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How CFOs are navigating change with technology and foresight

Ongoing economic uncertainty and the ramifications of a volatile geopolitical landscape have put a spotlight on CFOs and finance teams — challenging them to anticipate key developments and position their organisations to respond with agility and resilience. Our latest Global Finance Trends Survey highlights the top priorities shaping CFO agendas.

Top overall finance priorities

- 1 Security and privacy of data
- **2** Strategic planning
- Financial planning and profitability analysis and reporting
- 4 Process improvement
- Leadership (within your organisation)

- 6 Routine reporting and closing activities
- **7** Enhanced data analytics
- 8 ESG metrics and measurement
- **9** Mobile finance applications
 - Changing demands and expectations of internal customers

How finance organisations are being impacted and responding to today's landscape



Currently, 72% of finance organisations are employing AI, including generative and agentic AI - up from 34% last year



New and evolving tariffs are affecting financial forecasting, with 64% of organisations reporting at least a moderate impact

Al Adoption: Private vs. Public Organisations

Employing Al for process automation	Employing Al pursuant to a defined strategy
58% Privately held	8% Privately held
70% Publicly held	41% Publicly held