

Bringing clarity to the complexity of financial and ESG reporting Corporate
Performance
& ESG



For the first time in history, companies are required to report on both financial and non financial data. This is a sea change in regulatory reporting.



The right technology can bring clarity to complexity by helping your organization collect, report, analyze and assure the accuracy of your financial and non financial reporting, so you can transform ESG into a competitive advantage.

ESG is now a key performance indicator of a healthy, thriving business.

Organizations of all sizes are feeling an increased sense of urgency to implement advanced, agile technology to help them efficiently collect, report, analyze and assure the accuracy of their complex, often siloed ESG data — seeking the kind of insights they have come to expect from their financial reporting.







ESG is rising to the top of the corporate agenda, right alongside financial performance as a key indicator of a business's long-term viability and operational health.

Investors, consumers, analysts, employees, and other key stakeholders have long looked at financial KPIs as key indicators of a business's operational health. Now, those same stakeholders are increasingly demanding companies make — and keep — strategic commitments to advance social responsibility and environmental stewardship, too.

Access to capital and corporate valuation are becoming more dependent on ESG performance, as investors and analysts report strong correlations among ESG performance, business value and operational performance.

Inconsistent ESG methodologies, uncertain macroeconomic and political conditions, and evolving ESG regulatory frameworks are driving demand for clarity.

Globally, there are 600+ different pieces of ESG regulation, with many having different interpretations of sustainability.

Just as publicly held companies have for decades been required to comply with a myriad of financial regulations and reporting requirements, companies of all sizes are now being asked — and in some cases, required — to consistently report their progress toward ESG commitments through a myriad of inconsistent and ever evolving regulatory frameworks.

Centralizing, standardizing, and assuring the accuracy of ESG data — from a multitude of internal and third-party sources — can be overwhelming. Excel sheets and patchwork systems are simply not up to the task.

Unfortunately, despite the mounting pressures from virtually all stakeholders, even organizations with strong ESG reporting ambitions rarely possess a centralized ability to collect, report, analyze and assure the accuracy of their ESG data.

A 2022 EY study* found that 60% of finance executives say their ESG data resides in a patchwork of software applications — many of which don't connect with each other. Fifty five percent say their ESG data resides in spreadsheets. Meeting stakeholder demand for investor grade data requires reliable, integrated, standardized automation.

^{*} Ernst & Young LLP (EY US), How financial professionals are helping to advance ESG reporting, May 2022

C suite leaders and their teams need to evolve quickly. They will succeed if they focus on these five priorities:

(1)

Understand that the complexity of their roles will continue to grow exponentially.

They'll have even more data at their fingertips, more questions to ask and answer, and a greater need to plan for multiple scenarios.

2

Spend far less time producing and maintaining historical records of financial, corporate and ESG performance.

Their focus will shift toward leveraging real time data to shape future business and ESG outcomes. In doing so, they'll be better positioned to serve as a well informed driving force behind corporate strategic decision making.

3

Collaborate — with both internal and external partners.

They will fill gaps in knowledge and insist on identifying and implementing best process workflows and technologies that can help drive business and ESG performance forward.

4

Stay ahead of exponential change by leading with a digital-first mindset.

They'll recognize that continually investing in, and optimizing the use of, flexible, cloud based technology is essential to being able to analyze the massive data sets that are required to effectively navigate change and make informed ESG and business decisions.

5

Build integrated finance, sustainability, ESG, IT and business teams.

They will surround themselves not just with traditional functional expertise, but with technologists, data analysts and strategic, forward thinkers who can leverage technology to identify trends, solve problems and collaborate with multiple stakeholders.

Driving the digital transformation of Finance & ESG

Advanced technologies and digital transformation can drive corporate responsibility, improve workplace safety, enable global sustainability, fuel commerce, and ease regulatory compliance.

Our new division brings together four award winning, global, cloud based software businesses, which collectively focus on corporate performance management, ESG, audit assurance, and risk.

We help customers drive the enterprise wide digital transformation of their ESG efforts, just as our market leading technologies have for more than a decade been driving the digital transformation of finance and audit.

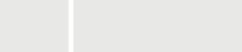
Together, our experts help us understand the regulations and requirements of complex business, banking, and government environments. Armed with that understanding, we build technology that empowers organizations to cut through data complexity, mitigate risk, and comply with the ever changing ESG regulatory environment, while identifying new opportunities to advance their journeys as sustainable businesses and good corporate citizens.

By delivering solutions to collect, report, analyze and assure data, we drive corporate responsibility, improve workplace safety, enable global sustainability, fuel commerce, and ease regulatory compliance.

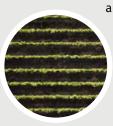
Our Approach

Collect

calculate, and unlock the power of massive, enterprise wide data sets from multiple sources, creating a single source of truth for financial, ESG, EHS, supply chain, human capital, governance, and audit data — within a secure, controlled environment.



financial, ESG, EHS, supply chain, human capital, governance, and audit data for both internal and external purposes, through evolving voluntary and mandatory frameworks and regulations (GRI, SASB, TCFD).



Analyze

align and connect rich data sets, using advanced AI technology, to derive and visualize business and ESG strategy shaping insights. Using these insights, organizations can make strategic decisions to reduce risk, shape business and ESG strategy, and improve performance.



Assure

Report

data and reporting quality, while helping organizations align ESG performance plans to strategic, industrial, scenario and budget forecasting plans. Assuring

the accuracy of data and reporting identifies risks, increases credibility with stakeholders, and reduces the potential for non compliance with regulators and investor expectations.

Corporate Performance & ESG is fueled by four market leading, cloud based software businesses:

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Our Corporate Performance Management platform empowers the Office of Finance to manage enterprise business at scale, by streamlining financial processes, accelerating the financial close, enhancing decision making with extended planning, and facilitating compliance with evolving financial and ESG regulations.

Enablon

The Enablon platform helps organizations protect worker safety, enhance sustainability, manage risks, stay compliant, improve corporate governance, and identify opportunities to elevate ESG performance.

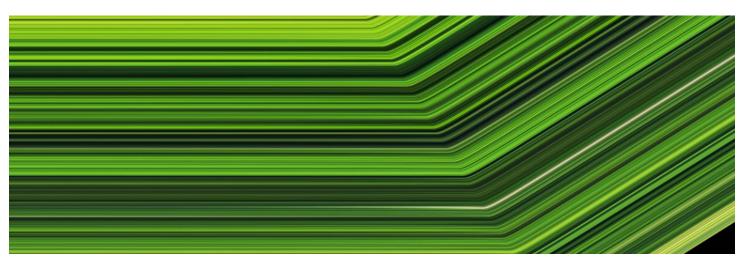
Together, we're driving the digital transformation of ESG and financial reporting.

TeamMate®

Our audit management platform provides assurance to internal audit teams by streamlining audit workflow, improving productivity and cross functional collaboration, connecting information from critical business systems, and delivering data driven insights to organizational leaders.

OneSumX

Our solution suite, designed on an integrated data layer, addresses the tactical and strategic needs of finance, risk management, performance, compliance, and regulatory reporting business areas of financial institutions.



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"In the world of financial and non financial reporting, the new normal is complex, perpetual change. Manual processes or legacy technologies simply are not up to the challenge. Organizations that win the confidence and trust of investors, employees and consumers will have one thing in common: They'll harness the power of advanced technology to digitally transform the way they collect, report, analyze and assure the accuracy of their financial and ESG data."

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