



ACCENTURE FINANCE REIMAGINED - GETTING TO THE FUTURE FIRST

VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

Welcome. I'm KC McClure, CFO of Accenture, and I would like to tell you how our finance organization is changing the way we work, driving value for our clients, our people and Accenture. Building on our strong foundation, we are reimagining Accenture finance, seeking opportunities everywhere to drive value, unleash the power of humans and machines and deliver the right service. We are focusing our energy on creating enduring value by supporting our colleagues as business advisors. So this means that we don't just streamline manual reporting tasks, we eliminate them wherever we can, reducing SG&A and adding maximum value by reimagining how to better meet Accenture's needs today and tomorrow. This continuous transformation has delivered impressive benefits. For example, we do a global close in just five days. Accenture also generates over 600,000 invoices annually, and we're using artificial intelligence to automate our work. So what used to take three days is now finished in just 10 minutes. Changes like these ensure we have real time data on the business as it stands today, as well as the smart insights on our business growth opportunities for tomorrow. And when leaders across the company turn to our finance people for front line business advice, it's readily available. So during the challenges of the last year, our finance team was able to step up our response. Thanks to advanced tools already in place. Our intelligent cash capability gave Accenture deep insight into our financial

position. Globally and locally. We were able to provide insights on cash flow at every level of the business and help leadership make sure Accenture had ample access to cash at all times. So how do we develop such capabilities? By keeping all our finance data in the cloud with S/4 HANA on Azure, the currency of the future is data, and for CFOs the imperative is flexibility. Moving to the cloud is key to having real-time access to data across the entire enterprise right down to the transaction level. For Accenture, this calls for the use of predictive analytics and a guide to support our digital enterprise. Finance and the business share a common suite of digital tools all running on the Salesforce and SAP platforms. So when you look at Accenture, it's today you can see what happens when a finance organization is reimagined and can quickly adapt in an ever changing environment to whatever the future may bring. The people of Accenture Finance are among the best in the business and I'm honored to lead them. And if you're wondering what it will take to reimagine your finance function, feel free to reach out. We would be happy to share our best thinking with you.

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