



CHEAT SHEET

7 Essential Steps for CFOs to Harness AI and Digital Transformation

Despite the immense potential, many CFOs find artificial intelligence (AI) complex and challenging to integrate into their financial operations. This cheat sheet provides seven essential steps to simplify the journey, providing practical steps and insights to help you leverage responsible AI practices for smarter financial management and strategic decision-making.

1 EVALUATE YOUR CURRENT DIGITAL MATURITY

Assess your current ERP solution:

- Does your current solution meet your organization's needs and ensure data privacy?
- Do you feel confident about the quality of your data and your company's overall data integrity?
- Is your ERP cloud-based for secure, remote access?
- Does your solution scale with your business, is it easy to customize (if needed) and does it easily integrate with your business applications?

2 IDENTIFY AREAS FOR AUTOMATION

Target low-hanging fruit such as:

- Manual processes
- Error-prone tasks
- Low-value activities

Look for solutions to automate data entry, workflows, and routine tasks.

3 LEVERAGE AI FOR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- Use AI for predictive analytics and data-driven insights.
- Automate financial reporting, risk management, and forecasting.
- Enhance accuracy, compliance, and security through AI-powered monitoring.

4 INTEGRATE MODERN BUSINESS TOOLS

Ensure your ERP includes transformative AI and BI tools:

- AI tools like Microsoft Copilot for content creation and productivity. Are the tools built-in and easy to use?
- BI tools like Microsoft Power BI for data visualization and reporting. Are you able to make better strategic decisions with access to the information you need? Are the tools easy-to-use without needing robust technical skills?

5 FOCUS ON BUSINESS OBJECTIVES

- Define clear objectives: customer experience, productivity, revenue growth, and employee satisfaction.
- Measure the value of these goals through responsible AI use cases aligned with your business strategy.

6 EMBRACE CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- Foster a culture of innovation and continuous learning.
- Prioritize agile and adaptable strategies for long-term success.

7 ENSURE RESPONSIBLE AND SECURE AI

- Review resources on responsible AI usage
- Implement principles for secure AI, ensuring end-to-end data protection.
- Establish governance and privacy controls for AI applications.

Harness the Power of AI and Digital Transformation

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