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FREE ASSESSMENT

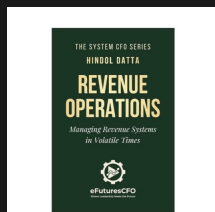
PILLAR 4: PLANNING & GROWTH STRATEGY | TOOLKIT #46 OF 37

THE GO-TO-MARKET FINANCIAL ALIGNMENT

*Ensuring Finance Powers the GTM
Engine — Not Slows It Down*

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: Sales Capacity Modeling and Territory Economics

Do You Know How Many Reps You Need — and Whether Each Territory Is Profitable?

Sales capacity planning is where finance meets go-to-market strategy. Hiring too many reps burns cash on unproductive quota carriers. Hiring too few constrains revenue growth. The System CFO builds sales capacity models that connect rep productivity, ramp time, quota assignment, and territory potential to a financially grounded hiring plan that matches investment with opportunity.

A. SALES CAPACITY MODELING AND TERRITORY ECONOMICS

1	A sales capacity model exists — connecting headcount, quota, average deal size, win rate, and ramp time to a revenue forecast that validates whether the sales team can deliver the	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
2	Territory economics are analyzed — each territory or segment has been evaluated for revenue potential, cost to serve, and contribution margin. identifying over-invested and under-	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
3	Sales rep productivity is tracked by cohort and tenure — the organization knows ramp-to-productivity timelines, steady-state quota attainment, and performance distribution across	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
4	The cost of a fully ramped sales rep is quantified — including base salary, variable compensation, benefits, sales support, tools, travel, and management overhead, enabling accurate CAC	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
5	Sales capacity planning is integrated with financial planning — the headcount plan, compensation forecast, and revenue plan are built as an integrated model where changing one input	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

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

QUESTIONS 6-10

Section B: Marketing ROI and Demand Generation Economics

Is Your Marketing Spend Generating Demand Efficiently — and Can You Prove It?

Marketing spend is often the largest discretionary expense after headcount, yet its ROI is frequently the least measured. The System CFO builds a marketing ROI framework that connects spend to pipeline, pipeline to revenue, and revenue to customer lifetime value — proving which marketing investments generate returns and which are burning cash without generating demand.

B. MARKETING ROI AND DEMAND GENERATION ECONOMICS

6	Marketing spend is tracked by channel and campaign — the organization can identify how much was spent on each marketing channel and campaign, enabling ROI comparison across	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
7	Pipeline attribution connects marketing to revenue — leads and opportunities are attributed to marketing sources, enabling calculation of marketing-sourced pipeline, revenue, and cost	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
8	Customer Acquisition Cost includes marketing allocation — the fully loaded CAC calculation incorporates marketing spend proportionally, enabling true assessment of customer	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
9	Marketing efficiency metrics are tracked and improving — cost per lead, cost per MQL, cost per opportunity, and marketing contribution to pipeline are monitored monthly with	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
10	Marketing budget allocation is data-driven — investment across channels is adjusted based on measured performance rather than historical precedent or equal distribution across all	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

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



QUESTIONS 11-15

Section C: Channel Profitability and Partner Economics

Do You Know the True Margin on Each Go-to-Market Channel?

Different go-to-market channels have different economics. Direct sales carry higher CAC but lower channel costs. Partners extend reach but consume margin through commissions and MDF. Marketplaces provide scale but impose fees and reduce customer relationship control. The System CFO models the full economics of each channel to ensure the GTM mix optimizes for profitable growth, not just top-line revenue.

C. CHANNEL PROFITABILITY AND PARTNER ECONOMICS

11	Channel economics are modeled comprehensively — each GTM channel has a fully loaded cost model including direct costs, commissions, rebates, MDF, support costs, and allocated	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
12	Partner program economics are evaluated — channel partner programs are assessed for financial return, comparing the revenue generated through partners against the total	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
13	Marketplace fees and implications are quantified — for organizations selling through marketplaces (AWS, Azure, app stores), the full economic impact including fees, payment	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
14	Channel conflict is managed with financial transparency — when multiple channels compete for the same customer, the financial implications of channel selection are understood and guide	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
15	Channel mix optimization is a strategic discussion — the organization periodically evaluates whether its current channel mix optimizes for profitable growth and adjusts	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best

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

QUESTIONS 16-20

Section D: GTM and Finance Collaboration and Governance

Do Sales, Marketing, and Finance Operate as an Aligned Revenue Team?

Go-to-market financial alignment requires more than shared spreadsheets — it requires shared accountability. Sales, marketing, and finance must agree on definitions, targets, measurement methodologies, and investment criteria. The System CFO builds the governance framework that aligns these functions around common revenue objectives while maintaining financial discipline in GTM investment decisions.

D. GTM AND FINANCE COLLABORATION AND GOVERNANCE

16	Revenue definitions are shared across sales, marketing, and finance — bookings, ARR, pipeline, and revenue terms are defined in a common glossary that eliminates cross-functional	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
17	GTM investment decisions require financial validation — major spending decisions (new territory, marketing campaign, partner program, pricing change) include finance-validated business	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
18	Regular GTM review meetings include finance — weekly pipeline reviews, monthly business reviews, and quarterly GTM planning sessions include finance representation providing analytical	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
19	Compensation plan design involves finance — sales commission plans, marketing incentives, and partner compensation are designed with finance input to ensure alignment with	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
20	GTM performance is measured holistically — the executive team reviews GTM effectiveness using a balanced scorecard that includes revenue growth, CAC efficiency, channel	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 — Go-to-Market Financial Alignment 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 Revenue Operations Diagnostic (12 Pages)

The full premium toolkit includes the complete revenue decomposition framework, GTM economics modeling templates, channel profitability analysis, sales capacity planning tools, and the System CFO revenue operations dashboard for aligning finance with go-to-market strategy.

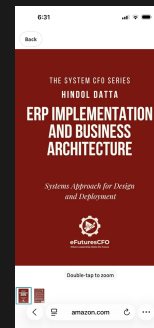
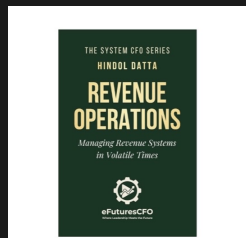
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