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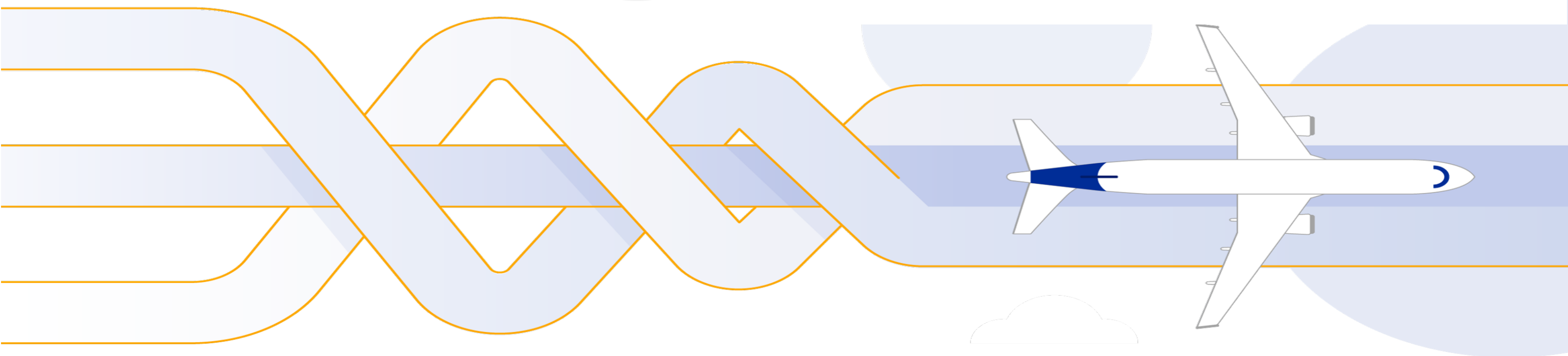
GenAI and Airline Finance Transformation



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IBM has been co-innovating with 150+ airlines over 70 years...



...Co-designing historic and transformational innovations



Created the first reservation system and ticketing solution for AA/Sabre



Launched airlines online and mobile customer experience and channels. Later launched digital experience for frontline workers

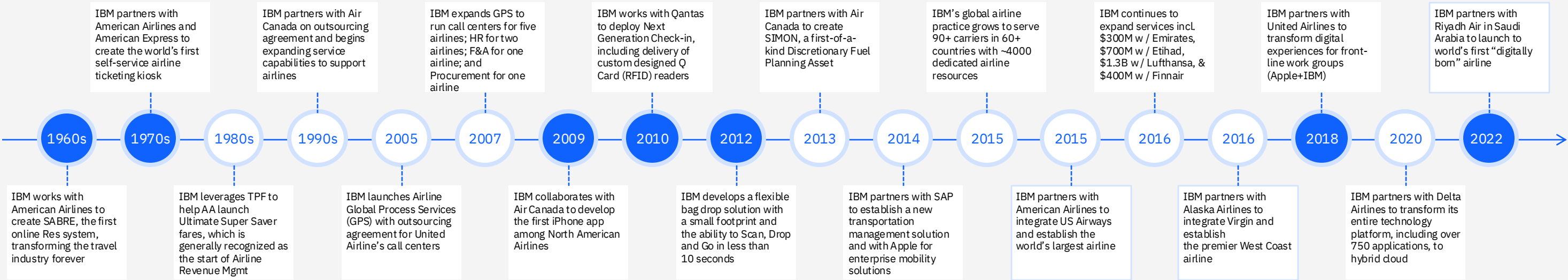


Created the first check-in systems, kiosks and later flexible bag drops, helping define IATA standards



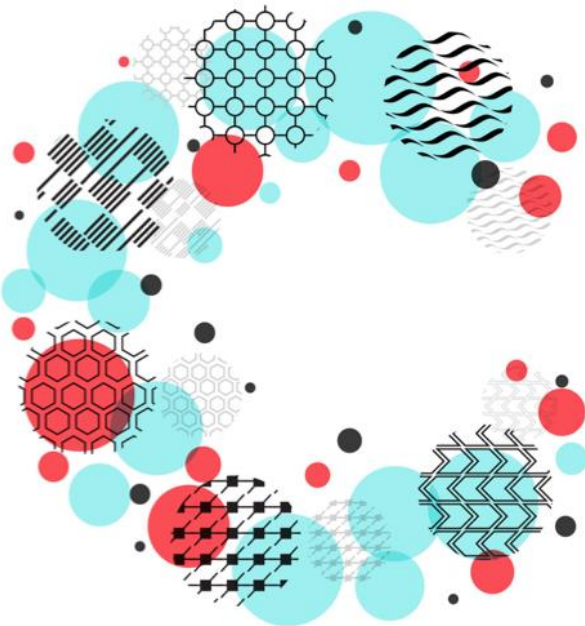
Creating the world's first "digital first" airline integrating more than 60 applications and more than 50 vendors

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“The role of the CFO has migrated from a more traditional financial perspective to one with a really strong understanding of the business and a repository for insights.”

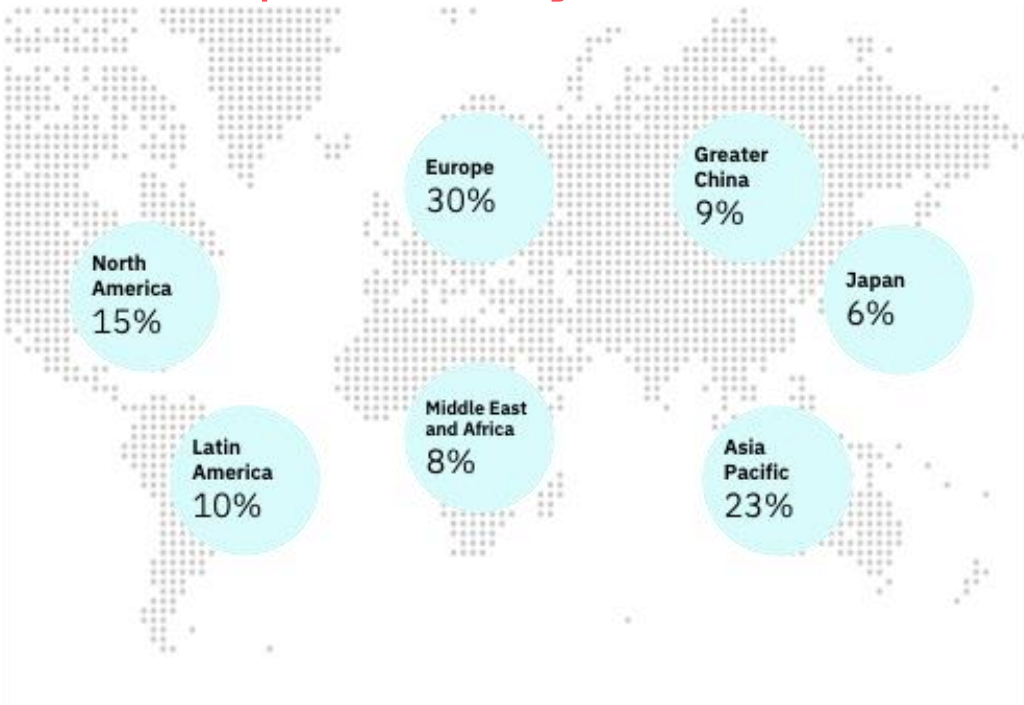
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IBM Institute for
Business Value

6 power moves CFOs must make

Tackling hard truths in the generative AI era



The 2024 CFO study draws on input from:

2,000
Chief
Financial
Officers

26
industries

30+
locations



It's the generative AI era. Will your organization disrupt—or be disrupted? It depends on how your organization reacts today and prepares for tomorrow

62%

of CEOs say they must *rewrite* their *organizational playbook*

and

72%

of top CEOs say competitive advantage depends on who has the *most advanced generative AI*

Source: The 2024 CEO Study EP6.2: To win in the future, my organization will need to rewrite our playbook.; E22.1: Extent of agreement with the following statements about generative AI - competitive advantage depends on who has the most advanced generative AI. Figure reflects responses of “agree” and “strongly agree.”

AI's potential in finance is largely untapped. To safely adopt AI in all its forms, CFOs must create a strong foundation of simplified data access, integration, and evaluation

Only

34%

of CFOs say their finance organization is *operating or optimizing traditional AI*

and only

38%

of CFOs say that they have put in place an *enterprise data owner*

Source: IBM Institute for Business Value Generative AI Survey 2024. Unpublished data from 125 CFOs; F29.11: To what extent has your organization implemented the following to build a data-driven culture? Enterprise data owner. Figure reflects responses of "to a large extent" and "to a very large extent."

Leading CFOs drive their organization's growth by excelling at four critical capabilities and characteristics

A sharp focus on a strategic future

Articulate vision and strategy to optimize long-term investment value. Not only control and manage risk, but also finesse it with financial effectiveness.

An adeptness at strategy execution

Translate decisions into financially astute actions—as well as embrace cloud-based enterprise performance management.

An agile responsiveness to changing market conditions or new opportunities

Make decisions with more speed and financial effectiveness than their competitors. Enable better, faster decisions across their enterprises.

A keen eye for technology that drives competitive advantage

Connect tech investments to quantifiable business outcomes. Create cross-functional teams to forecast and allocate technology costs and manage tech budgets.

IBM: Global leader in Large Industry Finance Transformations



Large
UK Airline



6500
SAP transformations across all industries

2019
Integrated Delivery partner of the year

140+
S/4HANA Projects in Progress

#1
IBM is the largest SAP learning hub user

4,043
Airline projects (all services)

2018
N.A. Industry Services Partner Excellence Award

285+
SAP S/4HANA Go-Lives to-date

38 000+
Global SAP consultants

5,000+
Employees with sector experience world-wide

2017
N.A. SAP S/4HANA Value Assurance Partner

550+
HANA Impact Assessments Completed

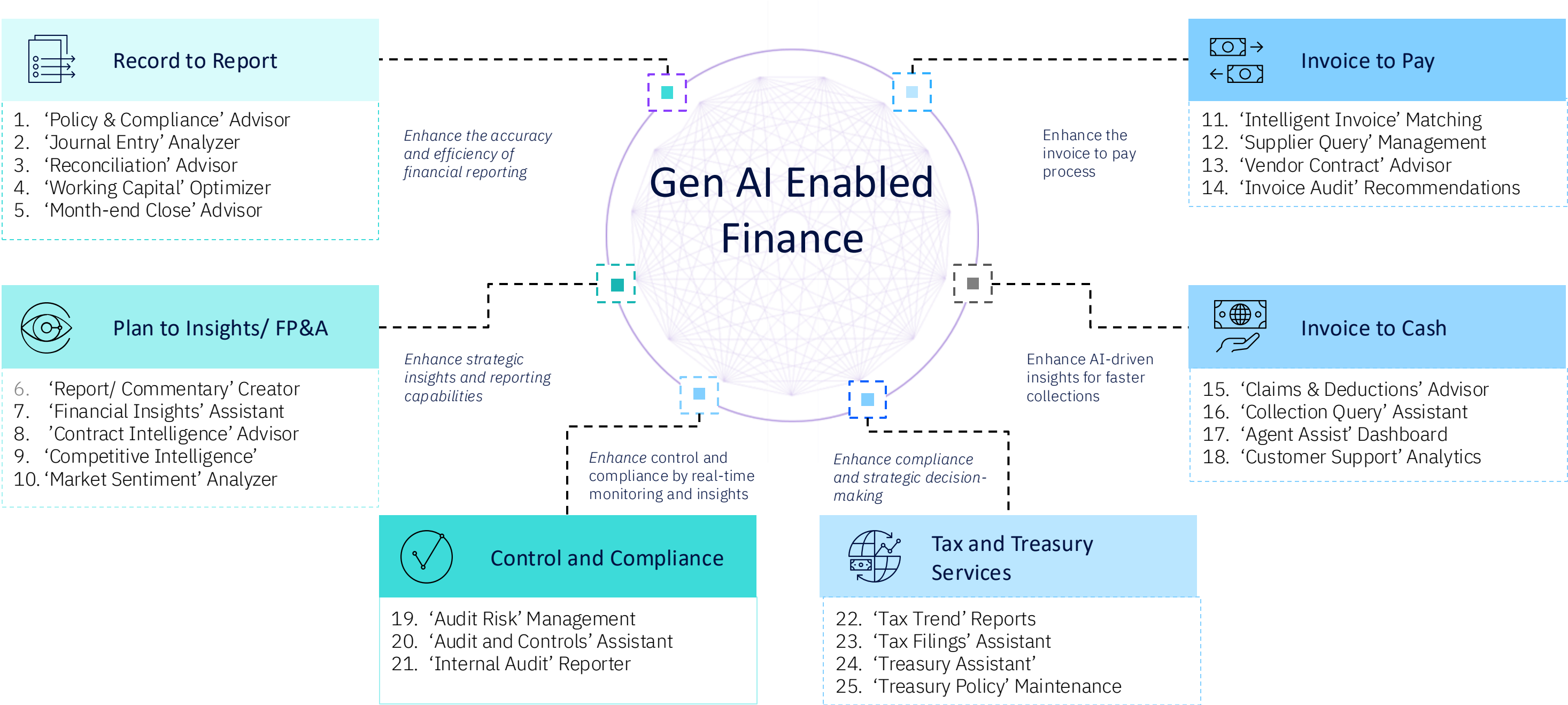
21 000+
Consultants trained in SAP S/4HANA

Airline Finance Transformation Essentials Moving from Reactive to Proactive

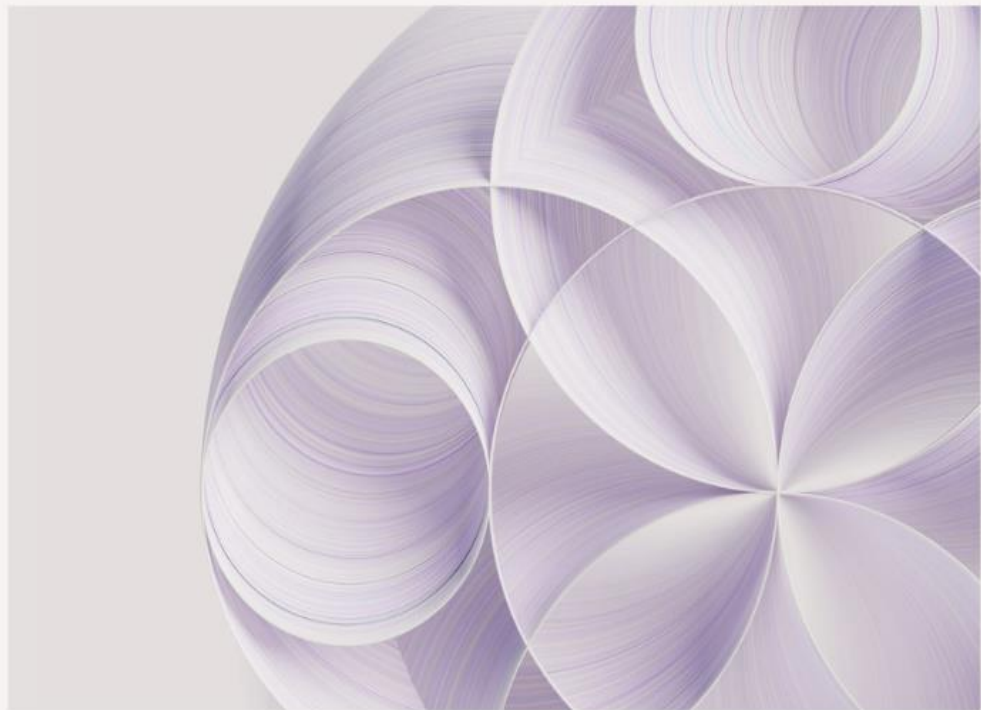


DIGITIZED AND AUTOMATED BUSINESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Growth opportunity via digitalization• Automation of repetitive finance processes• Centralized, harmonized and monetized data
IMPROVED MARGIN & REDUCED COSTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identified deficient processes & cost optimization via standardization / shared services• Optimized operating and SG&A costs via digitalization• Identified performing and non-profitable areas
IMPROVED EMPLOYEE EXPERIENCE AND SATISFACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved finance workforce productivity and satisfaction• Improved employee engagement and retention by focusing on experience• A flexible and agile organisation that can respond to a fast-changing environment
IMPROVED RISK MANAGEMENT AND CONTROLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved compliance and control• Navigated market volatility & reduced cost of capital• Disruption mitigated due to corporate risks
STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL INSIGHTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One single version of the truth• Data standards established with clear ownership and solid governance• A strategic outlook by unlocking the value of AI and data analytics• Use of predictive and real-time planning based attuned to a changing market and environment
IMPROVED ASSET UTILIZATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optimized working capital management• Lower / Zero Inventory• Maximized Return on Assets (RoA)

Top Finance use cases demonstrating the power of Gen AI, augmenting traditional AI, driving efficiency and productivity improvement in the finance workflows



Expanding the Impact: Generative AI for Travel & Transport Industry – 2024 Report




The generative AI opportunity for Travel and Transportation





HR Talent management

In production



Request for Quote data cleansing & transformation



Text-to-SQL and synthetic data generation

Automation leveraging watsonx services LLM capabilities



SafeGPT & Knowledge Search

American Airlines

Flight operations information retrieval using GenAI



Watsonx Assistant to improve the user experience

UNITED AIRLINES

Allowable Parts



Marketing Campaign Generation

>35% early adopters of generative AI technologies are realizing operational cost savings of up to 20%–50% in selected areas.

>94% of all employee-HR interactions in IBM are now carried out without human intervention using AskHR conversational AI-based experience.



Airline Finance Transformation: Lessons Learned



SENIOR SPONSORSHIP

People will be nervous
Risk of attrition for both retained and non-retained at the wrong time
Strong Executive leadership alignment, steering & commitment to execute the continuous transformation vision



CRITICAL ALIGNMENT

Due to the complexity and sensitivity of the change, communication, and key transformation activities must run with precision
Missteps in communication and certain activities can cause trust and confidence to erode and spark fear



WIIFM?

What's In It For Me!?
Need a value proposition that resonates with your people
Personalize the value proposition, engage them along the way and tailor the benefits to how they will work in the future



STANDARDIZATION

Standardization of processes and ways of working is a culture shift
Communicate and engage early and often with impacted employees to build the new culture together



RESKILLING / UPSKILLING

People will be anxious to understand the training and support they will receive
Be ready with personalized talent development plans, near term and long term



LOCALIZE

Localize change approach to suit local cultures and needs
One size does not fit all
There may be the need to localize change programs based on feedback from change agents and HR requirements



SUPPORT MODEL

Ensure the structure, people and other resources are in place to support the retained organization post go-live
Everyone needs to know what is in place to support them and who they can turn to



CONTINUED JOURNEY

The transformation will not end with the current transition Opportunities for additional efficiencies are expected to be realized going forward
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Thank You

