

# ... More tan 15 years learning from finance transformations

# FP&A VS. CONTROLLING MANAGEMENT

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• WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU....



# QUESTIONNING WHY....



Wondering why I had been quite always involved in transformations, I came to the conclusion that there is a simple reason for starting with a finance transformation in companies:

> It's all about supporting the business and driving performance

### WHAT DO I TRUST.....



- ➤ Within the CFO's organization, the **responsibility** for tracking, assessing and reporting corporate performance falls to the Financial Planning and Analysis -FP&A area
- ➤ We are **specialized** in analyzing and planning for the future, wearing multiple hats and identifying various improvement strategies
- ➤ A valued FP&A specialist is someone who has the ability to engage with and influence the full breadth of top management not just CFO ensuring they have the necessary information



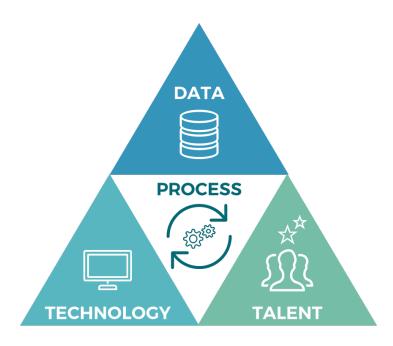
# THEN, WHAT ABOUT OUR ROLE ....

- First of all, no doubt that the role of an FP&A professional is largely a new and evolving role
- > FP&A leaders are considered and expected to be the Finance "ambassadors" to Business Leaders.
- Embedded across the business, we are a crucial part of decision making in areas: planning, making resourcing decisions, measuring success, approving investments, and much more.
- > FP&A moves beyond the traditional budgeting process to link strategic and operational planning.
- > We play a **critical role** in the organization and with our business partners as we are the primary driver for financial planning, forecasting, reporting, and business analysis,.
- An optimized FP&A team, with the lead of executive leadership, has close ties with Accounting and Operations and applies its expertise to facilitate a collaborative business environment.





# FUNCTIONAL KEY SUCCESS FACTORS....



- Promote the opportunity for transforming finance department to a business partner
- Enhance the company agility to make effective managerial decisions in ever-changing environment
- Get a new and refreshing look at Performance Management to achieve the full potential of your company
- Optimize the service delivery platform to maintain competitive advantage and become a requested agent
- Implement cost optimization approaches while retaining value added functions within Finance Performance Management
- Learn to use the benefits of integrated business planning and cope with its challenges
- Embrace real-time analytics and intelligence for delivering smarter business decisions
- Explore new agile technologies that can make finance transformation an achievable reality
- Support the change management program
- Turn the human factor into added value in financial management
- Gain the effectiveness through "internal potential" of people by building highly-skilled and motivated professionals



## WHAT HAS CHANGED FOR ME DURING THIS PROCESS?

#### CONTROL MANAGEMENT EXPECTATIONS...



#### FP&A ORIENTATION...





Analyze the WHAT



Analyze the PAST



MANAGE the numbers



Work the **DETAILS** 



Perform for FINANCE



**Driven by COMPLIANCE** 



**Based on FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 



Working IN-HOUSE



Analyze the WHY



Focus on the FUTURE



**GRASP** the numbers



Control the GLOBAL PICTURE



Be the KEY BUSINESS PARTNER



Think different, be INNOVATIVE



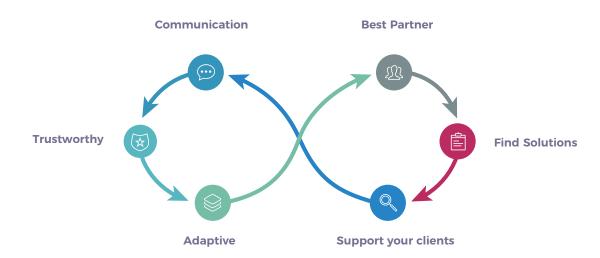
Learn from the BUSINESS, KPIS and Metrics



Understand THE MARKET and global TRENDS



# PERSONAL KEY SUCCESS FACTORS....



- Ability to communicate with and gather information from your partners
- You own the expertise of financials principles and processes across the company
- You are a truly great, flexible, quick and adaptive player
- Able to coordinate FP&A tasks with the corporate calendar or the assigned deadline, you are a process keeper
- You provide reports, presentations, build budgets, forecasts, annual plans and so on... you provide solutions and insights
- You have the ability to receive, analyze, integrate and consolidate assumptions and data from business units, synthesize information to create conclusions, alternatives and recommendations
- > You own great technical aptitudes to make things happen faster and on a reliable way
- You have the intelligence and natural curiosity but specially desire to learn from your colleagues



# My feelings....

- > Everything is changing and changing fast
- > You are just at the beginning of a new journey, it will be long but challenging and exciting
- You are entitled to make things happen
- You are lucky enough to get this transformation opportunity in your own and well-known company
- > This will provide you a new environment, new objectives, and new ways of working
- Take advantage of it and capitalize your knowledge
- > Be supportive, build your perfect team, not the perfect people
- And grasp this opportunity to evolve and progress.





"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new"

**Socrates** 

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