Embedded Finance – Optimize Your ERP

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ERP Solutions Promise Opportunities & Challenges

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# **ERP Evolution**

- Updated ERP and financial systems form the backbone of an organization's digital nervous system.
- All processes within an organization need to be reflected in some shape or form within the ERP/financial system to enable capture of all activities and their impact on the organization's performance.
- ERP systems and capabilities have evolved:
  - Core operations to finance additions
  - CRM, WMS, SCM and e-Commerce extensions
  - Analytics and BI evolution
  - HRIS and Social XRP
  - AI enabled innovations
- Outdated and poorly integrated/enabled systems pose a significant obstacle towards the digital transformation journey!

# Digital Transformation Journey

- Digital transformation is an effort by management to leverage the latest information technology capabilities.
  - This is done by improving and integrating business processes within the organization and with outside parties such as suppliers and customers.
- This journey is an evolutionary process, and its pace is dictated by management and driven by several factors such as capabilities, resources, competitive forces and client demands.
- Every organization embarks on this journey, from the "Old World" onto the "New World", but to what extent and at what pace?

# Digital Transformation Defined

- Digital transformation is the ability for an organization to leverage the latest information technologies in order to achieve capabilities such as:
  - Establishing highly integrated, frictionless operational processes
  - Enabling collaboration within the organization
  - Enabling customer interaction with our systems
  - Integrating within the supply chain network
  - Improving management decision making capabilities
  - Viewing data as an organizational asset
  - Establishing proper cyber and privacy safeguards
  - Maintaining a spirit of experimentation & innovation

## **Transformation Accelerators**

- Recent events Realization that we need the ability to work from anywhere at anytime with ease and security
- Industry realities Competitive pressures and customer expectations for product and service pricing and delivery capabilities
- Emerging technologies Cloud and mobile computing, process automation, artificial intelligence, Web 3.0
- Internal capabilities Outdated IT systems, applications, tools and related resources
- Managerial priorities Executive leadership's view on priorities and allocation of resources for growth and profitability

# ERP Digital Transformation Enablement

- Process integration/efficiency (direct or API)
- Break down the silos, provide visibility
- Real-time information updates and alerts
- Dashboards for management by exception
- BI/AI for decision support
- Access anywhere, anytime, any device
- Less paper, more workflow
- Increased self service capabilities
- Software as a service, ease of IT management
- Address information security and privacy concerns



# Market Leaders



# **ERP Solution Approaches**

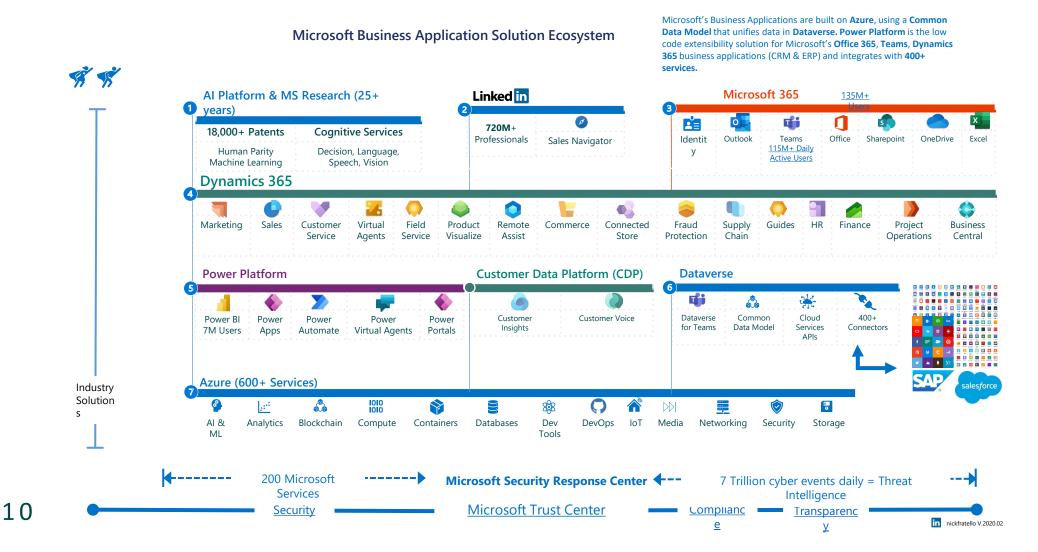
#### All-in-One

 Using one primary software solution to handle various facets of the company.

#### Best of Breed

 Using several software applications and providers to satisfy the needs.

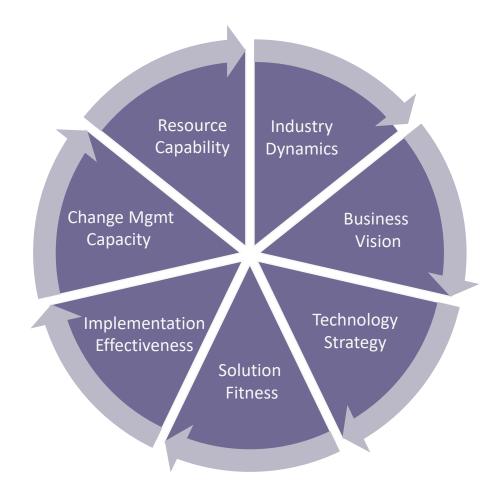
# Microsoft Platform Highlights



# **ERP Platform Considerations**

- Best of Breed approach provides an opportunity to mix and match cloud-based applications.
- Applications leverage differing underlying technologies and as a result, could pose challenges in areas such as:
  - Ease of integration
  - Technology familiarization
  - Resource consideration
  - Total cost of ownership
- A well-integrated solution roadmap could be leveraged as a source of competitive advantage.

### Financial System Success Factors



# **Transformation Opportunities**

- Operational agility Ability to adjust to changing conditions in a rapid response manner.
- Lowered transaction costs Tightly integrated systems offer increased process efficiencies.
- Improved decision making Data becomes more of a digital asset; easier to slice and dice/dashboards.
- Increased customer loyalty Customers have a higher regard when dealing with best-in-class providers.
- Increased scalability Company can easily support and scale operations without adding significant support resources.
- Improved cyber resiliency Reducing risks through leveraging integrated cloud security tools and expertise.

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### INTRODUCTION





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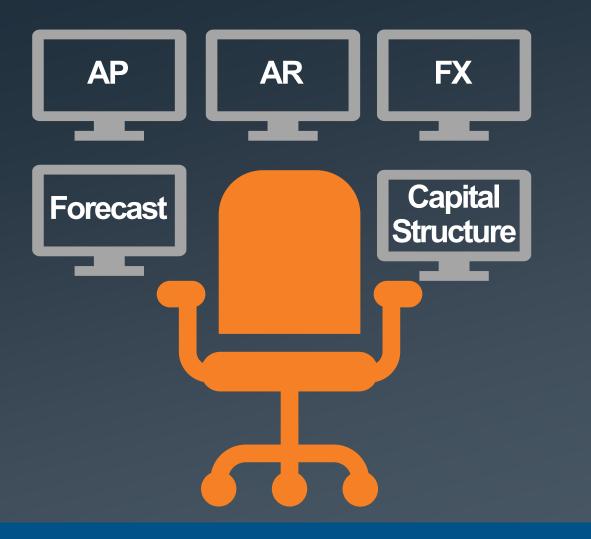


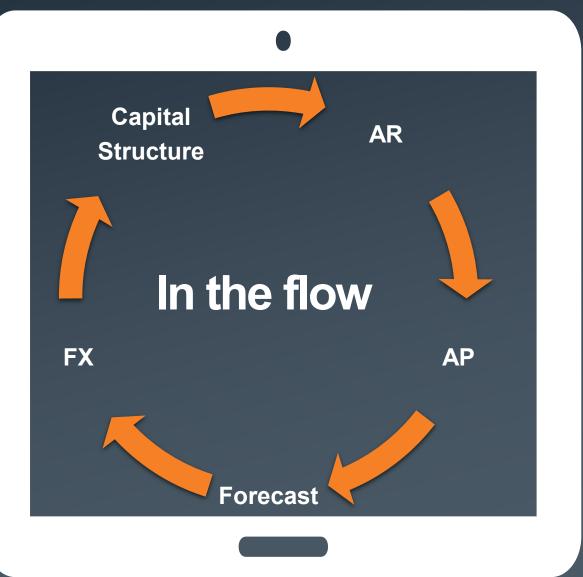
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### VALUE OF EMBEDDED



#### **The Swivel Chair**





### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**



1

Understand CFOs and Treasury Teams' Top Strategic Priorities and the technologies that organizations are using to manage the treasury function

2

Discuss why bank integrations are critical to achieving treasury automation and understand the connectivity channels available

3

Review examples of how modern technology and real-time bank integrations are enabling corporates to execute against their priorities and learn how to get started

### **TOP STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

#### **CFOs – Finance**

- 1. Ability to reduce overall costs in business (49%)
- 2. Ability to manage company growth (41%)
- 3. Ability to save significant time and effort through reduction of manual effort and errors (27%)
- 4. Ability to standardize common processes (22%)

#### **Treasury Teams – Treasury**

- 1. Improving treasury operational efficiency (53%)
- 2. Gaining real time insight in cash position (26%)
- 3. Evaluating and improving our banking relationship (21%)
- 4. Reducing our cash management costs (21%)

CFOs ARE FOCUSING MOST ON REDUCING COSTS,

WHILE TREASURERS ARE PRIORITIZING IMPROVING TREASURY OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY.



### THE REALITY OF TREASURY TEAMS

#### MOST TREASURY TEAMS ARE SMALL AND MOST MANAGE CASH IN HIGHLY COMPLEX BUSINESSES

66%





42%

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OF COMPANIES HAVE A DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION PLAN

OF COMPANIES ARE OPERATING WITH MULTIPLE CURRENCIES OF COMPANIES HAVE MORE THAN 5 SUBSIDIARIES OF TREASURY DEPARTMENTS HAVE 5 OR LESS TEAM MEMBERS

### **CURRENT STATE OF INTEGRATIONS**

#### Q: WHAT KIND OF TECHNOLOGY IS YOUR ORGANIZATION USING TO MANAGE THE TREASURY FUNCTION?



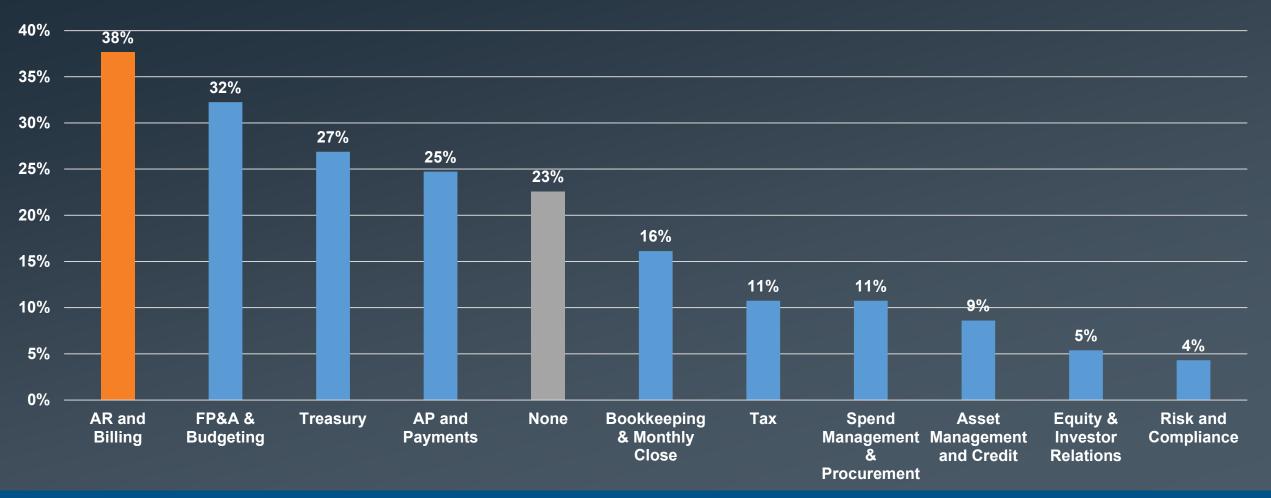
BANK PORTALS ARE THE MOST USED SOLUTION FOR CASH MANAGEMENT AND TREASURY FUNCTIONS IN THE U.S.

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### SIGNIFICANT SOFTWARE PROJECTS

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# A/R AND BILLING SOFTWARE LEADS THE WAY IN SOFTWARE PROJECTS PLANNED



### **BENEFITS OF INTEGRATIONS**



#### FINDING RELIABLE AND SECURE WAYS TO INTEGRATE THESE TECHNOLOGIES AND DIGITAL DATA SOURCES IS CRITICAL





SIMPLIFY

PAYMENTS

REDUCE OPERATIONAL EXPENSES

#### STREAMLINE RECONCILIATION

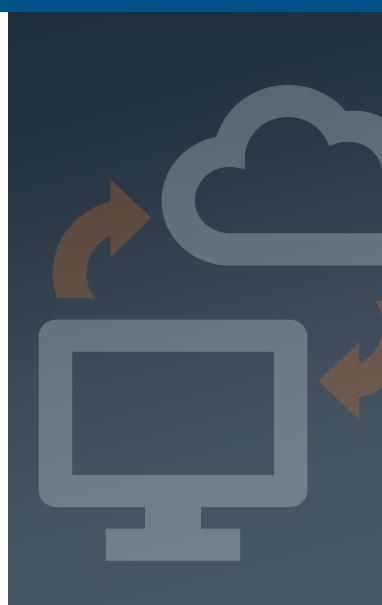
**OF COMPANIES** AUTOMATE PAYMENTS STREAMS TO BANKS USING INTEGRATION **TECHNOLOGY** 

### **EMBEDDED FINANCE**



#### WHAT IS EMBEDDED FINANCE?

"Embedded finance refers to the integration of financial services – such as banking, payments processing, and lending – into digital experiences with the goal of streamlining processes and placing banking services directly where and when they are needed."



### **ENABLING THE CONNECTED CLIENT**

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#### **DO YOU NEED A CUSTOMIZED EXPERIENCE?**





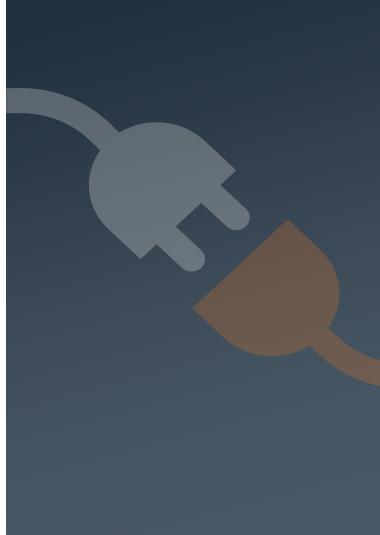
**APIs** 

#### DO YOU NEED A PRE-BUILT CONNECTION TO IMPROVE PLATFORM EFFICIENCY?





**EMBEDDED APPS** 



### **INTEGRATION OPTIONS**





#### FILE TRANSFER

File transfer services supports a variety of exchange options such as AS2, SFTP, SWIFT FileAct, and HTTPS, for both standard and modern file formats such as BAI2 and ISO20022, offering secure and monitored data exchange capabilities to organizations



**APIs** 

**APIs facilitate the** sharing of data and functionality between different applications, enabling powerful combinations of services to deliver cohesive experiences

#### **CONNECTORS**

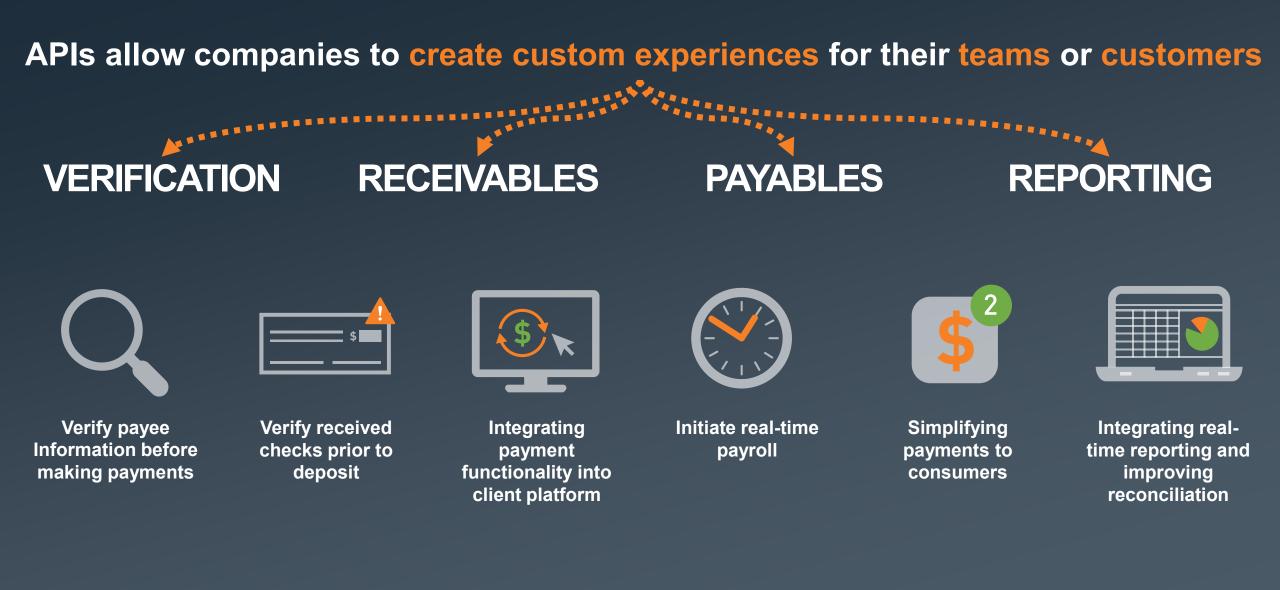
**Connectors are pre**built integrations that make connecting and sharing data between platforms more efficient

**Embedded solutions** offer pre-built integrations and ERP embedded experiences that facilitate seamless interactions with bank solutions, allowing for convenient and efficient work within the ERP environment



### THE POWER OF APIs





### **EMBEDDED EXPERIENCE IN ACTION**

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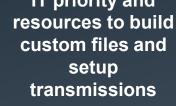
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### THE POWER OF CONNECTORS

**Connectors streamline onboarding and enable companies to leverage banking** services within specific systems, delivering embedded experiences

#### **SOLVING COMMON CHALLENGES**

Logging into multiple platforms to keep track of account balances



IT priority and

Easily accessing and leveraging new payments and bank capabilities

Learning another bank portal

Manual reconciliation involving downloading files

Lengthy implementation process

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**View real-time** information reporting within your ERP or TMS



Integrate without the need for IT resources

Access continuous new features released over time

Utilize familiar ERP / TMS system to carry out bank functions

Streamline the reconciliation process

**Dramatically** reduce onboarding time





### JOURNEY TO AUTOMATION



#### HOW TO PRIORITIZE AUTOMATION AND INTEGRATION INITIATIVES

#### UNDERSTAND YOUR CURRENT STATE

- What are the most time consuming tasks?
- What is the most prone to error, omission, or fraud risk?
- What tools can fill knowledge or experience gaps of in-house resources?

## EVALUATING SOLUTIONS AND DESIGN FUTURE STATE

- Consider outsourcing and consolidating treasury functions
- Look for bank partners that have invested in embedded technology
- Develop business cases and explore ROI

#### DRIVE BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

- Prioritize areas of focus based on greatest returns and enablers of scalability
- Develop roadmap for short and long term initiatives

#### **TOP TAKEAWAYS**









#### **FUEL GROWTH**

CFOs looking to reduce costs and fuel growth are focusing on three important areas: improving risk management, increasing cash visibility, and automating treasury functions.

#### ENTER THE NEXT PHASE OF AUTOMATION

Treasury technology will not only help you navigate through an uncertain market, but may also unlock key financial opportunities by enabling treasury functions to add more business value.

#### NAVIGATE UNCERTAINTY

With early efforts toward automation being ERP focused, more organizations are ready to mature their systems and tune in to the needs of today's treasury and finance departments by using technology to be more strategic.

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