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The Simple Route to Next-Generation Finance

Capitalize on Central Finance Innovations Without Disruption

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The **Next Generation** of Finance Has Arrived

Just like the rest of the business world, finance is experiencing a major digital transformation. Finance and IT have never been so closely related.

Technological advances present huge opportunities, such as real-time reporting and forecasting, that enable finance departments to broaden their responsibilities and adapt their way of working. As a finance professional, you now have the chance to embrace a more influential role.

But at the same time, there are new challenges. As your enterprise grows, so will the complexity of your IT landscape. You have to gather numbers and data from numerous disparate systems. And with different underlying business models and multiple versions of

the truth, you will have to contend with duplicated or conflicting data. In today's fast-paced environment, how do you overcome these obstacles as quickly as possible and step up into your new role?

The first step is to achieve greater **efficiency and automation** in accounting, compliance, reporting, and transaction processes. This not only saves time for higher-value activities but also helps to reduce errors. It is also crucial to establish a **single source of truth** by unifying financial and performance data. A comprehensive collection of real-time data provides the foundation for better-quality analyses and forecasts. **SAP S/4HANA® Finance** is a solution that will enable you to do just that.



Adopt Finance Innovations Without Disruption

Implementing any new enterprise system is a significant initiative with numerous parties and often competing interests involved.

Take your **CEO**, for instance. He wants the business to reach its full potential and meet shareholder expectations. This means mastering the challenges, taking advantage of all new opportunities, and ensuring maximum productivity. To him, SAP S/4HANA Finance makes sense on paper. However, IT and business transformation projects challenge productivity, and the CEO cannot be sure that the new solution will not have an impact on business continuity.

Or what about your company's **CFO**? She is responsible for both the financial reporting and compliance

requirements. But her role also has evolved, giving her a strategic leadership mandate across the enterprise. She recognizes that a transformation of her finance organization that provides real-time analysis and a higher level of automation would make her department's job more valuable in the long run. From her point of view, the transition to new technology is a no-brainer. But how does she build a business case?

Finally there is the **CIO**. He understands the technology better than anyone else and knows that change is inevitable. At the same time, one of his top priorities is to ensure IT systems stay available, 24x7. He needs to run IT operations as cost-efficiently as possible and keep disruption at an absolute minimum.



With **SAP S/4HANA for central finance** (hereafter simply referred to as the central finance capability) there is now a deployment option for SAP S/4HANA Finance that aims to accelerate implementation without compromising productivity and disrupting the business.

Additionally, the solution extensions from Magnitude offered by SAP help reduce time, effort, and complexity inherent in integrating many source systems in central finance. You can interface transactions at a detail level and deploy shared services and central payments

without disruption, now or in the future. Stay on time and on budget while delivering the value of central finance.

It is an ideal choice for enterprises that:

- Want to **quickly benefit** from SAP S/4HANA innovations
- **Are not ready for another big-bang** ERP upgrade or to start fresh with a “greenfield” implementation
- Have **multiple SAP and third-party systems** and urgently need to harmonize and scale



The central finance capability lays the foundations for a new generation of solutions for the digital age.

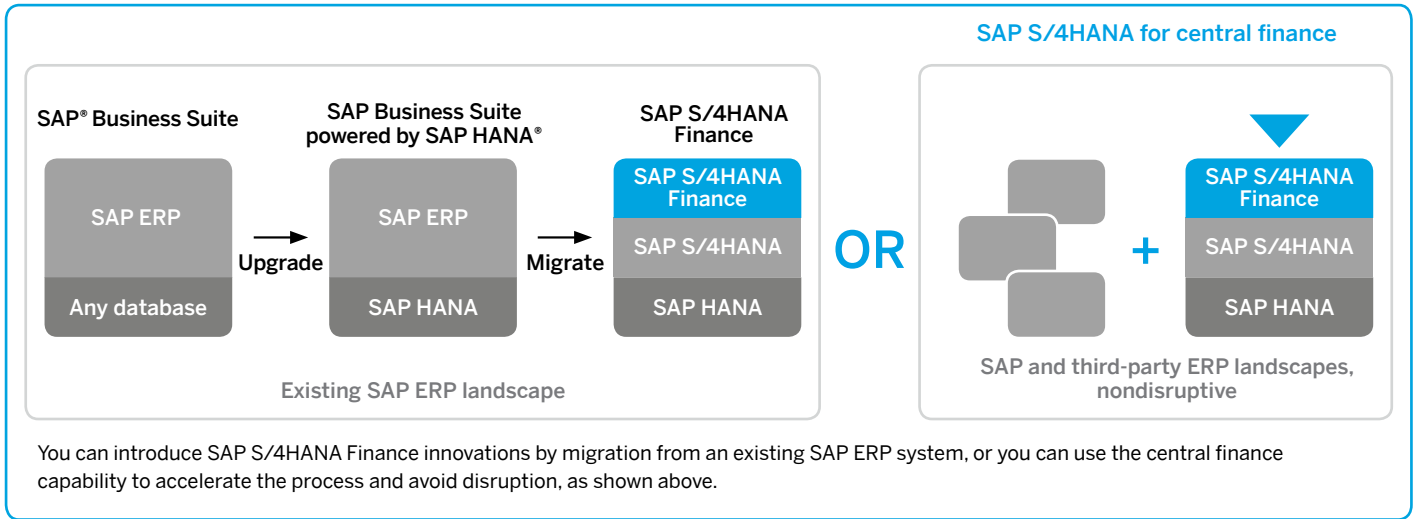


Figure: A Clear Shortcut to Innovation



Implement SAP S/4HANA Finance Innovations — The Quick and Nondisruptive Way

So what makes the central finance capability the non-disruptive path to SAP S/4HANA Finance? Central finance is typically deployed as a “sidecar” to facilitate and accelerate the transition path. But it can also run on an SAP S/4HANA instance. Financial transactions from SAP and third-party ERP systems are replicated onto a single instance of the SAP S/4HANA for central finance based on SAP S/4HANA Finance in real time, without impacting the ERP source systems. The implementation takes a fraction of the time and resources required for a typical ERP implementation and can be rolled out iteratively based on your enterprise’s needs.

The central finance capability consolidates transaction recording, reporting, planning, and consolidation onto a single instance. This forms the basis for a smooth migration to SAP S/4HANA Finance. While you still may

want to upgrade your source systems at some point, central finance offers you an accelerated path to finance transformation. You can start using the innovations in as little as three to six months.

Many areas of finance stand to benefit: For example, strategic finance gains advanced modeling and simulation capabilities with significantly less complexity. Accounts payable and accounts receivable processes are also dramatically simplified. Furthermore, a common and universal chart of accounts and a dynamic reporting structure eliminate the time-consuming task of gathering and preparing data for analysis. And when your business is ready to make the full transition to SAP S/4HANA Finance, you will find the consolidation process much easier, thanks to the central finance capability’s harmonization.



Summary of Benefits of SAP S/4HANA for Central Finance

Business:

- Stay agile and innovative, with little disruption to business
- Gain a competitive advantage with an accelerated path to finance and digital transformation
- Save time and cost with fewer resources required
- Shorten time to value compared to a full-scale upgrade

Finance:

- Create a single source of truth for planning and reporting
- Profit from real-time reporting, advanced analytics, and reliable forecasting
- Eliminate many traditional, inefficient reconciliation needs
- Step up into a more influential role with more time to deliver analytical and strategic insights to the business
- Enable a real-time soft close

IT:

- Consolidate existing SAP and third-party ERP systems without needing to retire them
- Adopt new innovations and adapt to changing circumstances more quickly and flexibly
- Roll out new capabilities incrementally according to actual needs
- Avoid disruption to running systems thanks to real-time data replication
- Gain immediate insight into connected systems



Take the First Step Toward **Finance Transformation**

With business models and processes changing so quickly, there is always the risk that the disruption and effort that come with implementation may take a long time to pay off – or not pay off at all.

SAP S/4HANA for central finance and the solution extensions from Magnitude offered by SAP directly address these issues by accelerating implementation, eliminating disruption to existing systems, and giving you the flexibility to roll out new capabilities as and when you need them. And all of that comes at a fraction of the cost and effort involved with the conventional route to SAP S/4HANA.

So if your enterprise is not yet ready for a full-scale SAP S/4HANA upgrade, the central finance capability provides the answer that you have been looking for. In a nutshell, it offers a transformation platform for the digital enterprise, giving you the key to capitalize on SAP S/4HANA Finance innovations – quickly and with little disruption.

Learn more

To find out more about SAP S/4HANA for central finance and how it can help your business move ahead, visit us [online](#).

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