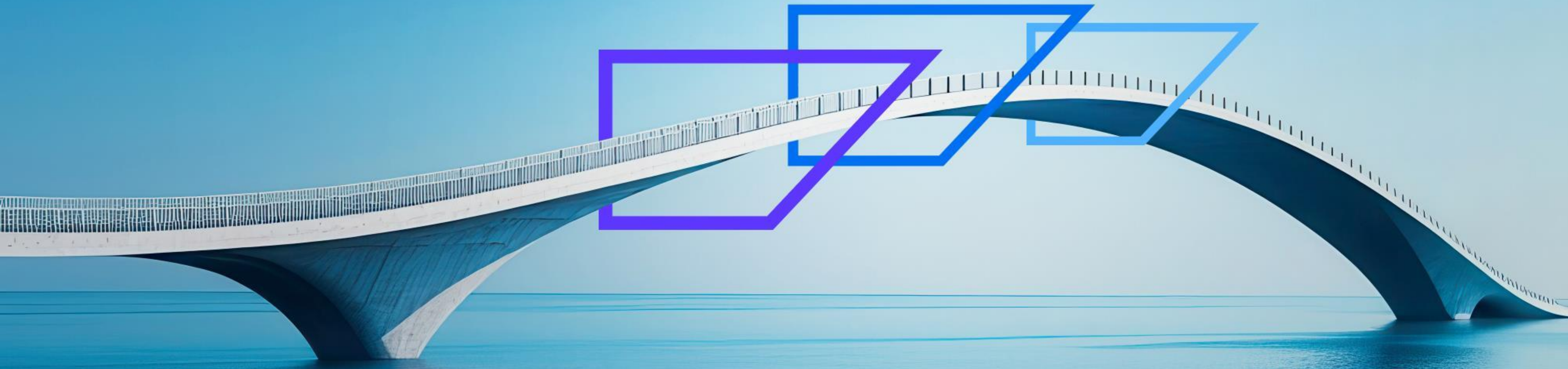
Innovative Lösungen zur Effizienzsteigerung im Record-2-Report Bereich



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Shaping the Future: Key Market Dynamics and Emerging Trends in Accounting and Financial Close

Market Dynamics

- **Unpredictable** economic conditions, such as market volatility, inflation rate, geopolitical events.
- **Changing** workforce demographics and expectations.
- **Increasing** sustainability concerns, regulation and investment capital incentives.
- **Rising** economic protectionism, “friend-shoring”.
- **Rapid** technological advancements and digitalization that transform financial landscapes.
- **Business** model innovation.

Market Trends

- **Real-time reporting:** Organizations are adopting real-time reporting capabilities to enable faster decision-making and improve financial visibility
- **Automation:** Leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) to automate repetitive, manual tasks, reducing human error and increasing efficiency.
- **Cloud-based solutions:** Move accounting and financial close processes to cloud-based platforms for rapid innovation, better scalability, security, and accessibility.
- **Compliance and regulatory alignment:** With ever-changing regulations, organizations are focusing on maintaining compliance and adapting their R2R processes to meet regulatory requirements.
- **Integration with other systems:** Integrating R2R systems with other enterprise systems to ensure seamless data flow and enhance overall operational efficiency

Challenges in Accounting and Financial Close with disjointed, legacy processes

Steering through the complexities of financial regulations and driving impactful decision-making while enabling compliance

External forces

- Complex accounting, tax issues, new local and regional regulation, and asset impairment
- Talent acquisition and retention; lost knowledge and productivity
- Rapidly changing market needs, complex B2B and B2C models, shifting regulatory requirements
- Market and stakeholder pressure to publish financial results as early as possible

Accounting and Financial Close Top Objectives

- **Reduce time** to close the books
- **Early insights** into actuals already during the period
- Comply with **local** and **global legal regulations**
- Adopt **new business models** in financial processes
- Run **secure** and **compliant** finance processes

Internal barriers

- Data collection, complex reporting, integration into mainstream finance
- Inflexible legacy technology, with inconsistent data
- Over-customized, complex processes
- Lack of visibility into actuals

AI in Record to Report reduces time to close the books and improves efficiency

Record

System Expert

Map Chart of Accounts (2508)
Save time through automated mapping of legacy chart of accounts

Accruals Specialist

Automate manual posting (2508)
Propose journals for accruals and deferrals and **improve operational efficiency**

Carbon Accountant

Generate carbon collection documents in Green Ledger (2508)
Extract unstructured invoice data and calculate CO_2 quantities automatically to identify CO_2e causing expenses

Financial Accounting

Tax Accountant

Configure US Tax
Set up jurisdiction-based tax configurations automatically to **reduce manual efforts by 50-90%**

Asset Accountant

Depreciation key configuration
Understand complex accounting configurations and **save up to 60 hrs onboarding efforts per country version**

Asset Accountant

Create New Asset (2505)
AI determined asset class, depreciation key, and other key data enable business user to **save time in asset creation**

Financial Accounting

Asset Accountant

Explain Asset Values (2508)
Understand impact of configuration on current data **without reading lengthy how to guides**

Entity Close

Local Accountant

Accelerate your entity close by up to one day through easy to understand error messages including a guidance on how to resolve the error

Corporate Reporting

Group Accountant

Create Consolidated Group Report Analyses
Save up 64% time in writing explanatory content using automated creation of management summaries, including an analysis of commentary

Controlling

Review Financial Performance
Leverage quick and immediate explanation and summarization of financial insights in natural language to **accelerate decision making in finance**

Compliance

Compliance Specialist

Rationalize controls and ensure optimal control coverage (2602)
Save time with AI-supported review of financial risks and controls, including recommendations for improvements

Use Case – Automate financial close at the local and group level

Harness the power of AI and Data to revolutionize your close

Lab Preview

Today

- Manual activities for local closing; high workload after period-end close
- Upload (ETL) of local close data after period end into corporate financial system

Tomorrow

- Highly integrated local and corporate close; perform key tasks already during the period
- Automated results combining financials and expert commentary

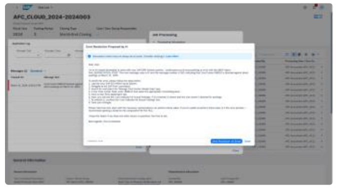
Accounting and Local Close

Applications

- Financial Accounting with best practices
- Balance Validation to control data quality
- Closing Orchestration for automation & compliance
- Optimized support for Account Substantiation

Business AI

- Accrual and Provision Journal proposals
- AI-assistance in fixed assets
- Guided error resolution for closing



Guided error resolution in SAP Advanced Financial Closing

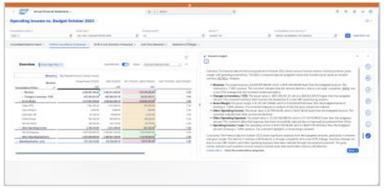
Group Close

Applications

- One-click consolidation
- Group Reporting financial statements aligned with transactional accounting data

Business AI

- Combine financial data and expert commentary into single management report, surfacing insights



AI-generated summary of financials and commentary in SAP S/4HANA for group reporting

Transformational Insights

Business Data Cloud

- Add additional external industry and market data for more context on variances – resulting in most comprehensive view of business performance

Financial Forecast with external influencers

Impact

- Fewer surprises
- Significantly reduced manual efforts – and related error handling
- More reliable data available for analysis
- Clear shift of focus to business partnering
- Improved accuracy and compliance

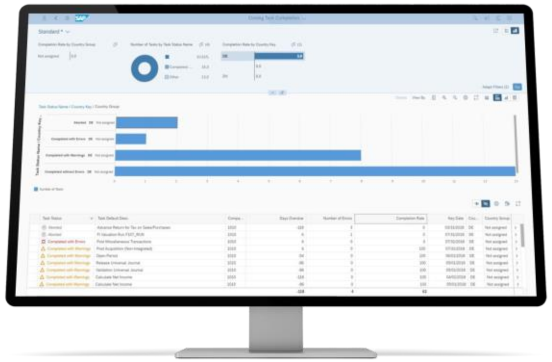
Close: SAP Advanced Financial Closing

Superb planning, automation and monitoring

Challenges

- **Entity Close** which never reaches 'peak performance'
- **Governance** and **Compliance** which is too cumbersome with valuable time spent on data gathering and documentation
- **Transparency** and **Insight** lacking across system boundaries

Advanced Financial Closing



Capabilities

- **Automated closing tasks** and workflow-supported intuitive apps for manual tasks.
- **Collaboration**, notifications, and escalations.
- **Define a global game plan** for the entity close; serialize for multiple org units and closing cycles.
- **Audit trail**, logging, documentation.
- **Comprehensive analytics** for real-time insight into the closing status across subsidiaries and headquarters

15-57%

Faster closing cycle – while ensuring high-quality results.

Source: SAP Performance Benchmarking

Task List

AFC_CLOUD_2024-2024003

Global Financial Close S4HC

Fiscal Year	Posting Period	Closing Type	User / User Group Responsible
2024	3	Month-End Closing	–

Tasks | General Information

Tasks (61) CH_Demo

Tasks for which I'm the processing user

Search | Change Status

Task ID	Task Description	Company...	Task Type	Task Status	Action	Approval Status	Changed By	Created By	Processing User / User Gr...
79-166	Takeover Data from HR System	1010	Web Application	Completed Without Errors	Change Status	To Be Approved	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
79-167	Final Time Recording Remind...	1010	Note	Completed Without Errors	Change Status	To Be Approved	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
62-50	Asset Balances	1010	SAP Fiori Appli...	Completed Without Errors	Change Status	Approved	AFC_MANAGER	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
62-170	Execute Settlement for AuC	1010	SAP Fiori Appli...	Completed Without Errors	Change Status	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
62-46	Depreciation Posting Run	1010	Job	Completed Without Errors	Change Status	Approved	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
76-133	Foreign Currency Valuation	1710	Job	Not Started	Schedule	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
78-150	Depreciation Posting Run	1710	Job	Completed with Errors	Schedule	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
64-62	Foreign Currency Valuation	1010	Job	Not Started	Schedule	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
58-29	Actual Settlement: Projects	1010	Job	Completed Without Errors	Change Status	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
72-116	Actual Settlement: Projects	1710	Job	Completed Without Errors	Change Status	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
78-157	Advanced Foreign Currency ...	1710	Job	Completed with Warnings	Change Status	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
64-72	Advanced Foreign Currency ...	1010	Job	Not Started	Schedule	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
61-43	Overhead Allocation for CO-PA	1010	Job	Completed Without Errors	Change Status	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
75-130	Overhead Allocation for CO-PA	1710	Job	Completed Without Errors	Change Status	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)
60-38	Release Planned Price Chan...	1010	Job	Completed Without Errors	Change Status	No Approval Required	AFC_ADMIN	AFC_ADMIN	AFC Accountant (AFC_ACC)

General Information

General Information

Task List Default Description:
Global Financial Close S4HC

Owner / Owner Group:
AFC Admin (AFC_ADMIN)

Email Notification Configuration:
Basic Task List Release (Notifications are only sent to responsible and processing

Administrative Information

Created By:
AFC_ADMIN

Last Changed By:
AFC_ADMIN

SAP + BlackLine: Delivering the gold standard for record to report

Automate key tasks within accounting operations

SAP Advanced Financial Closing

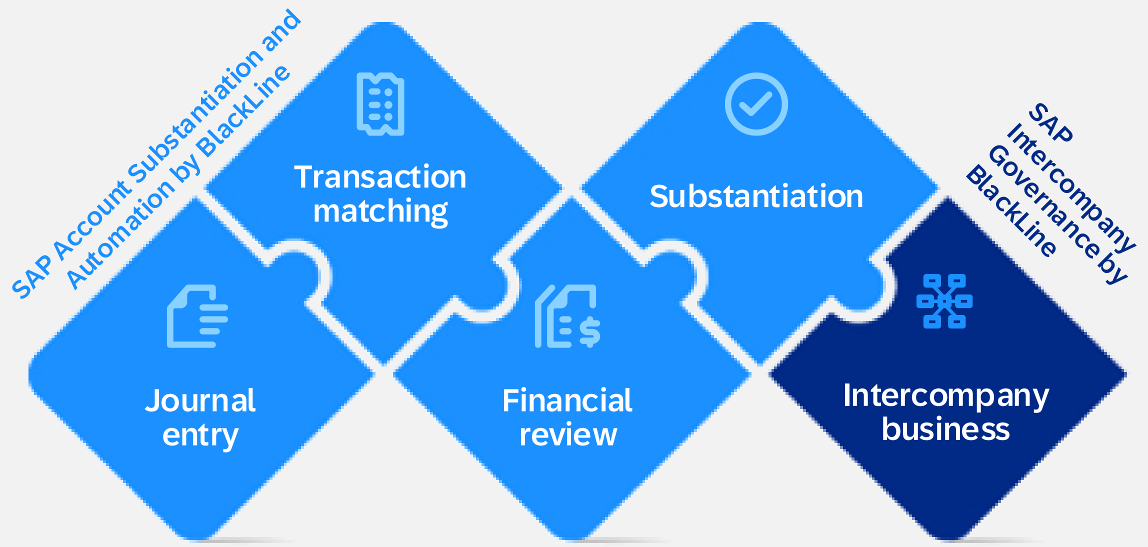
SAP S/4HANA Cloud

SAP ERP Central Component (SAP ECC)

Other ERP systems

Non-ERP sources

SAP financial close solutions by BlackLine



SAP S/4HANA Cloud for group reporting

SAP Group Reporting Data Collection solution

Record
Create the financial record

Account
Perform financial accounting

Close
Perform financial closing

Report
Perform financial reporting

Close: Streamline Financial Consolidation and Close Processes

Unify Operational and Group Reporting

Non-SAP S/4HANA Data Collection

- Group Reporting Data Collection

Data Preparation

- Group close process support
- Flexible currency translation
- Intercompany Matching and Reconciliation

Consolidation

- Intercompany elimination triggered by operational ICMR
- Equity elimination including equity pickup
- Interunit elimination of profit in inventory
- Vertical/horizontal mergers

Analysis

- Embedded out-of-the-box SAC reporting
- Financial statements review and collaborative commentary
- Audit trail to underlying transactional data

System Basics

- SAP S/4HANA data without ETL
- Group Reporting preparation ledger in accounting
- Customer-specific attributes for financial statement items

Group Reporting powered by SAP S/4HANA Cloud

Reporting

- AI-supported management summaries
- Disclosure management interoperability
- Matrix consolidation

Financial Statement - Standardberichte

Konzernabschlüsse

Apps | Suche in: "Apps"

Review*

Version:* Y10 (Actuals) | Cons. Group:* BR (Best Run) | Posting Period:* 012 (12) | Fiscal Year:* 2021 (Cal. Year, 4 Special Periods 2021) | Consolidation Unit Hierarchy:* CS17/DEFAULT_HIERARCHY (Consoli... | Start | Filter anpassen (9)

Konzernbilanz | GuV (Gesamtkostenverfahren) | GuV (Umsatzkostenverfahren) | Kapitalflussrechnung | Kontenverlauf

Übersicht

Zeilen: Berichtsposition | Spalten: Abschlussgeschäftsjahr vs. vorh

Kennzahlen	Amount in Group Crcy			
Struktur	Closing YTD 2021	Previous YTD 2020	YTD 2021 △ 2020	%YTD 2021 △ 2020
Reporting Item	EUR	EUR	EUR	
Revenue	-3.715.098.212,79	-2.076.325.287,20	-1.638.772.925,59	78,93
Cost of sales	2.279.328.178,29	1.446.739.864,38	832.588.313,91	57,55
Other income	-2.010.018,19	-929.818,19	-1.080.200,00	116,17
Distribution co	109.489.601,36	109.013.200,79	476.400,57	0,44
Administrative	300.572.654,55	14.372.654,55	286.200.000,00	1.991,28
Other expenses	397.688.829,20	91.880.837,41	305.807.991,79	332,83
Operating income / loss	**-630.028.967,58**	**-415.248.548,26**	**-214.780.419,32**	**51,72**
Financial inco	-60.613.608,49	-39.144.884,25	-21.468.724,24	54,84
Financial cost	23.061.205,30	13.451.180,70	9.610.024,60	71,44
Financial result	**-37.552.403,19**	**-25.693.703,55**	**-11.858.699,64**	**46,15**
Tax	166.647.807,48	102.624.096,04	64.023.711,44	62,39
Profit from dis	1.778.412,00	1.778.412,00	0,00	0,00
Net Income	**-499.155.151,29**	**-336.539.743,77**	**-162.615.407,52**	**48,32**
P&L by Function of Expense	**-499.155.151,29**	**-336.539.743,77**	**-162.615.407,52**	**48,32**
Not Assigned Reporting Item (s)	**33.781.887,44**	**33.780.335,93**	**1.551,51**	**0,00**

Laufendes Jahr

- Abschlussperiode vs. vorherige Periode
- Abschlussquartal vs. vorheriges Quartal

Jahresvergleich

- Abschlussgeschäftsjahr vs. vorheriges Geschäftsjahr
- Abschlussperiode lfd. Jahr vs. gleiche Periode letzt. Jahr
- Abschlussquartal lfd. Jahr vs. gleiches Quartal letzt. Jahr

Ist vs. Budget

- Für laufende Periode
- Für laufendes Jahr
- Enthaltene Währungsabweichungen (@Budgetkurs)

SAP Group Reporting Standardauswertungen

G+V in GKV und UKV

Konzernabschlüsse

Apps | Suche in: "Apps"

Review *

Consolidation COA, Profit Center Hierarchy for Elimination, Segment Hierarchy for Elimination, Consolidation Unit Hierarchy, Version, Cons. Group, Posting Period, Fiscal Year, Key Date

Konzernbilanz | GuV (Gesamtkostenverfahren) | GuV (Umsatzkostenverfahren) | **Kapitalflussrechnung** | Kontenverlauf

Übersicht

Zeilen: Berichtsposition   Spalten: <Benutzerdefiniert>

Kennzahlen	Amount in Group Crcy							
Consolidation Unit	Consolidation Unit	APJ Region	VELOTICS - AU	Japan	Europe Region	North America Region	USA East	USA West
Reporting Item	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Statement of Cash Flow	**2.274.366.233,72**	**1.208.293.514,62**	**1.163.079.574,61**	**45.213.940,01**	**328.824.197,60**	**737.248.521,50**	**444.195.778,28**	**70.363.421,13**
Net cash flows from (used in) operati...	**485.573.955,16**	**346.835.590,73**	**341.563.618,64**	**5.271.972,09**	**20.634.714,87**	**118.103.649,56**	**96.518.300,65**	**7.957.443,34**
Adjustments for reconcile profit (l...	**582.921.671,27**	**350.120.764,08**	**341.592.978,04**	**8.527.786,04**	**40.952.410,76**	**191.848.496,43**	**165.586.227,93**	**12.613.152,43**
Interests paid	-692.111,62	-29.359,40	-29.359,40	-	-151.359,89	-511.392,33	-453.818,19	-36.363,64
Income taxes (refund) paid	-96.724.484,49	-3.255.813,95	-	-3.255.813,95	-20.235.216,00	-73.233.454,54	-68.614.109,09	-4.619.345,45
Other inflows (outflows) of cash	68.880,00	-	-	-	68.880,00	-	-	-
Net cash flows from (used in) investi...	**30.934.622,00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**17.928.264,00**	**13.006.358,00**	**12.569.772,14**	**436.585,86**
Cash flows from losing control of subsid...	7.862.160,00	-	-	-	7.862.160,00	-	-	-
Cash flows used in obtaining control of ...	26.160,00	-	-	-	26.160,00	-	-	-
Other cash receipts/sale of equity or de...	-895.520,00	-	-	-	-895.520,00	-	-	-
Other cash payments to acquire equity ...	-1.292.560,00	-	-	-	-1.292.560,00	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of property, plant an...	10.604.218,19	-	-	-	2.462.400,00	8.141.818,19	8.141.818,19	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipm...	-7.466.894,55	-	-	-	-4.217.440,00	-3.249.454,55	-3.249.454,55	-
Proceeds from sales of intangible assets	10.320.909,10	-	-	-	1.278.000,00	9.042.909,10	9.042.909,10	-
Purchase of intangible assets	-1.927.806,05	-	-	-	-187.200,00	-1.740.606,05	-1.740.606,05	-
Proceeds from sale of other assets	660.603,63	-	-	-	240,00	660.363,63	660.363,63	-
Purchase of other assets	-271.527,27	-	-	-	-70.800,00	-200.727,27	-200.727,27	-

Labs preview

Review Booklet – Business insights leveraging generative business AI

Group Financial Statements

Standard

9 filters active: Consolidation Group, Fiscal Year, Posting Period, Version, Key Date, Consolidation Unit Hierarchy, Profit Center Hierarchy for Elimination, Segment Hierarchy for Elimination, Consolidation COA

Consolidated Balance Sheet | Profit & Loss (Nature of Expense) | Profit & Loss (Function of Expense) | Cash Flow Statement | Statement of Changes

Overview

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Measures	Amount in Group Crcy			
Structure	Closing YTD 2023	Previous YTD 2022	YTD 2023 △ 2022	%YTD 2023 △ 2022
Reporting Item	USD	USD	USD	
Revenue	-23,029,974,000.00	-19,191,645,000.00	-3,838,329,000.00	20.00
Cost of Sales	18,677,896,752.00	15,564,913,960.00	3,112,982,792.00	20.00
Other Income	-1,633,200.00	-1,361,000.00	-272,200.00	20.00
Distribution Co	3,135,631,200.00	2,613,026,000.00	522,605,200.00	20.00
Administrative	38,137,200.00	31,781,000.00	6,356,200.00	20.00
Other Expenses	128,796,060.00	107,330,050.00	21,466,010.00	20.00
Operating Income / Loss	**-1,051,145,988.00**	**-875,954,990.00**	**-175,190,998.00**	**20.00**
Financial Inco	-63,242,268.00	-52,701,890.00	-10,540,378.00	20.00
Financial Cost	116,808,528.00	97,340,440.00	19,468,088.00	20.00
Financial Result	**53,566,260.00**	**44,638,550.00**	**8,927,710.00**	**20.00**
Tax	562,725,192.00	468,937,660.00	93,787,532.00	20.00
Profit From Dis	2,120,412.00	1,767,010.00	353,402.00	20.00
Net Income	**-432,734,124.00**	**-360,611,770.00**	**-72,122,354.00**	**20.00**
P&L by Function of Expense	**-432,734,124.00**	**-360,611,770.00**	**-72,122,354.00**	**20.00**

Business Insights

Overview

The financial data provided includes various hierarchy levels, dimensions, and structures. The comments offer insights into specific changes in the financial figures.

Analysis

- **Revenue Increase:** The revenue has significantly increased by -23,029,974,000.00 in the NA region due to entering a new market.
- **Distribution Costs:** There is a notable rise in distribution costs, amounting to 3,135,631,200.00, attributed to the establishment of new logistics in NA.
- **Other Expenses:** Other expenses have increased by 128,796,060.00 due to a higher marketing budget for the NA market entry.

Conclusion

The financial data indicates a strategic expansion into the NA market, leading to increased revenue, distribution costs, and marketing expenses. The comments provide context for these changes, highlighting the investments made in logistics and marketing to support the market entry.

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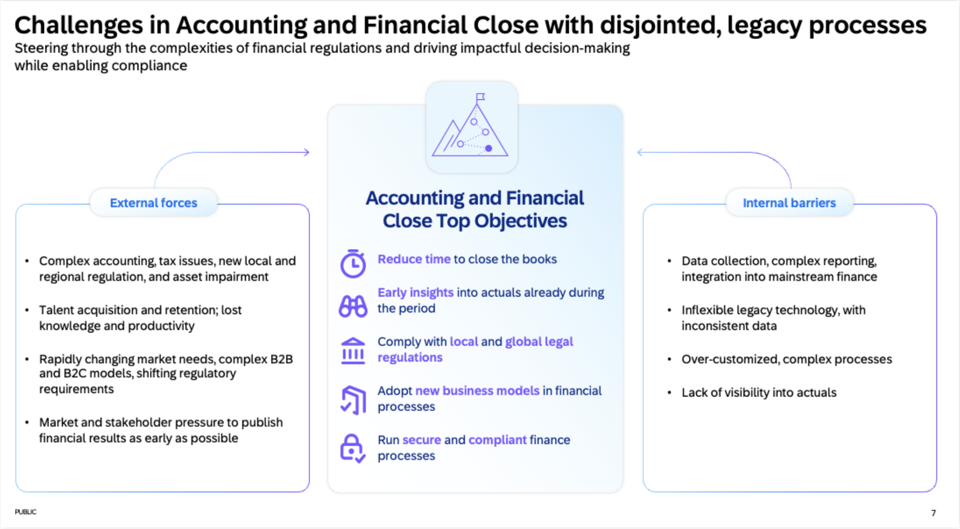
Use natural language to describe what you want to see

Summary

Your opportunity

Disjointed finance processes result in sub-optimal decision making because teams do not have access to trusted data.



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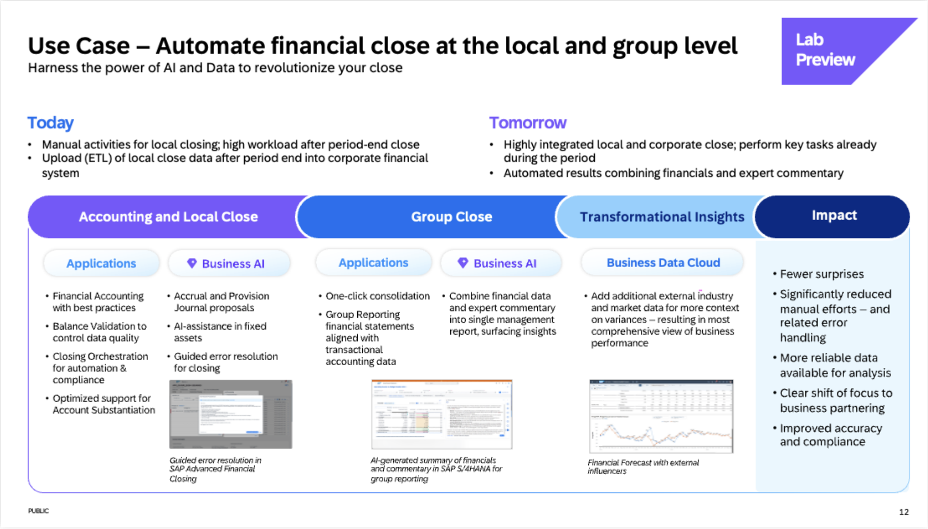

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