# Full Service Strategy

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Key actionable insights from the Project Phase

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The big opportunity and our strategy to win

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SEO Strategy

Recommended actions to drive organic growth and awareness

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On-site design suggestions to improve customer experience

Growth Roadmaps & Next Steps

Planning for the H2 and beyond

# **Executive Overview**

& Key Findings



### What we learned

#### PAID MEDIA FINDINGS

- Keywords are not aligned with product pillars or user intent.
   Our new keywords/structure will help capture higher value users.
- Overall, low performance and ROI across search and LinkedIn due to missing conversion events and conversions not optimized for pipeline
- Low share of SERP across non-branded keywords means opportunity for higher visibility when users are in-market

#### SEO FINDINGS

- The competition is ahead in organic traffic that comes from high-intent and transactional keywords.
- Core pages are not optimized for organic search and are therefore not discoverable by our audience on Google.
- Site architecture can be enhanced to better align with Finance Leaders to ensure ICPs see themselves (and their solution) when they use our website

#### **DESIGN FINDINGS**

- There is very little visual/story differentiation in the marketplace when our ICP compares options from website to website.
- Incorporating a 'less is more' strategy on the homepage, along with more 'See Demo' CTAs across the site could increase user engagement and lead to more conversions.
- We are lacking immersive and dynamic UI animations, in addition to a strong product explainer overview video to engage your ICP with your differentiating value proposition.



### Where (Client) Fits in the Market

(Client) is the most complete mid-market platform for financial professionals and leaders. It's an easy to use solution that increases precision, adaptability, and performance by providing an all-in-one experience for accurate and secure financial performance management.



### Where Each Product Stands



Data-driven forecasting together with actionable, real-time analytics for improved planning accuracy, agility and business performance.



Accelerate and streamline your financial consolidation regardless of the currency, GAAP rules, consolidation scenario or group structure with a feature-rich, audit-ready financial consolidation application.



Automated data collection, validation and transaction matching for a fully transparent & faster intercompany reconciliation process.



Automated transaction matching with collaborative workflows and real-time close performance reporting for an accurate, efficient close process.

### **Speak to Your Target Audience**



The Financial Architect

#### Risks and Fears

- Data inaccuracy
- Finding the right tools to maximize team efficiency
- Meeting profitability and revenue targets

#### **JTBD**

- Transformation
- Leads financial strategy
- Reports to stakeholders



#### Risks and Fears

- Data inaccuracy leading to incorrect reporting and forecasting
- Security and compliance

The Reporting Virtuoso

Limited scalability with current tools

#### **JTBD**

- Automates data collection
  - Ensures compliance
- Supports financial strategy



#### The Data Dynamo

#### Risks and Fears

- Data inaccuracy leading to incorrect reporting and forecasting
- Delays due to manual processes
- Regulatory failures

#### **JTBD**

- Day-to-day acct/fin operations
- Data consolidation
- Financial close process



### **Product** X Role Alignment









CFO
VP of Finance
Executive VP of Finance
Director of Finance
Director, FP&A Finance
End Users / Contributors
Financial Analyst
Budget Analyst

Group CFO
Controller
Group Financial Director
Head of Consolidation
Group Finance Reporting &
Consolidation
Consolidation Manager
Consolidation Accountant
Financial Analyst

Group CFO
Controller
Group Financial Director
Head of Consolidation
Group Finance Reporting &
Consolidation
Consolidation Manager
Consolidation Accountant
Financial Analyst

Accounting Team
Controllers
Accountants
Reconciliation Analysts
Internal/External Auditors
Chief Accounting Officer
Compliance Officers
Finance Team
CFO

Senior management: VP, Director Manager of Finance



## **Customer Generation**

Strategy





### The Strategy to Succeed

(Client) is the leading mid-market financial software worldwide. It is known for precision, adaptability, and performance. (Client) stands out as the all-in-one solution for Finance and Accounting teams.

To ensure (Client) wins in competitive moments and cuts through the noise, we'll use a multi-faceted Customer Generation strategy that drives more customers, like our best existing ones.

### **Strategy Overview**

Our Customer Generation strategy is centred around driving SQLs, a strong indicator for what deals build pipeline for your business.

We'll hone in on three key elements to drive success across paid, SEO and CRO.





#### H2 Goal is 479 SQLs

- Q3 336 SQLs (318 from paid)
- Q4 144 SQLs (124 from paid)

QoQ this is a **3,633% increase** when looking at 2023 and 2024 SQL historicals

The (Client) CP-SQL is currently \$11,000 CAD Industry average is around \$10,000 USD

Q3 2024

Goal Setting	ioal Type: Stage 2 - SQLs 🔻	
Stage 2 - SQLs Goal	318.00	106 per month from paid
Quarterly Budget	\$300,000	\$100k per month
Cost-per-Stage 2 - SQL Needed	\$943	

Q4 2024

Goal Setting	Goal Type: Stage 2 - SQLs 💌					
Stage 2 - SQLs Goal	124.00	106 per month from paid				
Quarterly Budget	\$300,000	\$100k per month				
Cost-per-Stage 2 - SQL Needed	\$2,419					

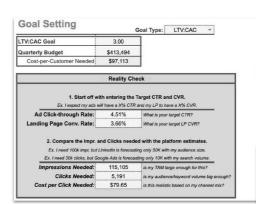
#### Paid Media LTV:CAC

What we strive for:

H2 Goal:

92 SQLs

Our ideal goal is 4x the current performance to meet a 3:1 LTV:CAC ratio.



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	Goal	Cost-per
Leads	190	\$2,176
MQLs	116	\$3,565
Stage 2 - SQLs	36	\$11,486
Customers	4	\$103,374

LTV:CAC Ratio	2.82
Est. Revenue	\$1,165,352
Net Return	\$751.858

Conversion Rates								
Lead > MQL	61%							
MQL > Stage 2 - SQL	31.0%							

Stage 2 - SQL > Customer

11.1%

Highlighted rate based on industry benchmark.



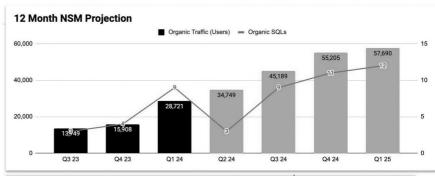
# As SEO brings qualified traffic and leads to the site, closed won starts to gain momentum and grow revenue through organic channels

Connecting SEO to revenue, we can see the economic impact of growing qualified leads through the organic channel.

Expanding into EMEA would support further SQL growth

H2 Goal 25 SQLs

+257% vs. PY



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	Q3 23	Q4 23	Q1 24	Q2 24	Q3 24	Q4 24	Q1 25
Customers	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	3.00
Total Est. Revenue	\$291,338	\$291,338	\$291,338	\$291,338	\$582,676	\$874,014	\$874,014
LTV:CAC Ratio	13	13	13	13	26	39	39





#### Paid Media Strategy

#### **4 KEY INITIATIVES**

01

Google account restructure

By focusing on high-intent keywords to convert users who are ready to buy, we'll lower CP SQL and reinvest that budget to grow volume. 02

A/B test landing pages

The critical post-click experience will be a testbed for CRO; we want to make the most of every dollar spent to drive high-intent users to the site 03

Convo ads on Linkedin

We've seen consistent success across industries and business models using incentivized conversational ads on LinkedIn. We'll pair this ad format with TAM lists built from our customer analysis.

04

New high-qualified categories to G2

We've found the best categories for (Client) to compete in, now it's time to make improve discoverability and make (Client) undeniable in the buying journey

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Paid Media Strategy Recommended channels and tactics to achieve our NSM

#### **CHALLENGE**

Competitors are winning in key SERPs

Competitors (Competitor), (Competitor), and others are dominating the SERPs with a combination of Paid and Organic listings that force a prospect to reckon with them as a possible solution.

We need to disrupt the current dynamic by showing up at the right time for the right people with the right offer.



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Source: Google

Organic search results feature paid opportunities in disguise

Our share of SERP analysis revealed the blend of directories and listicles for your top terms.

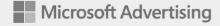
While many listicles are directly on competitor sites, some results are pay-to-play directories or third-party listicles where we can improve positioning through outreach and dollars.











### **Paid Search**

#### **Channel Tactics**

- Segment Keywords for Optimized Relevancy
- Offline Conversion Tracking
- A/B Test Landing Pages
- Search Targeting to Remarketing Audiences
- Transition Learnings to Microsoft Ads

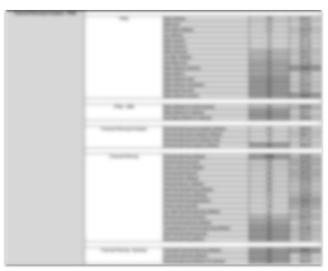
# Segment Keywords for Relevancy

The SERP is highly competitive and we need to make sure (Client) can keep up with it.

By splitting keywords into more targeted ad groups for custom copy and landing pages, we can give priority to BOFU keywords with qualifiers like 'software', 'tools', 'platform', and 'solutions'. We'll align these to the best user journey for each.

Additional campaigns are broken out by pillar to clearly identify which types of keywords are performing, while allowing more budget control.

**Outcome:** Increased efficiency in paid search, higher relevancy will reduce CPC and maximize budget for lower overall CPA.



Source: BOFU Keywords

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# Multiple Primary conversions but no OCT to pipeline events

Google Ads is optimizing to multiple events that don't always lead to pipeline conversions. Form fills, calls from ads, and app installs are prioritized equally.

Conversion events don't align across channels, as LinkedIn is missing key conversions and includes outdated events.

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# A/B Test New Landing Page + Sitelink Combinations

Many current ads and ad extensions leverage the demo request page by default. Not all traffic is ready for this step, though.

By A/B testing non-demo landing pages as the main ad link, we can leverage the 'See a Demo Now' extension, which has the highest number of engagements and conversions, to capture users who are ready to engage.

We'll also test ad extension copy to find what performs best.

**Outcome:** Better user journey, leading to improved lead opportunities. Additionally, reducing potential spam and less qualified demo bookings.





# Increase Search Targeting to Recent Visitors

Procuring software this important is a time consuming process for most organizations, meaning that someone that has visited your website recently is likely not done with their software buying journey and is worth getting back in front of them.

Increasing bids to recent visitors within the last 90 days will keep you top of mind when placed against top competitors.

**Outcome:** Higher search impression share and more conversions from qualified visitors.

Audience segment	Cost	Search impr. share	Search lost IS (rank)	Search exact match IS	↓ Conv.	Conversions	Cost / conv
All of my site visitors - GA4	\$161.15	44.27%	17.18%	61.73%	20.00%	4.00	\$40.29
All visitors (AdWords)	\$478.16	47.74%	18.54%	73.01%	8.33%	4.00	\$119.5
All visitors across www.prophix.com - Thank you	\$770.15	44.08%	19.03%	64.37%	6.58%	5.00	\$154.00
Business Services Business Technology	\$358.95	59.35%	16.13%	68.29%	6.38%	3.00	\$119.65
Technology	\$1,750.83	54.07%	14.34%	64.43%	5.80%	13.00	\$134.68

# Transition Optimized Campaigns to Microsoft Ads

Microsoft Ads campaigns are currently paused, however audiences are likely to have similar search habits as Googlers at a lower cost due to less competition on MS Ads.

The majority of visitors are on Windows and more likely to use Bing to search. Once Google Search campaigns have been updated and optimized, synching over top performing campaigns should be tested.

**Outcome:** Additional conversions at lower CPCs, CPAs, and volume.

↑ Campaign		Delivery ①	Campaign type	
Asset Download - CA_EN	Asset Download - CA_EN		Search	
Asset Download - US_EN		△ Campaign paused	Search	
Better Business Planning		△ Campaign paused	Smart	
BOFU - Demo - CA_EN		△ Campaign paused	Search	
BOFU - Demo - US_EN		△ Campaign paused	Search	
Brand - US_EN		△ Campaign paused	Search	
Brand- CA_EN		A commission named	Ct	
Competition-EN-World	Users → by Op	perating system		<b>⊘</b> →
Retargeting Display CAN	OPERATING S		USERS	
	Windows			129K
	Android		43K	
	Macintosh	37K		
	ios			24K
	Linux			4.7K
	Chrome OS			1.7K
	Win32			109





### **Paid Social**

#### **Channel Tactics**

- Customer-led Audience Lists from TAM
- Convo Ads & Gift Card Incentive

# Customer-Led TAM for Efficiency & Scale

Primary Sub-Industry	Company Count	% of Total	Total Value (CAD)	% of Total	Avg. Value (CAD)
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	65	4%	\$4,090,086	4%	\$62,924
Building Materials	52	3%	\$3,254,229	3%	\$62,581
Automotive Parts	15	1%	\$1,411,987	1%	\$94,132
Medical Devices & Equipment	19	1%	\$1,282,722	1%	\$67,512
Test & Measurement Equipment	11	1%	\$699,036	1%	\$63,549
Commercial & Residential Construction	89	5%	\$7,073,352	6%	\$79,476
Architecture, Engineering & Design	37	2%	\$2,971,445	3%	\$80,309
Civil Engineering Construction	28	2%	\$1,983,468	2%	\$70,838
Home Improvement & Hardware Retail	15	1%	\$1,104,073	1%	\$73,605
Automobile Parts Stores	10	1%	\$837,739	1%	\$83,774
Non-Profit & Charitable Organizations	61	3%	\$4,377,024	4%	\$71,754
Membership Organizations	33	2%	\$2,395,303	2%	\$72,585
Colleges & Universities	54	3%	\$4,228,925	4%	\$78,313
Training	10	1%	\$703,775	1%	\$70,378
Investment Banking	26	1%	\$2,281,968	2%	\$87,768
Electricity, Oil & Gas	39	2%	\$3,148,731	3%	\$80,737

**Outcome:** We drive meetings directly from the platform with efficiency; each meeting will be with a company we know is a good fit.





# Use conversation ads for tailored messaging to individual customer personas

Highlights the unique value (Client) provides, utilizing social proof and customized ad copy to the targeted customer persona, appealing to their specific pain points (based on job title, company size, industry, and more) while following up with an irresistible offer.



Source: Conversation Ad Flow

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# Drive opportunities for sales conversions with incentivized offers

We will be listing in the message how long (29 minutes), what they will get (gift card) and what they will learn from taking the meeting with (Client).

Utilizing the gift card offer entices our ICP to take the time to meet with your representatives because it will be worth it.

We will be using the \$105 gift card offer targeted to our ICP of Reporting Virtuoso's and \$250 offer to Financial Architects. We are highlighting the effects of user observability by creating FOMO - by mentioning how other orgs are winning with (Client).



#### Gift Card Offer

A key initiative for this tactic to work is the use of an incentive. We are asking prospects to give us time out of their day for something they are not actively looking for. If we know they are a good fit, we **need** to offer them value for their time to drive efficient volume.

This benchmark data shows how performance changes along with the incentive.

Gift Card Amount	CPL	Conv. Rate	Impr. to Lead	ROI
\$0	\$552	0.52%	0.22%	\$0
\$50	\$330	0.98%	0.35%	\$0
\$100	\$177	1.77%	1.04%	\$2.9M
\$105	\$253	2.70%	1.27%	\$3.4M
\$110	\$300	2.22%	1.00%	\$275K
\$250	\$423	3.11%	1.36%	\$431K
\$500	\$584	8.93%	2.80%	\$389K

### Optimize Funnel Metrics with Chili Piper

Chili Piper is advanced scheduling software for B2B revenue teams.

Directive was able to improve funnel conversion metrics by adding Chili Piper to our martech stack and it's done the same for dozens of our clients.

Without Chili Piper

34%

Form Fills > Intros Held Conversion Rate With Chili Piper

51%

Form Fills > Intros Held Conversion Rate





# Rediscovering **Directories**

Back claims with trusted reviews and promoted listings.

#### **Channel Tactics**

- 1. Promote Current Listings in New Categories
- 2. Pay per Lead Initiative





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**Software Advice.** 

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# Promote Current Listings in New Categories

Financial Analysis makes up the other half of FP&A, but (Client) isn't listed here even though other key competitors like Vena are.

Additionally, the smaller but very relevant category 'Financial Reconciliation' does not include (Client). Adding these new categories would be beneficial at generating more awareness of key product functions.

**Outcome:** More categories means more visibility to potential customers and more consideration from a buyer when narrowing down their options.







# Leverage Gartner's PPL Specialty

Software Advice's Pay Per Lead offering narrows inquiring companies down only to those who **fit our criteria** and ensures that we only pay when it's worth our budget to do so.

- Company size
- Industry
- Need
- Region

**Outcome:** SQL-quality leads brought to us; relatively low volume but high efficiency.

### Software Advice.

Accounting Software

Business Intelligence Tools

File Sync Software
Financial Close Software

Financial Fraud Detection Software
Financial Risk Management Software

Financial Services Software

Firewall Software



#### **Budget Plan**

**Initial:** \$50k per month to start with a focus on demand capture through paid search.

 Our revamped Google Ads campaign is going to tell us exactly where we aren't competitive enough, from a budget or quality perspective. **Next Step Up:** Moving to \$100K per month for September to help increase awareness and drive incremental conversions through BOFU tactics on LinkedIn.

 Future state opportunities are included should there be incremental spend available.

					July	August	September	Q3 Total	October	November	December	Q4 Total	H2 Total	
Channel	Objective	Audience List	Geo	Budget	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30		7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30			
						Q3				Q4				
			Brand	\$94,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$19,000	\$37,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$57,000	\$94,000	
Paid Search		NAMER	Non-Brand	\$188,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$38,000	\$74,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$114,000	\$188,000	
	C		Competitor	\$33,000	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$15,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$18,000	\$33,000	
Paid Search	Conversion	Conversion		Brand	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$10,000
		EMEA	Non-Brand	\$20,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$20,000	
			Competitor	\$5,000	\$500	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	
	Awarness,	NAMER	Sponsored content	\$150,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$90,000	\$150,000	
	Consideration, Conversion	EMEA	lead gen forms	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
			Total	\$500,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$500,000	

Link to full media plan

Key Campaigns	July	August	September	Octob	er	November	December
Evergreen				Products			
Campaigns		Cash Flow	Budget	ing and Planning		Year E	nd Close

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# International EMEA

Strategy



English

UK



# EMEA paid search will be divided into three segments based on opportunity, targets, and resources







Country	Language
Belgium	
France	French
Switzerland	riench
Luxembourg	

Country	Language	
Belgium	Dutch	
Netherland		

Country	Language	
Luxembourg		
Germany	German	
Austria	German	
Switzerland		

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Based on customer insights and potential opportunities, the following targeting strategy for paid social advertising is likely to generate faster revenue with improved returns

## Paid Social targeting

50-500 employees

Industrial Machinery & Equipment
Building Materials
Food & Beverage
Commercial & Residential Construction
Management Consulting
Accounting Services
Restaurants
Investment Banking
Freight & Logistics Services
Civil Engineering Construction

Primary sub-industries

Belgium, **UAE, Luxemburg, Ireland**, France, Netherland, Germany, **Austria**, **Switzerland**, Italy, UK

# SEO Strategy



#### SEO Strategy

Recommended actions to drive organic growth and awareness

#### **SEO OPPORTUNITY**

Position (Client) as the Best Choice for a Financial Performance Platform at All Stages of the Buyer's Journey

By optimizing our existing core page content and creating content to lead in topical authority for key search terms, we will be primed for success.

We'll also work to optimize conversion rates to capitalize on the growing high intent traffic.

	Annual Search Volume	Predicted Clicks (High)	Predicted Clicks (Mid)	Predicted Clicks (Low)
Total Search Volume	764,760	136,739	45,121	8,412
Total BOFU Clicks	252,960	45,229	14,925	2,783
Total MOFU Clicks	95,880	17,143	5,657	1,055
Total TOFU Clicks	415,920	74,366	24,539	4,575

Link to spreadsheet

63K (+86% YoY)

Estimated Incremental Organic Sessions\*



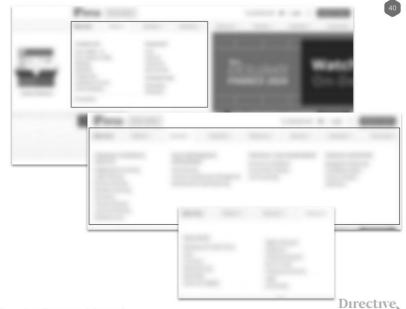
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#### **SEO OPPORTUNITY**

Align Your User Journey with the Problems Finance Leaders Are Trying to Solve

Website infrastructure is a crucial element of not just SEO, but also content production and website growth.

We have the opportunity to re-craft the navigation to better speak to your customers pain points to take your ICP from apathy to action.



Source: https://www.venasolutions.com/

# Our SEO strategy is centered around expanding our SERP market share and crafting content that can speak to our ICP at every stage of the buying journey

#### **4 KEY INITIATIVES**

01

**Core Page Optimization** 

Optimize existing core pages to rank higher for our target keywords, and create new pages that speak directly to our ICP in a way that converts them 02

Conversion Rate Optimization (CRO)

Implement and test best practices across the site to convert more existing and new users to directly impact pipeline revenue.

03

Content Strategy & Thought Leadership

Optimize content to attract more top & middle of funnel traffic and create & amplify quality content, building on your deep knowledge of financial platforms, to establish topical authority and increase market share.

04

Share of SERP Outreach

Appearing on 3rd party sites, listicles, and review platforms will drive high-intent traffic and boost credibility of (Client)'s brand.

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# By targeting Top & Middle of Funnel content around key Financial Performance categories we could bring +28K new NAMER visitors per year\*

Keyword Theme	Annual Search Volume
FP&A	548K
Account Reconciliation	133K
Al Applications in Finance	54K
Budgeting & Forecasting	48K
FPM & CPM	7K
Bottom Up Planning	6K
Financial Consolidation & Close	4K
Search Volume Potential	800K

Opportunity breakdown

## Top of Funnel Content

## Headline Examples:

- Best Practices for Financial Planning & Analysis
- The Ultimate Guide to Budgeting and Forecasting
- Understanding Account Reconciliation
- What is Financial Performance Management? A Complete Guide

## Middle of Funnel Content

#### Headline Examples:

- Ways to Improve the Budgeting & Forecasting Process
- What Is Agile Finance? An Expert Guide
- Essentials for choosing integrated business planning software
- Navigating Al's Impact on Accounting: Uses, Trends and Tools

All initial topic proposal (20 Total)

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# By optimizing existing content at the same time as publishing new content, we can reach our goals faster

We reviewed all Blog pages and prioritized actions for these pages. **High Priority** blog pages rank for keywords with high volume and are close to the top 10. **Medium priority** blog pages rank for keywords with lower volume and are farther from top 10.

Action	# of URLs			Clicks L12 M (GSC)	% of Blogs	% of Blog Traffic
Keep	73			14,820	7.3%	81.4%
Refresh	247	15	25	3,108	24.7%	17.1%
Sunset/Redirect	680			268	68.0%	1.5%
Grand Total	1,000	15	25	18,196	100%	100%

Link to spreadsheet

#### Next steps:

- Review pages we recommend to refresh/repurpose and sunsetting/redirecting.
- If approved, we would proceed to create briefs for content refreshes in the coming months, as well as redirecting pages to sunset.

# The Resources section can contribute to growing organic traffic to your site, by adding it to your root domain

We can also help you create long-form content that lives in your Resources section (e.g. e-books, templates). Like it is for your competitors, having your Resources page within your root domain can be a key driver of organic traffic to your site.





We can start boosting our organic presence through transcribing white papers and webinars to use on the web page. Search engines will only then be able to pick up the content to show to search users





# By targeting the Bottom of the Funnel through both optimization & new Core Pages, we can improve traffic up to +8.6K new NAMER visitors per year\*

Keyword Theme	Annual Search Volume
FP&A Software	47K
Budgeting & Forecasting Software	127K
Financial Reporting Software	21K
Financial AI Software	12K
Workforce Planning Software	10K
Financial Modeling Software	7K
Financial Consolidation & Close Software	8K
Financial Management Solutions	9K
Financial Performance Management Software	4K
Search Volume Potential	245K

We can learn from competitors on how they frame their offering around **Jobs to be Done** that speak to the ICP.



Link to Opportunity Breakdown



<sup>\*</sup>Based on the average CTR from search volume > organic traffic, for keywords between positions 3 and 10 of 3.5%.



# Optimizing our core page navigation to better align with our ICP will expand our search market share and improve odds of ranking for target keywords

Have Platform Overview standout, for a less Clear distinction of platform capabilities vs. use case. Separate Industries from Use Cases, to make cluttered drop down. appealing to visitor intent. sure these don't get lost in the drop down. Platform Hen Cases Industries Resources Partner CTA Financial Consolidation 8 Our Partner Platform Overview Canabilities Integations Pricing Reporting Construction Network See demo Financial Planning & Financial Close Reporting & Customer Customer Reviews Artificial Intelligence Data Integrations Learn more Analysis Management Analytics Healthcare Stories Become a Partner Experience the Budgeting & Financial ESG Reporting Prophix Way Security Microsoft Power BI Planning Consolidation Higher Education Product Demos Partner Portal Cashflow Account Workflow MS365 Add-In Planning Reconciliation Manuacturing Webinars Professional Modeling Services Whitenaners Forecasting Focusing a drop Resource down on Use Cloud Based Library People Planning Hilitiae Highlight Cases gives room Integrated Integrations, to better Business for more New potential capabilities pages. demonstrate this Planning See all seaments. Intercompany that speak to key features. capability. Management Pages We Already Have Pages We Need to Build

Site Architecture Competitive Analysis

Buttons



# The gap in keyword ranking positions and word count vs. competitors shows that there's potential to expand & optimize your key core pages

On-page optimizations, like more use of keyword-rich text & internal linking, can help your core pages close the gap in target keyword ranking vs. your competitors.

Keyword	(Client) Position	Core Page	URL	Organic Clicks YTD	(Client) Word Count	Competitor	Competitor Position	Competitor Word Count
	15	Homepage	(page)	12,300	1,211	(Competitor)	2	3,785
	6	Platform Overview	(page)	127	1,493	(Competitor)	5	4,125
	-	Al Insights	(page)	73	1,234	(Competitor)	1	2,504
	75	Integrations	(page)	274	1,118	(Competitor)	8	3,926
f	20	Consolidation	(page)	120	1,195	(Competitor)	3	4,578
t .	67	Budgeting & Planning	(page)	230	1,373	(Competitor)	3	3,781
	17	Financial Close	(page)	21	1,371	(Competitor)	1	5,716
	20	FP&A	(page)	65	1,475	(Competitor)	2	4,125



# We can learn from other SERP competitors on how they're able to rank high on key search terms with dedicated core pages





# One of the most effective ways to strengthen your pages is through internal links as they establish information hierarchy and pass link equity.

**Blog Post** 



https://www.client.com/blog-post/

Impressions L12M: 56K Clicks L12M: 1.8K Keywords ranking: 77

Use Cases Page



https://www.client.com/use-case-page/

Impressions L12M: 9.7K Clicks L12M: 65 Keywords ranking: 4

Capabilities Page



https://www.client.com/capabilities-page/

Impressions L12M: 4.3K Clicks L12M: 73 Keywords ranking: 5

# We will help maximize your organic brand presence across the search engine results page (SERP)

## **Pursuing High-Intent Opportunities**

We'll follow up with an exhaustive list of all the potential 3rd party sites (Client) should be on or move up in ranking, including contact information to conduct the outreach.

After the full Share of SERP audit, we'll help you pursue the following actions:

- 1. Reach out to all 3rd party sites that have contact info.
- Determine what needs to happen to show up or move up in ranking (e.g. pay per click, seek out customer reviews, etc).
- Work with your team to execute the recommendations.



Share of SERP keywords

# Design & CRO

Strategy



Design & CRO Strategy | Competitive Analysis
What we learned from reviewing competitor websites

## **Our Key Competitors**

Competitors are all telling a similar story, with good use of branding and messaging throughout. While some may overwhelm users with excessive information and lengthy pages that go against UI/UX best practices, others lean in to the human element for greater connection to the ICP.

Because there is very little differentiation in the marketplace when our ICP compares options from website to website, we must consider how (Client) can standout in this 'sea of sameness' to be the #1 choice for our ICP.

Incorporating human images engaged with the product can enhance emotive visual hierarchy connecting directly to your ICP, while incorporating a 'less is more' strategy on the homepage could increase user engagement, and the chances for more conversions.



**NA Competitor** 



**UK Competitor** 

**EU** Competitor

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# (Client) Homepage/Site

Overall assessment: Strong and cohesive branding throughout with trust-building social proof

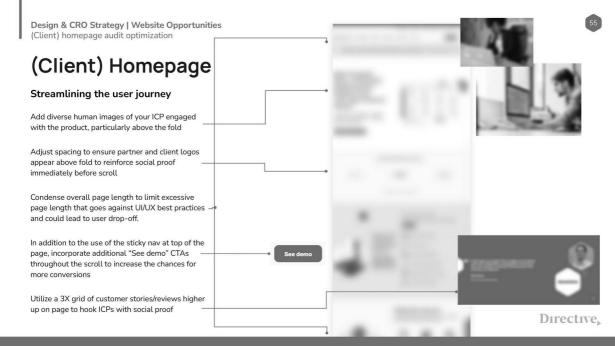
#### Quick wins:

- Add diverse images of your ICP engaged with the product, particularly in the hero sections above the fold.
- Include more instances of the 'See demo' CTA throughout site to increase the likelihood of a visitor clicking on the button.
- Condense overall page length to align with UI/UX best practices and to avoid unnecessary
  elongation that could lead to user drop-off.
- Simplify form on Demo page, and add social proof/testimonials to draw more leads into the sales funnel.

#### Future growth opportunities:

- Engage your ICP immediately by clearly detailing the differentiating (Client) value propositions with a brand overview video
- Tailor to your ICP with unique landing pages and continuous testing of design elements to increase the chances for more conversions.





## **UI Engagement**

Comparing the UI platform engagements with the competition, we can see that:

Our motion design could be more engaging: We use minimal animation, mainly for clients served image slider, without conveying specific actions. This approach limits engagement and fails to enhance the user experience as effectively as it could.

With Planful, we can see larger platform UI image animations and dynamic animations, effectively showcasing platform actions to ensure easier understanding for ICPs as they scroll the page. None of our other main competitors have incorporated this immersive UI/UX strategy into their website experiences.

(Competitor) is our main competitor to lead with a brand overview explainer video above the fold to engage the ICP with their differentiating value proposition. Adding a video above the fold can help increase views and potentially entice visitors to want to find out more as stats show that landing pages with video can increase conversions by 86%.





# A/B Testing

We can determine CTA and key element variables on Core Pages that can be A/B tested to pinpoint the best action that resonates with our ICP, leading to the possibility for greater conversions and more efficiency.

Trying out more hard-hitting actions, copy lines and alternative colours that will stand out, along with adding more of the main CTAs throughout the pages may lead to more clicks.

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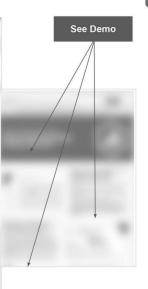
See Demo

Variant A

Variant B

Get a Demo

See Demo



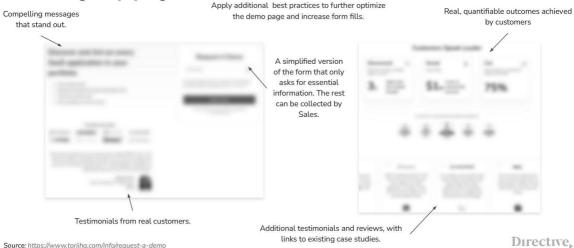
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## Demo sign up page





## Demo sign up page





# Strategy Roadmap Strategy Roadmap Strategy Roadmap



# 6 Month Roadmap

H<sub>2</sub> 2024 H<sub>2</sub> 2024 Goal Restructure Optimize Strategy Initiatives 03 Initiatives 04 Initiatives 03 Initiatives 04 1. Optimize OCT to track against key 1. Scale Campaigns launched in 03 1. Optimize campaigns based on ICP 1. Plan out 01 2025 based on H2 pipeline goals based on performance engagement with campaigns. performance 2. Restructure Google Ads account 2. Testing Search Intent of ICPs 2. Consider increasing spend to 2. Iterate on campaign testing 3. Action on media plan and plan \$100K/mo 3. A/B test Google and LinkedIn copy 3. Further optimize content and core budgets 3. Explore additional channel recos 4. New content opportunities pages 4. Test bidding strategies to see what 4. Ensure strategy alignment on 5 CRO 4. Review additional CRO drives the most mid market leads optimization strategies opportunities based on H2 5. Test Expanded LinkedIn Targeting 5 New content briefs performance 6. Launch landing pages 5. Update NSM and optimize 7 Build SEO content briefs 8. Update navigation Rusiness Web, Campaign and Landing Page optimization, Discoverability, & Conversion Management Initiatives Reporting Ongoing

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# **Deliverables**







# SEO Deliverables Completed

With handy links to all Project Phase documents

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## Content Opportunity Keyword Research Phase I

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#### Backlink Audit Share of SERP Audit

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## International Content Opp

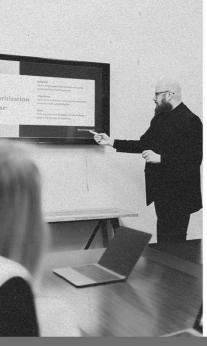
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Keyword Research Phase II

Content Consolidation Audit





# Paid Media Deliverables Completed

With handy links to all Project Phase documents

Paid Media Audit

LTV:CAC

**ICE Prioritization** 

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Paid Keyword Audit

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Paid Keyword Research

Share of SERP

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Customer Segments & Personas

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Closed Won Enriched Customer List

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Conversation Ad Flow

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# **Appendix**



Appendix Additional Support Material

# Your Ideal Customer **Profile**

Establishing your ICP based on our research and analysis, budget allocation, and historical performance data.

- Reporting Virtuoso
  - Director of Finance
  - Director of Accounting
  - Controller
- Financial Architect
  - CFO
  - VP of Finance

#### Customer Personas

Firmographic Profile

Our paid social campaigns will initially target:

- Industries
  - Manufacturing
  - Construction
  - Business Services
  - Company Sizes:

  - o 250-999 employees (Mid-market)
  - o 1,000-4,999 employees (Enterprise)
- Revenue Range:
- \$50M-\$250M (Mid-market)
- o \$250M-\$1B (Enterprise)

## **Extended ICP Opportunity**

With additional budget, we recommend expanding our audience to fully target financial leader roles, with segmentation between mid-market and enterprise leadership.

#### ICP Analysis

Our ICPs allow us to simultaneously target our brand champions as well as our current decision-makers.



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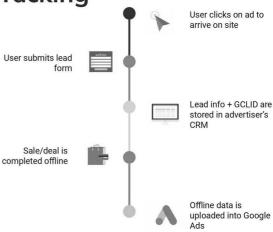


# Offline Conversion Tracking

#### To optimize pipeline performance

With full OCT prioritization, we can begin optimizing (Client)'s campaigns towards SQL and higher pipeline actions.

This will help ensure ads are being seen by users most likely to drive revenue.





Paid Media Strategy Recommended channels and tactics to achieve our NSM

#### OPPORTUNITY

Test Priority to Value for Conversion Optimization

To drive more pipeline, higher priority should be allocated to conversions that are more likely to provide value. Testing out bid strategy type "Maximize conversion value" along with OCT conversions will have the most impact to desired outcomes.

With multiple primary conversions active, maximizing by conversion and click volume will not differentiate a form fill vs. booking a demo.

Campaign ↓	Bid strategy type
Retargeting Display CAN & US	Maximize conversions
Q Competition-EN-World	Maximize clicks
Q Brand- CA_EN	Maximize clicks
Q Brand - US_EN	Maximize clicks
Q BOFU - Demo - US_EN	Maximize conversions (Target CPA)
Q BOFU - Demo - FR_FR	Maximize conversions
BOFU - Demo - US_EN Forecasting	Maximize conversions

Source: Google Ads

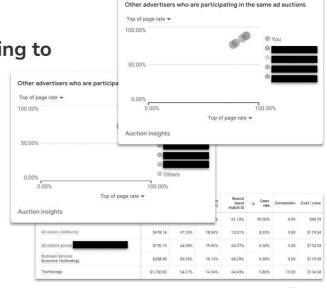
Paid Media Strategy
Recommended channels and tactics to achieve our NSM

Increase Search Targeting to Recent Visitors

Procuring software this important is a time consuming process for most organizations, meaning that someone that has visited your website recently is likely not done with their software buying journey and it's worth getting back in front of them.

Increasing bids to recent visitors will keep you top of mind when placed against top competitors.

**Outcome:** Higher search impression share and more conversions from qualified visitors.



Source: Google Ads



Paid Media Strategy Recommended channels and tactics to achieve our NSM

(Client) is well-known but not typically in the top 3 spots on directories

(Client) is available in all main directories, however positioning typically ranges from 4-6, with some landing past the 10th position.

With such a competitive market, it's important to stay above the fold with more recent review generation or pay-to-play for higher visibility.



## Paid Media NSM Analysis Q3 2024 H2 Goal is 479 SQLs

Q3 is 336 SQLs (318 from paid)

Stage 2 - SQLs Goal	318.00	106 pe	r month from paid
Quarterly Budget	\$300,000	\$1	00k per month
ost-per-Stage 2 - SQL Needed	\$943		
1 Start off will	Reality Che		and CVP
1. Start off wit Ex. I expect my ads w	th entering the 1	Target CTR a	
	th entering the 1	Target CTR a	

2. Compare the Impr. and Clicks needed with the platform estimates.	
Ex. I need 100k impr. but LinkedIn is forecasting only 50K with my audience size.	

Ex. I need 30k clicks, but Google Ads is forecasting only 10K with my search volume.

Impressions Needed:	1,014,746	Is my TAM large enough for this?
Clicks Needed:	45,765	Is my audience/keyword volume big enough?
Cost per Click Needed:	\$6.56	Is this realistic based on my channel mix?

## **Projections**

Leads	1,675	\$179
MQLs	1,025	\$293
Stage 2 - SQLs	318	\$943
Customers	35	\$8,571

LTV:CAC Ratio	33.99
Est. Revenue	\$10,196,830
Net Return	\$9,896,830

### Paid Media NSM Analysis Q4 2024 H2 Goal is 479 SQLs

Q4 is 144 SQLs (124 from paid)

Goal Setting	ioal Type: Stage 2 - SQLs *	
Stage 2 - SQLs Goal	124.00	106 per month from paid
Quarterly Budget	\$300,000	\$100k per month
Cost-per-Stage 2 - SQL Needed	\$2,419	

	Reality Ch	eck
		Target CTR and CVR. and my LP to have a X% CVR.
Ad Click-through Rate:	4.51%	What is your target CTR?
Landing Page Conv. Rate:	3.66%	What is your target LP CVR?
Ex. I need 100k impr, but L	inkedIn is forecasi	ed with the platform estimates. ting only 50K with my audience size.
Ex. I field 30k clicks, but Got	ye Aus is loreca.	sting only 10K with my search volume.
Impressions Needed:	396,205	Is my TAM large enough for this?

### **Projections**

MQLs 400 Stage 2 - SQLs 124 \$		Goal	Cost-per
Stage 2 - SQLs 124 \$	Leads	654	\$459
	MQLs	400	\$750
	Stage 2 - SQLs	124	\$2,419
Customers 14 5	Customers	14	\$21,429

LTV:CAC Ratio	13.60
Est. Revenue	\$4,078,732
Net Return	\$3,778,732

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## Original Paid Media LTV:CAC Analysis

Gross Margin (%)	85%	
	0076	
Customer Lifespan (months)		
Monthly Average Order Value		
Channel-level AOV's?	No	
Lifetime Value (LTV)	\$204.22	

#### What we learned:

- Limited lead and customer results show low LTV:CAC ratio of 0.7:1. Our ideal target is 3:1 for industry baseline.
- Google Ads was the most effective at driving leads, with the lowest CP MQL, and the only channel to drive an SQL and customer in Q1 2024.
- LinkedIn Ads were not effective at driving qualified leads, as campaigns did not properly exclude irrelevant targeting and had limited lead-gen opportunities.
- Microsoft & LinkedIn Ads had similar CP MQL but neither channels were successful at moving leads down pipeline.

#### Recent Quarter Actuals

	Total	Google Ads	LinkedIn Ads	Microsoft Ads
LTV:CAC Ratio	0.7	1.04	-	-
Total Spend	\$413,494	\$281,198	\$49,148	\$83,148
Leads	0			
MQLs	37	29	3	5
Stage 2s - SQLs	9	9	0	C
Customers	1	1	0	
CP Lead -				-
CP MQL	\$11,176	\$9,696	\$16,383	\$16,630
CP Stage 2s - SQL	\$45,944	\$31,244 -		-
CP Customer	\$413,494	\$281,198 -		-
Lead > MQL -				-
MQL > Stage 2s - SQL	24.3%	31.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Stage 2s - SQL > Customer	11.1%	11.1% -		
Lead > Customer -				

(Client) Historical Data & LTV:CAC Analysis

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# Original Paid Media North Star Metric (NSM)

**46 SQLs** in Q3

With our new strategic direction, and optimizations, our primary objective will be to see our SQLs grow by 100% QoQ.

Our focus will be to increase efficiency in existing platforms, first by maximizing the spend on channels with the highest opportunities, and then narrow our targeting to drive more qualified SQLs.

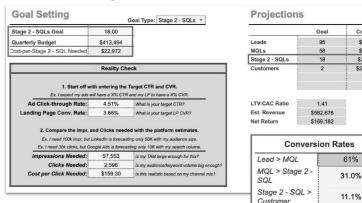
## Paid Media LTV:CAC Roadmap

## What we anticipate:

Q3 Tentative Goal:

18 SQLs

We based this goal on Q1 2024 historical data, industry benchmarks, as well as \$414k quarterly budget for Q3 to drive lead volume.



Highlighted rate based on industry benchmark.

Cost-per

\$4.353

\$7 129

\$22.972

\$206.747



Cost-per \$2.176

\$3.565

\$11,486

\$103.374

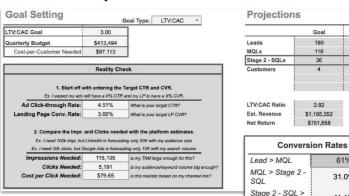
## Paid Media LTV:CAC Roadmap

### What we strive for:

Q3 Goal:

36 SQLs

Our ideal goal is 4x the current performance to meet a 3:1 ITV:CAC ratio



Highlighted rate based on industry benchmark.

Customer

Goal

190

116

36

2 82

61%

31.0%

11.1%

Appendix Additional Support Material

**Additional Opportunities** 

# Assist (Client) In International SEO

Providing SEO strategy and guidance to tailoring content to resonate with key European audiences and Europe SERP listings.

Deliverables: Recommendation and guidance around best practices to rank and get results in target countries:

- Hreflang & URL structure
- Keyword research
- Content localization
- Translation consultation
- Share of SERP (directories/listicles)





# Improving keyword-rich text on your Core Pages and throughout the site will help to strengthen your keyword relevance.

		your team to further optimize y to help your pages rank higher	



## There's opportunity to reclaim lost link equity by fixing broken backlinks

We conducted a backlink audit and found that your authority score\* is comparable to your competitors, but there is opportunity to fix your broken backlinks.



#### Backlink Audit

Redirecting backlinks with 404 codes can help you reclaim some of the link equity lost through the broken links.

We narrowed the list down to 129 broken backlinks, based on how recently the external site was last seen and number of backlinks.





# Personas





Meet Cindy,

## The Financial Architect

Chief Financial Officer, VP of Finance

#### Challenges & High-Level Needs

We need a platform that consolidates multiple systems to access real-time financial analytics for reporting and budgeting, with forecasting for actionable insights.

#### Risks & Fears

We need a secure tool to replace manual processes that are slow and inefficient, and can often lead to data inaccuracies.

#### **OKRs**

Improve operational efficiency, and financial reporting accuracy, while enhancing budgeting and forecasting processes.

#### JTBD

- Assembles and develops a top-tier finance team
- Leads comprehensive financial strategy and planning efforts
- Delivers strategic financial insights to the executive team and stakeholders

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Meet Tom.



# The Reporting Virtuoso

Director of Finance, Director of Accounting

#### Pain Points & Challenges

- Integrating data from multiple sources
- Creating reliable forecasts and budgets
- Analyzing large volumes of data while managing time efficiently

#### Risks & Fears

- Inaccurate data leading to bad forecasting and poor decision-making
- Increased workload leading to significant delays
- Breaches in data security compromising sensitive information

#### **OKRs**

Ability to provide accurate reporting and forecasting, in a quick and secure process.

#### JTBD

- Automates data collection and reporting
- Conducts detailed financial analysis, with accurate forecasts and budgets
- Ensures compliance with financial standards
- Improves efficiency and supports financial strategic decision-making





Meet Clark,

# The Data Dynamo

Financial Analyst, Controller

#### Pain Points & Challenges

- Aggregating financial data from various departments and systems
- Ensuring accuracy and compliance in financial reporting
- · Reducing reliance on manual data entry

#### Risks & Fears

- Incorrect financial data affecting forecasting and decisions
- Delays impacting reporting timelines
- Penalties due to regulatory failures
- Unauthorized access to financial data

#### OKRS

Ensure data accuracy, streamline the financial close process, and enhance forecasting efficiency while maintaining regulatory compliance

#### **JTBD**

- Manages accounting operations
- Consolidates financial data while automating routine tasks
- Ensures data accuracy and compliance
- Oversees financial close processes