The Swiss CFO Programme helps CFOs to stay ahead of increasingly complex demands through unique opportunities to draw on the experience of Deloitte leaders, subject-matter specialists, CFO peers, and board members. The CFO Programme harnesses our organisation’s broad capabilities to offer forward-thinking insights for every stage of the CFO career, helping new and experienced CFOs manage the complexities of the role, tackle their companies’ most compelling challenges, and adapt to business and market shifts.

The CFO Programme was developed to offer CFOs and aspiring CFOs a trusted, valued, and comprehensive “go-to” resource for personal career development and success as the CFO role evolves to address new demands.

**CFO Programme mission**

- **Inform**: Provide comprehensive, CFO focused insights to help CFOs achieve business career goals.

- **Develop**: Help CFOs nurture talent and prepare promising leaders for increasing levels of responsibility.

- **Connect**: Connect CFOs with peers and leaders in and outside of the CFO community.
Next Generation CFO Academy

Start ahead

Our Next Generation CFO Academy is a unique, often career-changing experience that helps prepare promising finance executives for a future CFO role. Attendees are nominated by their organisation’s current CFO with the goal of developing leadership potential in rising finance professionals. The Academy provides a highly experiential curriculum and unparalleled networking opportunities. Sessions are held annually at the hotel Bocken in Horgen, near Zurich. Switzerland.

Preparing future CFOs
Today’s CFOs serve in a far greater capacity than the support role they once did. Finance permeates every aspect of businesses, and CFOs are key decision-makers, leaders in their organisations who are held to high standards—and are expected to set high standards.

For new CFOs to take the reins successfully on day one, early preparation is essential.

“I am glad I had the opportunity to participate in this programme. The quality of the presentations and speaker engagement with the audience was excellent and exceeded my expectations.”

Participant

Build new relationships and skills for success
The Academy experience is framed around three pillars of CFO success: leadership, influence, and competence. Delivered over three days, the Academy curriculum is both intense and thorough. It provides executives with an opportunity for preparation, self-reflection, and hands-on scenario planning related to key aspects of the CFO agenda.

The faculty is uniquely positioned to deliver this curriculum. It consists of C-suite executives, analysts, authors, university professors, attorneys, and senior Deloitte Switzerland partners.

A network beyond the Academy
The Academy provides participants with an opportunity to build meaningful relationships with peers from similar organisations across industries and geographies. Each cohort has the opportunity to meet again at an alumni get-together which takes place once a year in Switzerland. By invitation only.

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Watch the video for further insights.
CFO Transition Lab

Plan ahead

CFOs across the globe are being called upon to fill expanded leadership roles. They increasingly have to oversee other critical operations, including information technology and human resource issues of their finance organisations. That is why we created a powerful CFO Transition Lab experience—to help newly appointed CFOs, including those with prior CFO experiences, make efficient and effective transitions. By invitation only.

A single day to map the first six months of your journey
Our CFO Transition Lab is a one-day experience based on our extensive research on CFO transitions.

The agenda focuses on the three most important resources CFOs should consider managing during their transitions: personal and organisational time management, talent in the finance organisation, and critical stakeholder relations.

The CFO Transition Lab helps CFOs as they create a tangible 180-day work plan with four work streams:
1. Define and communicate priorities
2. Assess and develop a talent strategy
3. Understand and influence specific stakeholders
4. Frame tangible actions to execute priorities

For more information about the Transition Lab, please reach out to your Deloitte contact

Plan ahead: What CFOs can explore in the Lab

- **Hopes, fears, and legacies**: Define a “north star” and consider other stakeholder’s input (CEO etc.)
- **Organisation strengths**: Evaluate the finance organisation’s current versus desired strength in key areas
- **Priorities**: Use Deloitte’s Four Faces of the CFO framework to identify priorities and classify the urgency and importance of each
- **Communication strategies**: Develop language to communicate strategic priorities to stakeholders
- **Confidence**: Assess the preparedness of the finance organisation to execute top priorities and identify ways to increase confidence in outcomes
- **Talent**: Examine capabilities and bandwidth of direct reports, as well as the scope and efficacy of reporting relationships
- **Relationships**: Focus on the strengths of key relationships and influence strategies needed to achieve priorities
- **180-day plan**: Create action plans with specific milestones
CFO Connect
Be ahead

A Swiss-made programme
Each CFO Connect is a meeting of CFOs, focusing on topics that are most relevant for them in Switzerland.

The CFO Connect programme evolves with each discussion, permitting topic deep dives during each event. Topics covered can be (and are not limited to):

- Business relationships (CFO/CEO etc.)
- Environmental, social and governance (ESG)
- Analytics, reporting and data related topics
- CFO talent management
- Crisis management overall
- Personal brand positioning
- Strategy and CFO responsibilities
- Cyber risk and other current hot topic

Learn from the best
During and after each CFO Connect participants have direct access board directors, CEOs and leaders with valuable subject matter expertise, providing insights to each discussed topic.

Bi-annual event schedule
The CFO Connect is set up as a bi-annual event series. Each session is planned for maximum two and a half hours.

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Connecting with peers
With a friendly and intimate networking set up – usually a speaker, followed by a lively discussion – there is time set aside for CFOs to connect.

“Participating in the CFO Connect was a very valuable experience. The content was interesting and I truly appreciated listening to my peers.”
Participant

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CFO Insights
Think ahead

CFO Survey
Insights into CFO-relevant matters
Firstly launched in 2009, the Swiss CFO survey provides an overview of the financial attitudes of Chief Financial Officers and Group Finance Directors of major companies based in Switzerland.

Published bi-annually, the Survey is aligned to the European CFO survey, including a mix of questions relevant to the CFO at a business environment, company and operational level. A section of each edition is dedicated to address specific topics trending in Switzerland at present.

How to participate
CFOs and Senior Finance Executives who are based in Switzerland can take part in the survey. Please sign up directly on our website here: https://www2.deloitte.com/ch/en/pages/finance/articles/cfo-survey.html

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CFO interviews & podcasts
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