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Autonomous Finance: Building Resilient, AI-Driven and Value-Centric Enterprises

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Senior Director



Lead finance with insights and innovation

Autonomous finance is not a destination. It is a discipline and CFOs must lead the way.

CFOs face mounting pressure to deliver a more autonomous finance function, but this future must be intentionally designed, funded and made accountable for results. In 2026, CFOs must adopt and scale AI and automation beyond pilots, integrate and clean data sources, upskill teams and drive cost efficiencies.

The **Gartner Finance Symposium/Xpo™ 2026 conference** agenda explores how to build a finance organization where insights drive faster decisions, automation streamlines processes and finance teams engage with the business. CFOs and finance executives can learn to assess AI's real impact, streamline operations, navigate growth amid volatility and foster a culture focused on innovation and high-impact work.



Gain insight you can trust.

The only finance conference shaped by data-driven insights and over 15,000 annual conversations between Gartner experts and the finance community.



Strengthen your network.

Join a large and diverse group of CFOs and finance executives at a conference that prioritizes meaningful interactions and powerful connections.



Validate your strategy.

Our global team of 19 on-site experts helps you create and validate your game plan using actionable insights based on our proprietary research and tools.



Connect with your peers.

- Engage with Gartner experts in one-on-one meetings and Ask the Expert sessions to get tailored guidance on your most pressing challenges.
- Attend interactive sessions, including workshops and roundtables, to discuss challenges and priorities with peers in a group setting.
- Gain access to solution providers at the forefront of technology, all in one place.
- Across two days, you make lasting connections with hundreds of finance peers across industries and grow your network.

What's new for 2026

- **Priority-based tracks:** New tracks offering a strategic perspective on CFO priorities on leadership, enterprise financial strategy, technology innovation and operational excellence — plus, spotlights for key finance leadership roles
- **Expanded CFO Circle Program:** Exclusive sessions for eligible CFOs, including CFO roundtables, lunches with guest speakers, and executive peer networking opportunities you won't find anywhere else.
- **Increased peer networking:** More opportunities for CFOs and finance executives to connect and collaborate, including the all-new Speed Business Networking.
- **Contract Negotiation Clinics:** Participate in dynamic, hands-on sessions, offering a robust negotiation playbook for CFOs and their teams when preparing for vendor negotiations.
- **CFO Executive Stories:** Hear firsthand from leading CFOs as they share the innovative approaches and strategic decisions that have shaped their organizations' success.

- **Brand-new insights:** Revealed at the conference, equipping CFOs with critical insights on the AI readiness, future finance workforce, emerging risks, scenario planning and more.
- **Government Program:** Benefit from a tailored program designed specifically for public-sector finance leaders, delivering relevant insights for federal, state, local and nonprofit organizations.

Who should attend

The conference is designed to address the top priorities of the organization's chief finance officer and their direct reports.

- CFO
- Business unit CFO
- SVP/VP, finance
- Chief accounting officer
- Corporate controller
- VP, finance transformation
- Head of financial planning and analysis
- Your finance team



Keynotes

Gartner keynote



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Finance at the Forefront: Leading the AI-First Enterprise

As organizations navigate the evolving landscape of artificial intelligence, many early initiatives have fallen short of expectations. Yet, a select group of companies is unlocking extraordinary value from their AI investments. In this keynote at Gartner Finance Symposium/Xpo 2026, discover the strategies and mindsets that set these leaders apart. Learn how CFOs are becoming architects of AI-driven transformation — driving innovation, efficiency, and competitive advantage in the AI-first enterprise. Join us to explore actionable insights and the pivotal role finance will play in shaping the future of business.

Plan your experience

Sessions as of 17 October 2025, and subject to change

Agenda tracks

A

Leadership Influence: Leading With Conviction, Speed and Influence

CFOs must be the decisive voice in the room or they're not in the room. This track sharpens the CFO's edge on enterprise leadership, board engagement, time discipline and influence across the C-suite. We'll tackle how to lead through ambiguity, assert strategy in a fog of data and drive action, not just insights.

B

Enterprise Financial Strategy: Navigating Volatility, Seizing Growth

The macro may stay uncertain, but your capital strategy can't. This track centers on how CFOs reallocate capital, structure flexible partnerships, fund innovation under pressure and stay agile in the face of geopolitical, supply chain and policy risk.

Hot topics

- Board, investor and stakeholder comms
- Change management
- Leadership effectiveness
- Finance talent strategy and management

- Cost optimization
- Growth planning and capital budgeting
- Metrics, reporting and storytelling
- Enterprise AI

Plan your experience (continued)

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C

Technology and Innovation: AI, Automation and ROI — No More Pilots, Only Payoffs

By 2026, boards won't tolerate AI theater. This track moves CFOs past experimentation to results: where to double down, where to pull back and how to scale AI with measurable value. We'll break down AI ROI, tech stack integration, ERP transitions and what it really takes to win the talent and technology race.

- AI in finance
- Finance technology solutions and deployment
- Finance technology and transformation strategy
- ERP finance
- Finance D&A

D

Finance Operational Excellence: Building Lean, Scalable, Digital Finance

CFOs need a finance function that runs lighter, moves faster and delivers sharper insights. This track is about future-ready operating models, talent with digital fluency and transformation that sticks. From ERP vendors to shared services to cloud controls, we'll cut through complexity and get to what works.

- Accounting and transactional processes and technologies
- Financial planning
- Finance function strategy and org design
- Finance talent strategy and management

Spotlight tracks

Corporate Controller Spotlight: Modern Controlling With Less Risk, Less Headcount

Controllers are under pressure to run leaner, faster and cleaner books, without compromising oversight or introducing new risks. This track focuses on the core of financial controlling: close and consolidation, account reconciliation, compliance and reporting.

We'll explore how AI and automation are being deployed to reduce manual effort, shrink cycle times and cut headcount risk while strengthening controls. Learn how to modernize accounting operations and own the future of financial governance.

FP&A Spotlight: From Planning to Provoking Action

Traditional planning is obsolete. This track is for FP&A leaders who want to drive business performance, not just report on it. Learn to own scenario planning, build rolling forecasts that flex with reality and create dashboards that drive decisions.

Finance Transformation Leader Spotlight: Make Change Stick

Transformation isn't a phase; it's a permanent skill set. This track delivers battle-tested strategies for leading cross-functional finance transformation, aligning to enterprise priorities and delivering ROI from ERP, automation and cloud investments.



“I had high expectations for this conference and Gartner surpassed all of them. The speakers were next level, the topics were excellent and the information was of high value.”

Sandra Trevino, CFO, TCA Software Solutions

Interact with experts



Gartner one-on-one meeting*

Complimentary consulting with one Gartner expert of your choice.



Roundtables*

Moderated by Gartner experts for exchanging ideas and best practices with your peers.



Workshops*

Small-scale and interactive — drill down on specific topics with a how-to focus.



CFO Circle Program*

The CFO Circle Program offers a curated experience intended for an organization's senior-most finance leader. Gain access to interactive networking and professional development sessions alongside a vetted peer group.



Contract Negotiation Clinics*

Offering a robust negotiation playbook for CFOs and their teams when preparing for technology vendor negotiations.

Network with peers



End-user case studies

Learn about recent implementations firsthand, with an opportunity for Q&A with the CFO and finance executives leading the initiative.



Finance Xpo receptions and special events



Peer Meetups

Opportunities for CFOs and finance executives to connect and collaborate.



Speed Business Networking

Network and connect in a lively, fast-paced session, sharing your experiences, goals, and challenges.

Finance Xpo

Use this interactive environment to gain insights from subject matter experts, explore new products and services and engage in peer-to-peer exchanges.

Meet Solution Providers

Test-drive solutions and tackle immediate and long-term issues with the help of leading tech providers.

*Space is limited and preregistration is required.

Finance Xpo

Premier



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Exhibitor list as of 17 October 2025, and subject to change

Registration and pricing

Early-bird discount

Save \$700 on the standard rate when you register by 23 January.

Early-bird price: **AU\$4,175 + GST**

Standard price: **AU\$4,875 + GST**

Public-sector price: **AU\$4,075 + GST**

Group Rate Discount

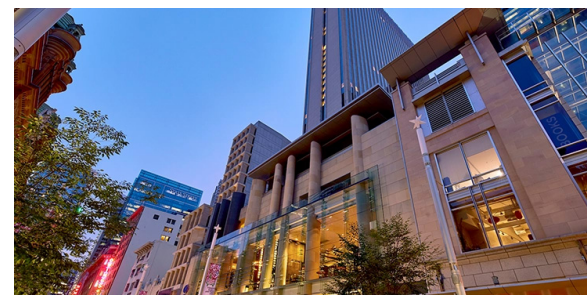
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