

# Reclaim finance's strategic power: From transactional to transformational

Finance teams are at a crossroads, pulled between the demands of day-to-day transactional work and the strategic imperatives of the business. While executives are pushing for greater agility and AI-driven insights, their teams are often mired in manual, repetitive tasks, such as report generation, that stifle productivity and lead to burnout. The result is a costly gap between strategy and execution, preventing finance from realizing its full potential as a strategic partner to the business.

## The High Cost of Manual Processes

The daily reality for many finance professionals is a cycle of manual data entry, document reconciliation, and error correction. This isn't just inefficient. It carries a significant financial and human cost.

- **Pervasive errors:** Manual processes are inherently error-prone. Gartner research reveals that 59% of controllers acknowledge their teams make "several errors per month."<sup>1</sup> These mistakes aren't trivial. They lead to rework, erode trust with clients and suppliers, and can directly impact revenue.<sup>2</sup>
- **Wasted time and talent:** Finance teams spend an average of 3.5 hours per day on repetitive tasks — equivalent to 23 work weeks per year.<sup>2</sup> This is a massive drain on productivity, preventing skilled professionals from focusing on high-value activities like cash flow analysis, forecasting, and strategic planning. As Gartner notes, the average CFO loses nearly a full day each week to the wrong activities.<sup>3</sup>

- **Increased fraud risk:** Weak internal controls in accounts payable (AP) create significant vulnerabilities. The Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) reports that organizations lose an estimated 5% of their revenue to fraud each year, with a median loss of \$145,000 per case.<sup>4</sup> Billing schemes and check and payment tampering are among the highest-risk AP fraud schemes, with median losses reaching \$155,000.<sup>4</sup>
- **The burnout cycle:** The relentless pressure of manual work is a major contributor to employee burnout. A staggering 74% of finance professionals have considered quitting their jobs due to the repetitive nature of their work.<sup>2</sup> A high turnover rate undermines the very strategic initiatives that leadership is trying to drive.

### Finance Team Challenges

- ⚠️ 55% of controllers say their teams make several errors per month
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## The Kamiwaza solution: Intelligent document processing for finance

Kamiwaza's AI-powered intelligent document processing (IDP) solution bridges the gap between strategy and execution. By automating the time-consuming and error-prone aspects of financial document processing, Kamiwaza empowers finance teams to move from reactive task management to proactive business support.

Unlike traditional robotic process automation (RPA) solutions, which simply match fields, Kamiwaza goes beyond optical character recognition (OCR). It understands documents holistically and can reason about them at the earliest stages of processing — regardless of format or location. It can intelligently process invoices, contracts, expense reports, and audit documents, extracting data with state-of-the-art precision and automating complex workflows like three-way matching and reconciliation.

### Intelligent Document Processing from Kamiwaza

**Agentic AP Automation:** AI Agents meticulously sort and process documents with accuracy, no matter the formatting.

**Internal Control Accelerator:** Reduce fraud and maintain data security. Document processing occurs securely without moving data.

**Intelligent Data Bridge:** Seamlessly connect disparate data sources while maintaining data security, enabling teams to concentrate on strategic initiatives.

## Key capabilities:

- **Agentic AP automation:** Sort and process invoices, expense reports, and audit documents with precise data extraction and automated three-way matching. Vision models within the solution read the image of the document, so the layout and placement of data are understood, and the agent can visually reason. If information is missing, the agent gathers more information to complete the task or flags the situation for human involvement.
- **Internal control accelerator:** Strengthen internal controls and reduce fraud risk by enforcing consistency, automating the audit trail, and providing real-time tracking of financial entries. Agents have access to the disparate systems they need to pull data. With Kamiwaza, all the document processing happens in a single secure environment without having to move data to a centralized location.
- **Intelligent data bridge:** Connect siloed systems and ensure data accuracy, structure, and completeness across complex documents. This provides decision-makers with instant access to trustworthy information. AI agents streamline complex financial tasks by accessing various systems with permissions akin to finance teams, empowering human teams to shift their focus towards more strategic initiatives.

## The impact: Accuracy, speed, and strategic focus

By orchestrating the entire accounts payable workflow, Kamiwaza delivers a clear and compelling return on investment:

- **Dramatically reduce errors:** Companies that successfully implement and achieve user acceptance of new technology can see a 75% reduction in financial errors.<sup>1</sup>
- **Strengthen compliance and mitigate fraud:** Automating AP processes strengthens internal controls, a critical component of Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX) and System and Organization Controls (SOC) compliance. With 43% of all occupational frauds detected by tips, Kamiwaza provides the data-driven insights needed to proactively identify and prevent fraudulent activity while keeping data secure and in place.<sup>4</sup>
- **Unlock strategic potential:** By freeing finance professionals from the drudgery of manual tasks, Kamiwaza empowers them to focus on what matters most: driving strategy, managing cash flow, and building stronger vendor relationships.

## Schedule a demo

Kamiwaza helps organizations transform their finance function from a cost center to a strategic powerhouse. Schedule a demo today to see how Kamiwaza's AI-powered document processing can help reclaim your team's time and unlock their full potential.

<https://www.kamiwaza.ai/get-started>

## About Kamiwaza

Kamiwaza AI delivers a distributed AI orchestration platform that meets data where it lives—on-premises, in the cloud, or at the edge. Kamiwaza AI enables enterprises to deploy intelligent agents and automate complex workflows while maintaining real-time insight and preserving strict governance and compliance standards

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