

# Next Generation Financial Close with SAP and TruQua

## Creating a Clear Path for an SAP Advanced Financial Closing (AFC) Migration

Gain more visibility, take greater control, and reduce days to close in your SAP systems by leveraging the latest SAP Cloud innovations and Business Technology Platform (BTP).

Launch your project leveraging TruQua's authoritative insights and proven methodology as one of the earliest and leading implementors of SAP Advanced Financial Closing.

Whether the next step in your journey starts with AFC and SAP ECC or S/4HANA, we know the underpinning differences (functionally and technically) to assist in your successful transition – taking you from where you are to where you want to be!



TruQua and SAP Authors of the definitive
publication on SAP AFC

Whatever Your Financial Closing Operating Model
Centralized Shared Services
Decentralized

## Wherever you are in your SAP S/4HANA Journey

Pull forward value ahead of your move to S/4HANA

Increase the value with your move to S/4HANA

Additional value on top after your move to S/4HANA

## **SAP Advanced Financial Closing**



- Real-time visibility and monitoring of the close process at any point of time for improved close management
- Harmonized close process with an audit trail allowing stakeholders to view status and close analytics for enhanced compliance
- Foundation to further digitalize transactions resulting in increased efficiency and accuracy
- Catalyst for change in ways of working and global standardization

**Lift and Leverage** 

**True Transformation** 

Wherever you are in your Transformation Journey

Whatever your Financial Close Solutions

SAP Financial Closing Cockpit

3<sup>rd</sup> Party Close Solutions

Spreadsheets + SAP or 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Batch Job Solutions

## A Proven Approach for an FCC to SAP Advanced Financial Closing Migration

Whether your move to AFC is lift and leverage, takes an iterative approach, or reimagines and optimizes your close based on new capabilities available in AFC and integrates automation / bots or GenAI – with or without a new target operating model – we have you covered now and, in the future,



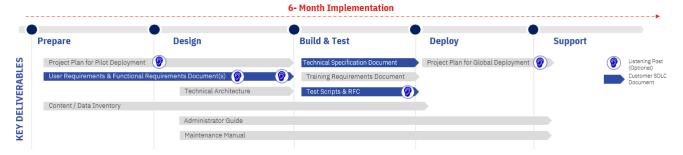
Co-create: Bring together the right people to envision the next big idea and validate it with end users



**Co-execute:** Prove out and deploy our ideas with a minimum valuable product (MVP) and measure how they meet user needs and deliver business outcomes



**Co-operate:** Scale our solution over time while driving continued transformation where we expand our impact by bringing new capabilities to end users and organizations





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### Sample Business Case

**Background:** The customer utilizes SAP Financial Closing Cockpit to streamline and accelerate the close process. Randy, the company's CFO, has asked Andrea, the Global Controller, to further improve organizing the close, track, and give more real time insight. She believes reorganizing the teams, more automation, and SAP AFC will provide additional improvements and experience with SAP cloud technologies prior to moving to S/4HANA on SAP RISE.

#### **Anticipated Benefits:**

- 6 Months from Start to Go Live with leading practice from SAP and TruQua
- Access Target Operating Model and change approaches to achieve better business outcomes and adoption
- Delighted users through better collaboration and less time documenting
- Audit trail providing stakeholders status and analytics for enhanced compliance
- Harmonized close with real-time reporting to monitor status companywide
- Process based close model with the option for global or regional templates
- Additional automation capabilities to speed the close and reduce manual effort

#### User Personas are Central to Getting Work Right

This is **Andrea**. She is a **Global Controller** responsible for the financial close process. As her company has grown, she needs more automation and tools for real-time insights from each part of the organization to remove bottlenecks and slack to increase close velocity. Her business goals are:

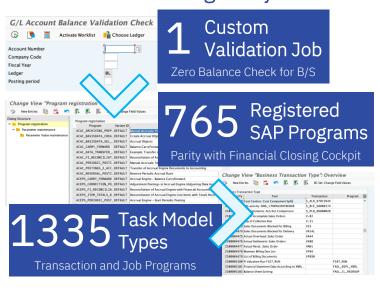
- Roll out the most up-to-date close orchestration tool company-wide across multiple process areas
- Gain real-time insight for close to highlight inefficiencies and shorten cycle times
- Increase efficiencies with automation & workflows to support review and compliance

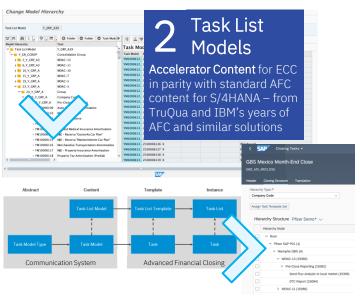


This is **Randy**. He is the **CFO**. Moving to SAP AFC will allow him to take advantage of SAP's latest close innovations and gain more visibility to ensure accuracy and completeness of the close process. His business goals are:

- Gaining an earlier read out of financials by completing month end close faster with the same or better accuracy
- Increasing speed to value for Finance Transformation initiatives

# TruQua and IBM's established approach comes with the experience and accelerators to safeguard your transition to Advanced Financial Close





## Why TruQua, an IBM Company?

# Business Outcome and User Focused Approach

Rapid design and co-creation with IBM's Garage methodology and Rapid Discovery approach

# Smarter Automation and Standardization

Accelerate your projects and roadmaps with our knowhow and insights on how to best leverage SAP technologies for tangible business benefits

# Proven and Trusted SAP Partner

Reduce risk through our deep ties to SAP solution and product development and established track record of innovation and success

### Learn More About TruQua