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Finance leaders today have a huge opportunity to play a lead role in shaping the digital agenda of the organization. Digital transformation of finance holds the key to make this shift work toward a digital organization—as routine processes get automated and exponential technologies usher in the power of unmatched computing to support the judgement and decision making roles of the CFO.

After reviewing global trends, innovations, and leading practices, we believe Digital Finance is likely to be underpinned by **five key themes**:



1 Most finance processes will be run in a “factory” model—inter-connected, automated, and predictable.



2 Information will be available real time and will be almost ubiquitous—with cyber security emerging as the not-to-be-compromised frontier of risk.



3 The role of the CFO will continue to evolve further and morph into that of a Chief Performance Officer. Cash, risk, reputation, and economics will be the guiding forces in the CFO profiles.



5 Predictive analytics—from internal and external sources, based on structured and unstructured data—will be the norm and not the exception. The availability of cognitive skills to synthesize information will differentiate the leading finance organizations.



4 Finance talent will come from non-traditional sources with Gen Y/Z leadership and novel value systems. Millennials in finance teams will demand and expect different models of rewards and work ethos.