

Top 6 FP&A Trends for 2022

Finance teams can no longer rely on stagnant quarterly budgets and forecasts. Since the pandemic, organizations have been confronted with the harsh reality that the future is never certain. To stay agile, FP&A teams must be able to adapt quickly and plan for the unexpected.

By adopting a forward-thinking mindset, any finance function can prepare for the future and set their company up for success.

Transformation into a strategic business partner



One of the most impactful trends is that finance teams are transforming from number crunchers to strategic decision influencers. In fact, **71%** of finance teams now feel that they provide a high level of strategic value to their organization.*

Creating more time for value-added analysis



Through data automation and consolidation, finance teams can spend more time generating insights to drive more strategic actions. By establishing a unified data source, teams can conduct more in-depth analysis to support tactical decision-making.

Prioritization of xP&A



Extended planning and analysis, often referred to as xP&A, is an extension of FP&A that spans across an entire organization. By collaborating with other departments, finance teams can be more strategic when conducting headcount planning, sales planning, and operational planning initiatives.

Improvement in data accuracy and availability



67% of organizations base all their decisions on data.* Previously, manual data entry led to human-prone errors. With the help of data automation tools, finance teams can now access real-time data, completely removing the risk of errors from copying and pasting.

Utilizing artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML)



Traditionally, finance teams were slow to modernize their processes compared to other functions. Nowadays finance teams can leverage artificial intelligence and machine learning to automate manual data processes, reveal business drivers, and prepare for the future.

A strategic shift towards scenario planning



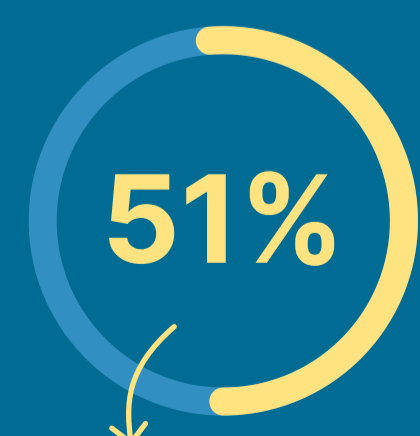
Scenario planning allows a company to evaluate risks and opportunities by testing out different scenarios and predicting the possible outcomes. With the help of scenario planning, organizations are better able to adapt to industry changes and stay one step ahead of their competitors.

Embracing a Future of Automation

Only **7%** of companies are happy with their current tech stack.* It has become evident that equipping a finance team with the right resources is the only way they will be able to adapt to this modern landscape.

If you are looking to introduce a strategic finance solution into your current processes, Abacum may be the perfect solution for you. **Book a consultation** with one of our specialists to find out more on how we can help!

*Source: FP&A Trends report, 2022



*of finance teams are using scenario analysis**