

The talent dilemma: build, buy, or borrow tomorrow's finance skills?

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The skills landscape is rapidly evolving



Disruption in finance



CFOs say 'driving and managing change initiatives' is currently the most time-intensive aspect of their role



of CFOs say they have seen an increased focus on work-life balance in their team over the last 12 months



'ESG strategy', 'data analytics' and 'strategic thinking and decision-making support' the top 3 skills CFOs want to bring into their team over the next 12 months



Finance is no longer about numbers, it's about insights, influence, and impact



Navigating the new talent landscape

What skills are we looking for?

Advanced data & analytics

Data science, AI/ML engineering, predictive modelling

Tech-adjacent finance expertise

Digital finance transformation, ERP/cloud finance platforms/process automation Human-centric capabilities and power skills

Strategic foresight, change & influence, emotional intelligence, adaptive leadership

Green transition and sustainability

ESG reporting, carbon accounting, sustainable investment modelling

Regulatory and compliance fluency

Al ethics and governance, data privacy, global tax & compliance

Finding the talent sweet spot through strategic workforce planning

Business Strategy What are we trying to achieve in the next 3-5 years? **Current workforce** Talent market and levers What can we do- given What skills and capabilities do we have budget, and pace of today?

SWP = Data-driven decisions, faster execution, future ready finance



Internal skills and capability mapping



Development: codevelop learning pathways



Skills forecasting and gap analysis



Career progression models: enabling non-linear careers in finance

Tailored to your requirements

Create a Finance Skills strategy tied directly to your business strategy and your current and future needs

Build

For long term investment and talent retention

Culture of learning and role mobility

App Levy optimisation

Internal learning academies/upskilling hubs

Rethinking early careers and non-traditional career pathways

Buy

For quick capacity, critical gaps or roles difficult to develop in-house

Reimagined EVP: purpose, flexibility, EDI, career pathing

Enhanced talent attraction capabilities through -

Enhanced compensation strategies

Employer branding aligned with future focused capabilities

Borrow

For flexibility - to manage short term needs or rare/emerging skills

Strategic flexing - on-demand expertise

Partnerships with agile communities/consultancies

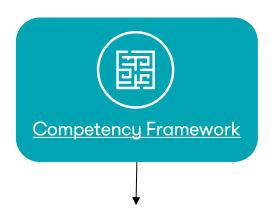
On-demand platforms and talent marketplaces i.e. freelancers, ESG experts

Helping finance functions stay agile and flexible



Objective

Building a "Finance Skills Compass" to help embed their Finance people strategy focusing on talent pipeline, career pathways, and broader learning and development



Identifying competencies, skills, behaviours for current and future needs

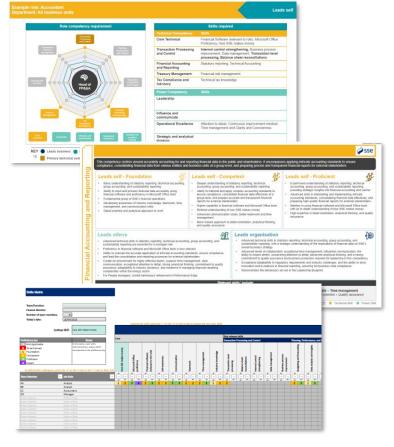


Real life examples demonstrating linear and squiggly career pathways



Mapping current and future skills level for development

What we helped build



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