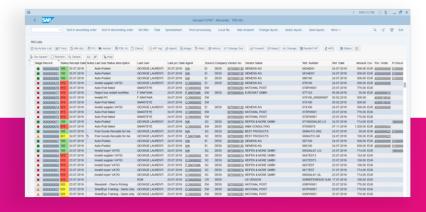


Creates a tracking record for the invoice and archives the image BEFORE the data extraction process for complete visibility

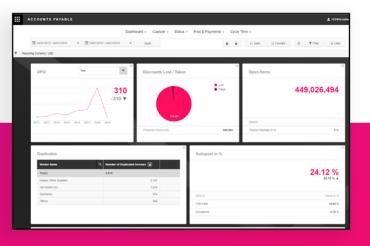


# **Accounts Payable Automation**

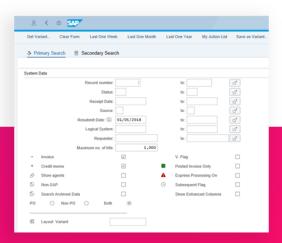
# View Detailed Invoice Status Information



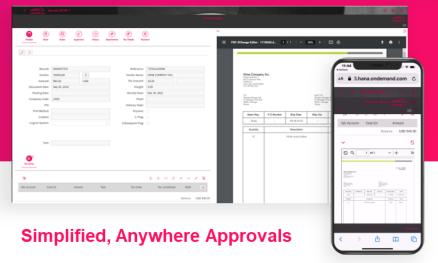
Real-time reporting on AP metrics



Search by Vendor, Invoice Number, Amount, etc.



Automates the capture, validation, approval, exception handling and posting of vendor invoices. It increases speed, accuracy and control over outbound payments.



# Wrap Up



## Wrap Up

With a long-term vision for finance automation, Tenneco continues to make incremental changes that bring lasting value to the company.

Benefits of Tenneco's SAP-embedded finance automation solutions include:

- Standardized and optimized end-to-end O2C, R2R and P2P processes
- Single view of cash flows with all data available in SAP
- Improved visibility and compliance across a diverse global organization
- Simple to maintain a lean, secure and clean core SAP environment



# **Key Points to Take Home**

- Centralizing finance processes within SAP enables greater visibility and control over global operations
- Real-time data available from within SAP provides a comprehensive view of cash, spend and risk
- Automating finance processes has enabled the finance team to do more with the same resources and focus on more strategic work.
- SAP-embedded solution leverages existing data and security and scales easily to meet the constantly changing needs of a global organization
- Digitized processes provides detailed audit information for finance and reporting
- Work with knowledgeable partners who can transform your finance automation vision into reality

# Where to Find More Information

- Overcoming Data Readiness Hurdles in SAP S/4HANA Finance Migration
  <a href="https://sapinsider.org/analyst-insights/insights-from-serralas-rob-jackson-on-overcoming-data-readiness-hurdles-in-sap-s4hana-finance-migration/">https://sapinsider.org/analyst-insights/insights-from-serralas-rob-jackson-on-overcoming-data-readiness-hurdles-in-sap-s4hana-finance-migration/</a>
- SAPinsider Automation in Finance Benchmark Report
   https://sapinsider.org/research-report/automation-in-finance-benchmark-research/
- Zoetis Optimizes Global AR Process SAPinsider Article https://sapinsider.org/case-studies/zoetis-partners-with-serrala-to-optimize-global-order-to-cash-process/
- Excellence in AR Automation Whitepaper: https://www.serrala.com/whitepaper/excellence-in-ar-automation
- On Demand Webinar: AP Automation in Insurance: Who Does what People or Robots?
   <a href="https://www.serrala.com/webinar/ap-automation-at-zurich-north-america">https://www.serrala.com/webinar/ap-automation-at-zurich-north-america</a>
- Whitepaper: Digital Transformation in AP <a href="https://www.serrala.com/whitepaper/digital-transformation-in-ap">https://www.serrala.com/whitepaper/digital-transformation-in-ap</a>

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