



THE SYSTEM CFO SERIES
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FREE ASSESSMENT

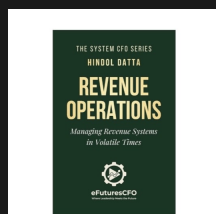
PILLAR 5: GOVERNANCE & GLOBAL STRUCTURE | TOOLKIT #32 OF 37

THE FINANCE TALENT ROI AND TEAM DEVELOPMENT

*Investing in People as Your
Highest-Return Asset*

20-Question Diagnostic | 5-Page Assessment

Score Your Organization 1-5 Across Four Dimensions
Identify Gaps and Build Your Action Plan



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QUESTIONS 1-5

Section A: Team Capability Assessment and Skills Gap Analysis

Do You Know What Your Team Can Do — and What They Cannot?

The finance function is only as strong as its people. Technology amplifies capability but cannot replace it. The System CFO inventories the team's current capabilities, identifies the skills required for the organization's growth trajectory, and builds a development plan that closes the gap through hiring, training, and organizational design rather than hoping talent will magically appear.

A. TEAM CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT AND SKILLS GAP ANALYSIS

1	A skills inventory exists for the finance team — every team member's technical skills, systems expertise, analytical capabilities, and business knowledge have been assessed and	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
2	Future-state skill requirements have been defined — the organization has identified the skills the finance team will need in 2-3 years (AI literacy, data analytics, business	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
3	Skills gaps are quantified and prioritized — the difference between current capabilities and future requirements is documented for each role or function, with the most critical	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
4	Individual development plans exist for key team members — each finance professional has a documented development plan with specific learning objectives, activities, and timelines	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
5	The finance team has a healthy mix of technical and strategic talent — the organization has not only strong accountants and analysts but also people who can partner with the business,	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

SECTION A SCORE: Total: _____ / 25 Average: _____ / 5

QUESTIONS 6-10

Section B: Hiring, Retention, and Succession Planning

Can You Attract, Keep, and Replace the Talent You Need?

Finance talent is increasingly competitive. The best professionals have options — and they choose organizations that invest in their development, provide interesting work, and offer career progression. The System CFO builds an employee value proposition for the finance function that attracts strong candidates, retains high performers, and ensures succession for every critical role.

B. HIRING, RETENTION, AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

<p>6 Finance compensation is benchmarked and competitive — salaries, bonuses, and total compensation for finance roles are compared against market data and adjusted to remain</p>	<p>1 Non-Ex</p>	<p>2 Ad Hoc</p>	<p>3 Dev</p>	<p>4 Estab</p>	<p>5 Best</p>
<p>7 Finance team turnover is tracked and understood — voluntary turnover rates are monitored, exit interviews are conducted, and the root causes of departure are analyzed and addressed</p>	<p>1 Non-Ex</p>	<p>2 Ad Hoc</p>	<p>3 Dev</p>	<p>4 Estab</p>	<p>5 Best</p>
<p>8 Succession plans exist for critical finance roles — the CFO, Controller, VP of FP&A, and other key positions have identified successors with documented readiness timelines and</p>	<p>1 Non-Ex</p>	<p>2 Ad Hoc</p>	<p>3 Dev</p>	<p>4 Estab</p>	<p>5 Best</p>
<p>9 The hiring process for finance roles is efficient and effective — open positions are filled within a defined timeline with a structured interview process that evaluates</p>	<p>1 Non-Ex</p>	<p>2 Ad Hoc</p>	<p>3 Dev</p>	<p>4 Estab</p>	<p>5 Best</p>
<p>10 The organization invests in employer brand for finance — the finance team's reputation as a great place to work is actively cultivated through professional development, interesting work,</p>	<p>1 Non-Ex</p>	<p>2 Ad Hoc</p>	<p>3 Dev</p>	<p>4 Estab</p>	<p>5 Best</p>

SECTION B SCORE: Total: ____ / 25 Average: ____ / 5



QUESTIONS 11-15

Section C: Training, Development, and Learning Culture

Is Your Team Getting Better Every Quarter — or Just Getting Older?

Continuous learning is not optional for the modern finance professional. Accounting standards evolve, technology capabilities expand, regulatory requirements change, and business models transform. The System CFO builds a learning culture where development is not a once-a-year event but a continuous process embedded in daily work, supported by dedicated resources, and measured for impact.

C. TRAINING, DEVELOPMENT, AND LEARNING CULTURE

11	A training budget exists for the finance team — with sufficient allocation for CPE credits, professional certifications, conference attendance, online courses, and	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
12	Training goes beyond compliance CPE — development activities include strategic thinking, data analytics, communication skills, leadership development, and technology literacy	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
13	Cross-functional exposure is provided — finance team members participate in cross-functional projects, attend product or sales meetings, and gain business context beyond the finance	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
14	Mentoring and coaching are available — junior team members have access to senior finance professionals for career guidance, and high-potential employees receive targeted	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
15	Learning outcomes are measured — the organization tracks whether training investments translate into improved performance, increased capability, and better business	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

SECTION C SCORE: Total: _____ / 25 Average: _____ / 5



QUESTIONS 16-20

Section D: Organizational Design and Performance Management

Is Your Finance Organization Designed for Impact — and Is Performance Managed Fairly?

Organizational design determines capability. A finance team structured entirely around transaction processing cannot deliver strategic insight. A team designed for control cannot enable speed. The System CFO designs the finance organization to balance compliance with strategy, operations with analytics, and control with enablement — ensuring the structure delivers the capabilities the business needs.

D. ORGANIZATIONAL DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

16	The finance organizational structure supports both operational excellence and strategic partnership — dedicated resources exist for transaction processing, reporting, FP&A, business	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
17	Performance reviews for finance team members include both technical and behavioral competencies — accuracy and timeliness are measured alongside communication, business	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
18	Workload distribution is monitored and managed — the organization tracks capacity utilization across the finance team, preventing burnout during peak periods and ensuring	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
19	Career paths are defined for finance professionals — team members understand the progression from individual contributor to management, from specialist to generalist, and from	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
20	The finance team's contribution to business outcomes is measured and communicated — the value created by finance (improved decisions, avoided risks, captured savings, faster	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

SECTION D SCORE: Total: ____ / 25 Average: ____ / 5

OVERALL ASSESSMENT SCORE
 Section A: ____ / 25 Section B: ____ / 25 Section C: ____ / 25 Section D: ____ / 25 TOTAL: ____ / 100 AVG: ____ / 5

GAP TO GOAL

Gap-to-Goal Action Plan

Bridging the Gap — Finance Talent ROI and Team Development Diagnostic

Transfer your five lowest-scoring questions. For each gap, define the target state, specific actions, owner, timeline, and success metric. Focus on highest-impact gaps first.

GAP #	Q REF	CURRENT	TARGET	SPECIFIC ACTION TO CLOSE GAP	OWNER	DEADLINE	METRIC
1	Q__	___/5	___/5	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	Q__	___/5	___/5	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	Q__	___/5	___/5	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	Q__	___/5	___/5	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	Q__	___/5	___/5	_____	_____	_____	_____

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Completed by: _____ Date: _____

Overall average score: ___ / 5 Items scored 1-2 (critical): ___

Items scored 3 (developing): ___ Items scored 4-5 (strong): ___

Top strength: _____

Most critical gap: _____

One action this week: _____

READY TO GO DEEPER?

This free assessment identified your gaps. The Premium System CFO Toolkits provide the frameworks, templates, and action plans to close them. Visit EfuturesCFO.com





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PREMIUM: The First 90 Days: Systems CFO Diagnostic (14 Pages)

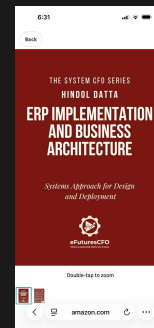
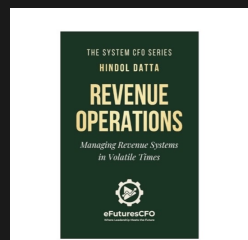
The full premium toolkit includes the comprehensive team capability assessment framework, organizational design evaluation, stakeholder mapping, succession planning templates, and the complete 90-day transformation roadmap for building a high-performing finance organization

*Plus: Access the Super Exclusive 46-Page
System CFO Organizational Finance Assessment Kit*

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