

The 13th Annual CFO100 Conference & Felicitation Ceremony

Friday, March 17, 2023, | Holiday Inn, Sahar, Andheri – East, Mumbai

Programme Agenda

Coming together to Cooperate. Collaborate. Succeed

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. ~ African Proverb

The world is at a critical inflection point. The sheer number of ongoing crises – in quick succession – calls for bold collective action. The time has come when collaborative models, driven by shared values, may outperform purely competitive ones. Understanding this and integrating it into all aspects of the enterprise may be the key to successfully addressing current business challenges.

The 13th Annual CFO100 Conference will bring together distinguished finance minds, economists, and policymakers to focus on opportunities and challenges at this unique moment for business: when collaboration cannot be just a one-off endeavour but must be built into the culture of organizations. Given its broad remit, finance leaders are well-positioned to take a lead in driving enterprise-wide collaboration and unlock the potential that lies dormant in businesses.

The Conference will also bring to the fore, candid reflections and stories of the year that was 2022, taking the opportunity to recognize and celebrate our finance leaders in eradicating any friction whatsoever between finance and non-finance teams to make the experience better for everyone and move towards a common goal.

Till 1030 hrs	Registration and Networking
1030 – 1040 hrs	Welcome and setting the context Anuradha Das Mathur, Managing Director, CFO Collective
1040 – 1110 hrs	Shaping India's future: bringing collective action to life <i>At a time when the world is grappling with some of its greatest socio-economic challenges, it is crucial for India's diverse segments and sectors to join forces and formulate collective responses to address emerging challenges.</i> <i>How can collaboration be facilitated at systemic level, encompassing political, sectoral, organizational, individual and functional dimensions, to achieve end goals? Is seamless coordination possible in today's era when society has become increasingly fragmented?</i> <i>Our panel of experts will shed light on this issue in the context of the current macroeconomic challenges facing corporate India during this insightful session.</i>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siddhartha Sanyal, Chief Economist & Head of Research, Bandhan Bank • Subramaniam Durgashankar, Former President – Group M&A, and Former Member of the Group Executive Board, Mahindra & Mahindra • Pankaj Vasani, Group CFO, Cube Highways
<p>1110 – 1135 hrs</p>	<p>Collaborate to outperform and co-create value</p> <p><i>Collaboration is crucial for organizations to stay competitive by leveraging expanded expertise and technological capabilities. CFOs must cultivate a culture of collaboration to focus on core business and enhance the value of products/services. With rapid technological advancements, tech startups, service organizations, and high-tech AI players are potential collaboration partners to succeed in the marketplace. CFOs should adopt a design thinking approach to identify alternatives that create maximum business impact and co-create greater customer/shareholder value.</i></p> <p><i>We discuss this and more in this interesting session.</i></p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rakesh Sinha, Founder & CEO, Quintes Global
<p>1135 – 1200 hrs</p>	<p>Cracking the decision paradox: how CFOs can transform decision dilemmas into growth?</p> <p><i>The World Economic Forum's recent report highlights that the loss of linear predictability in today's world is creating increased uncertainty in the business landscape. This, coupled with higher scrutiny from regulators and the subsequent penalties, has intensified the churn.</i></p> <p><i>As a result, CFOs are now facing an unprecedented number of decisions to make on compressed timelines. However, the pressure to make quick decisions often hinders more than it helps and puts them in the middle of a 'decision paradox.'</i></p> <p><i>They must determine whether to play to win or play not to lose, react quickly, wait and watch, or bury their head in the sand and hope that the dilemma will eventually fade away. How can CFOs overcome their dilemmas and make decisions that benefit their organizations?</i></p> <p><i>In this interesting panel interaction, we delve into these questions and more.</i></p>

	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandeep Batra, CFO, Pidilite Industries • Nandakumar Seshadri Tirumalai, CFO, Tata Chemicals • Vimal Agarwal, CFO, Mahindra Lifespaces, Mahindra & Mahindra Group
1200 – 1220 hrs	<p>Session by Anaplan</p>
1220 – 1300 hrs	<p>Tech ‘savviness’ in spotlight: are CFOs ready?</p> <p><i>Technology is evolving rapidly. Digital transformation is passe. CFOs are overwhelmed by hundreds of technology acronyms. Many have been scarred by technology implementations of the past that could not provide the promised ROI.</i></p> <p><i>For today’s finance leaders, it is critical to learn about the new rules and the new tools to improve finance’s productivity, open up strategic opportunities, and ensure a healthier bottom line. But they are still struggling to turn the ‘tech’ tide in their favour.</i></p> <p><i>Why are CFOs still struggling? What are the newer things on the tech horizon that they need to know to move forward? What would ‘tech savvy’ look like in 2025? How can CFOs see beyond what’s new to what’s next? Our expert panellists will discuss this and more in this interesting session.</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yashpal Jain, CFO, Sandhar Technologies • Vimal Ladha, CFO, PSIPL • Neeraj Khaitan*, CFO, EY
1300 – 1400 hrs	<p>Lunch</p>
1400 – 1420 hrs	<p>ACCA Professional Insights – Global Talent Trends 2023</p> <p><i>The pandemic and the ensuing slowdown have caused a significant shift in the world of work, with a new era emerging. A recent survey revealed that 44% of workers are considering changing jobs within the next year, driven by factors such as inflation and wage demands. As employees adapt to new working patterns, concerns about burnout are also growing. These changes have presented opportunities and challenges for both employers and employees.</i></p> <p><i>In this interesting session, our expert speaker will talk about how companies can adapt to the new era to attract and retain top talent while prioritizing employee well-being and creating a sustainable work culture.</i></p>

	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Jatin Kalra, ACCA Member Director, Grant Thornton Bharat LLP</i>
1420 – 1450 hrs	Session by SAP Concur
1450 – 1500 hrs	Introduction to CFO100 Felicitation Ceremony <i>Anuradha Das Mathur, Managing Director, CFO Collective</i>
1500 – 1540 hrs	Chief Guest Address by Praveen Kadle, Founder & Chairman, Prachetas Capital; Former CEO, Tata Capital
1540 – 1610 hrs	The 13th Annual CFO100 Felicitation Ceremony
1610 – 1615 hrs	Group Photo
1615 – 1800 hrs	Hi Tea & Networking

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