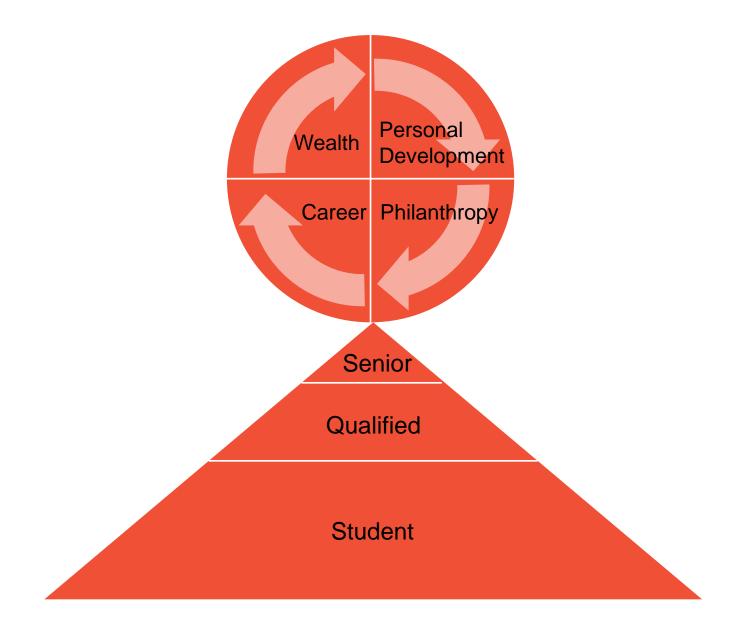


The Transformational CFO From Core Finance to Corporate Strategy

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The Changing Role of the CFO



CFO of the Future

- Owner of the truth
- More engaged with the business
- More focus on value creation than compliance
- Deeper understanding of the "extended enterprise"
- Provides insight not numbers
- Quasi COO

Traditional skills

are still very important to

support the future role

Soft Skills

- "Face of finance"
- "Sage advisor"

CFO's Customers
Closer relationship with CEO

 Society demanding more ethical and sustainable business behaviour

Traditional CFO

- Isolated, introverted
- Provides timely accurate numbers
- Focused on risk management and financial control
- Compliance Officer
- "Beancounter"
- "Naysayer"

SKILLS GAP

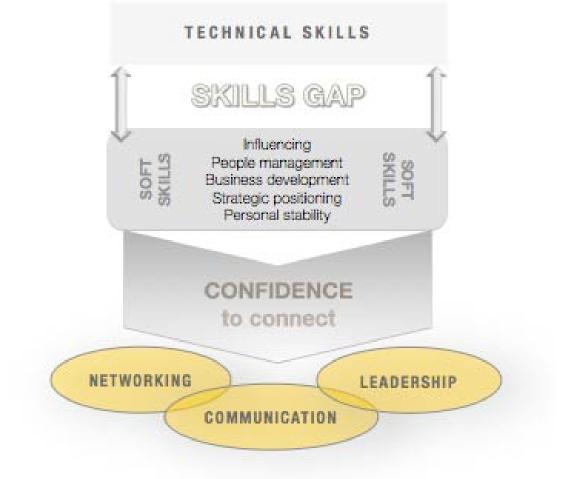
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Leadership

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The New CFO Skillset



CFO's Customers and Career

- A modern CFO must have the confidence to connect, which means making an effort to develop strong networking, communication and leadership skills.
- To effectively manage your key relationships or customers, it's also critical for CFOs to understand their own internal drivers and take control of their career management.
- A lot of our feedback from CFOs and CEOs alike suggested that the ideal relationship between a CFO and a CEO should be one of partnership rather than subordination.
- It was clear that the Board of Directors is the most important customer to the CFO, due to the Board's increasing involvement in not only determining the style of CFO required but also selecting the individual.

CFO Task Audit

COMFORT ZONE

Tasks I like to do and am good at.

80%

GROWTH ZONE

Tasks I like to do, but am not good at.

10 – 15%

DANGER ZONE

Tasks I don't like, but am good at.

10 - 15%

NO-GO ZONE

Tasks I don't like and am not good at.

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The complete finance professional 2013

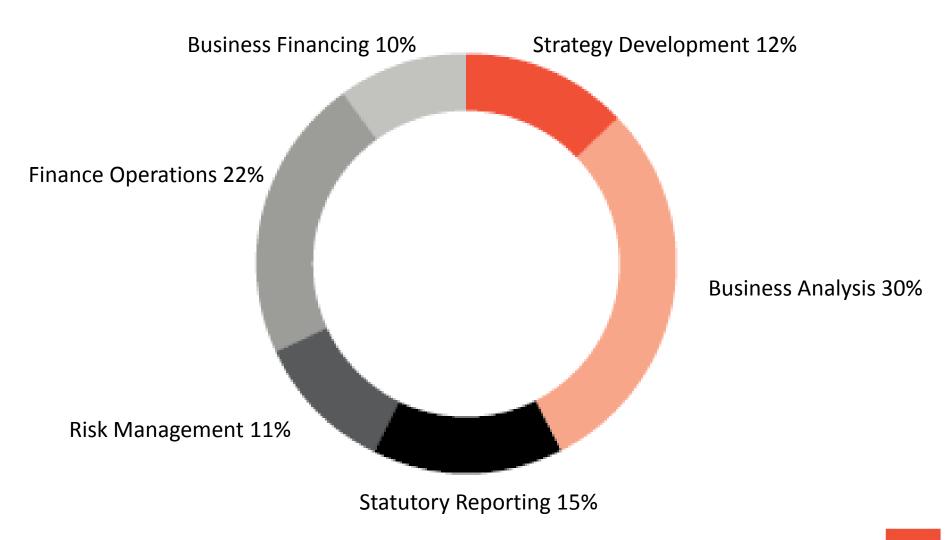
Why breadth and depth of finance capability matter in today's finance function



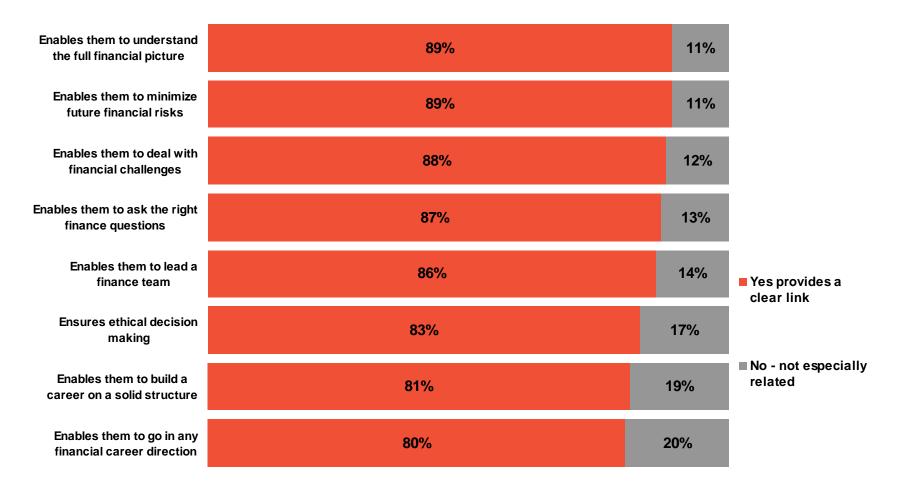
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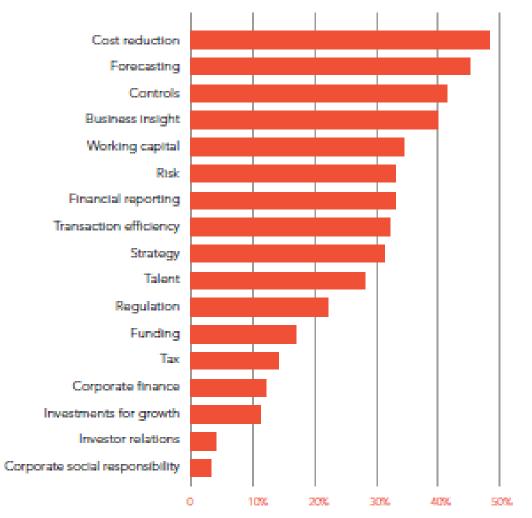
How finance leaders apportion their time across finance activities



Link Between Levels of Understanding of Finance Areas and Business Skills

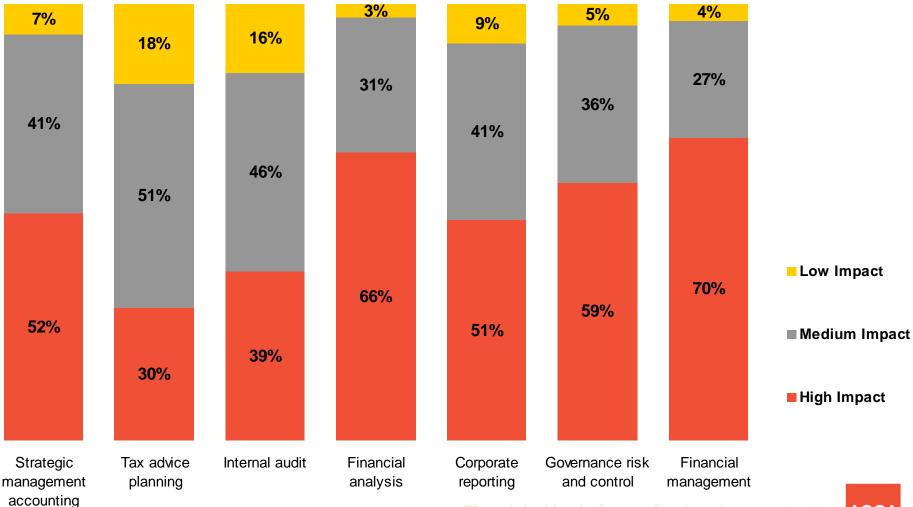


The current priorities of the finance function



% of respondents indicating the area as an important priority

Impact of Key Financial Areas on Delivering Overall Strategic Business Direction



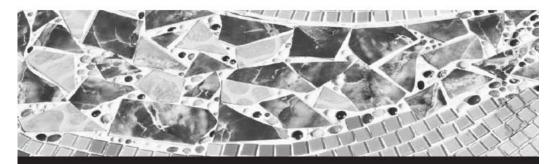
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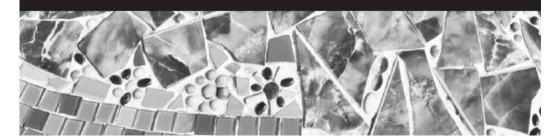
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The changing role of the CFO



Volatility

Transformation

Growth

New role for finance

"The level of compliance we need to deal with is a killer" Moscow CFO Roundtable



Globalisation.

"Serving global clients...brings a much greater level of complexity" Moscow CFO Roundtable

Technology.

"We need to be able to rely on data to get out of it insights to take our conversations to the next level, especially in a global and competitive environment" Shanghai CFO Roundtable



Risk.

"The risks are now on a much much higher level" Zurich CFO Roundtable

Transformation.

"In any outsourcing or shared service arrangement, you need to think very carefully about the risk you are bringing in. If you do it right, however, you can drive the efficiency" Zurich CFO Roundtable "Now we speak with a lot of different stakeholders and you need to make sure you speak the same language as they do" Zurich CFO Roundtable

6. Stakeholder

"The first thing you learn as a CFO is that there is always something to do. The hardest part is choosing what you are not going to do" Moscow CFO Roundtable

Strategy.

Reporting.

"With additional reporting requirements there must be a balance struck between doing the right thing from a CSR perspective whilst not overloading business with compliance" New York CFO Roundtable "Instead of just promoting up we are really trying to promote people laterally so that they get the breadth of experience they will need" New York CFO Roundtable

Talent.

Thanks.

