

Transactions

Increase value in the deal

A transaction—merger, acquisition, divestiture, IPO, asset sale, going private—can be a game-changing event. And Finance leaders are under the gun to meet functional synergy goals while continuing to satisfy the company’s information, tax, risk, and reporting objectives. No small feat. Deloitte’s¹ Transactions Solution Set helps CFOs address stakeholders’ expectations by bringing together a diverse team of specialists with deep experience in helping Finance organizations provide value from the deal.

What Finance capabilities does this solution set help to enhance?

Core capabilities	
Day One readiness	Determine that finance, accounting, and reporting activities are aligned and operational when the transaction closes.
Corporate development	Evaluate corporate development strategies and options, including M&A and IPOs. Prioritize shareholder objectives and build corporate finance capabilities. Assess current market valuation and potential paths to liquidity.
Finance blueprint	Define the vision, strategy, and requirements for the future Finance function to effectively capture value and reduce risk.
Workforce transition and learning	Develop and implement Finance workforce transition and change management plans to maintain business continuity and retain key talent. Prepare employees to effectively work in the new environment by delivering information, tools, and training.
System and process design/implementation	Assess legacy Finance systems. Define systems requirements for the new organization. Take a strategic approach to selecting and implementing appropriate enterprise resource planning packages. Review current-state processes, and define and implement process improvements.
Program management/ synergy tracking	Manage the integration or carve-out of Finance functions affected by the transaction. Streamline post-transaction Finance processes. Develop Finance policies and procedures, and define roles and responsibilities. Track progress in meeting synergy targets.
Value-added capabilities	
Leadership and stakeholder alignment	Align leadership around a common future vision and transformation strategy. Assess alignment and commitment across the organization.
Compliance readiness	Design, document, test, and certify controls to meet Sarbanes-Oxley certification and other regulatory requirements.
IPO readiness	Determine Finance capabilities that will be required for functioning as a public company, including compliance, audit, reporting, governance, and risk management.
LE/PPA valuation	Complete purchase accounting valuation and legal entity structuring valuation.
Strategic tax review	Analyze potential tax planning, including opportunities for cash tax savings and reduction of global tax burdens.
Tax legal entity	Analyze potential for legal entity rationalization and combination. Incorporate legal entity analysis into the Finance blueprint and implementation planning.
Treasury/bank accounts	Develop and implement cash management strategies. Gain visibility into international cash and concentrate cash globally. Rationalize bank accounts and bank account structure.
Communications strategy	Develop and implement effective communications to engage employees, managers, leaders, and external stakeholders in the transformation journey.

Bottom-line benefits

- Reduce transaction risk through broad planning and execution from transaction strategy through post-merger integration
- Gain bottom-line benefits and potential funding for Finance transaction initiatives through potential tax savings
- Manage operational and global tax-compliance risk

The Deloitte team met their objectives by helping to improve the Treasury technology platform and processes and lowering costs through an improved legal entity structure and Finance supply chain. Systemic processes—including close, consolidation, and external reporting—were streamlined, consolidated, and automated. Business continuity was maintained throughout the transition.

Case study

A leading institutional solution and service company entered into a transformative acquisition with a company of similar size and different, but related, products and services. The CEO asked Deloitte to help the organization in their efforts to develop a strategy for hitting synergy targets and a game plan for capturing \$200 million in quick wins during the first year—without overloading or disrupting the company.

Indicators that action may be needed

- A transaction—IPO, merger, acquisition, or divestiture—creates a need for changes to Finance strategy, structure, systems, and processes
- Companies considering a transaction want to plan a merger or divestiture of the Finance function
- Following a transaction, a company may need stabilizing support to adapt to a new structure or approach

Find out more

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