



The Future-Ready CFO: From Finance-as-a-Service to a Full Digital Finance Ecosystem

Webcast Summary

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The mandate for today's Chief Financial Officer has fundamentally shifted. No longer confined to historical reporting and cost containment, modern CFOs are expected to be strategic visionaries who drive enterprise growth through predictive, real-time insights. However, the reality of siloed legacy systems, fragmented data, and labor-intensive manual processes often leaves finance teams trapped in the weeds of operational execution. As the market rapidly moves away from traditional, task-based outsourcing, the pressure is on to build a finance function that is not just highly efficient, but fiercely intelligent and deeply integrated into the business fabric.

In this webcast, KPMG leaders reveal how leading organizations are bridging this gap by transitioning to a fully realized digital finance ecosystem. The following summary unpacks actionable strategies for leveraging Finance-as-a-Service (FaaS) and advanced AI to automate a significant portion of manual tasks, accelerate speed-to-value, and reduce operational costs. Read on to discover how adopting a pre-configured, scalable technology platform can empower your team to leave manual processing behind and transform your finance department into a true engine of strategic value.



Panelists discussed the following topics

The Evolving CFO Mandate

CFOs face increasing pressure to provide real-time, predictive insights and act as strategic partners. To achieve this, the market is shifting away from traditional outsourcing toward AI-driven models that overcome legacy systems and support high-quality outcomes.

Finance-as-a-Service (FaaS)

Unlike traditional volume-based outsourcing, FaaS is an outcome-based model led by technology. By embedding AI into everyday processes like Accounts Payable, organizations can automate a significant portion of manual tasks, drastically improving both efficiency and accuracy.

KPMG Digital Finance

This fully managed, pre-configured solution gives mid-market companies an affordable alternative to traditional, complex ERP implementations. Key benefits include rapid deployment, significant cost savings, and continuous access to the latest AI capabilities.

The Integration of AI in Finance

AI is transforming the entire finance lifecycle, from automated invoice processing to advanced financial planning and analysis (FP&A). Successfully leveraging this technology requires trusted, high-quality data to power a future workforce that blends human and digital capabilities.



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The webcast highlights a critical shift in modern finance from traditional, task-based outsourcing to an integrated, technology-driven ecosystem. By adopting outcome-based models like Finance-as-a-Service (FaaS) and leveraging comprehensive solutions such as KPMG Digital Finance, organizations can harness the power of AI and automation to overcome siloed systems and manual processes. This transformation not only streamlines operations and reduces costs but also elevates the CFO and the broader finance function into strategic business partners capable of delivering real-time, predictive insights.

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