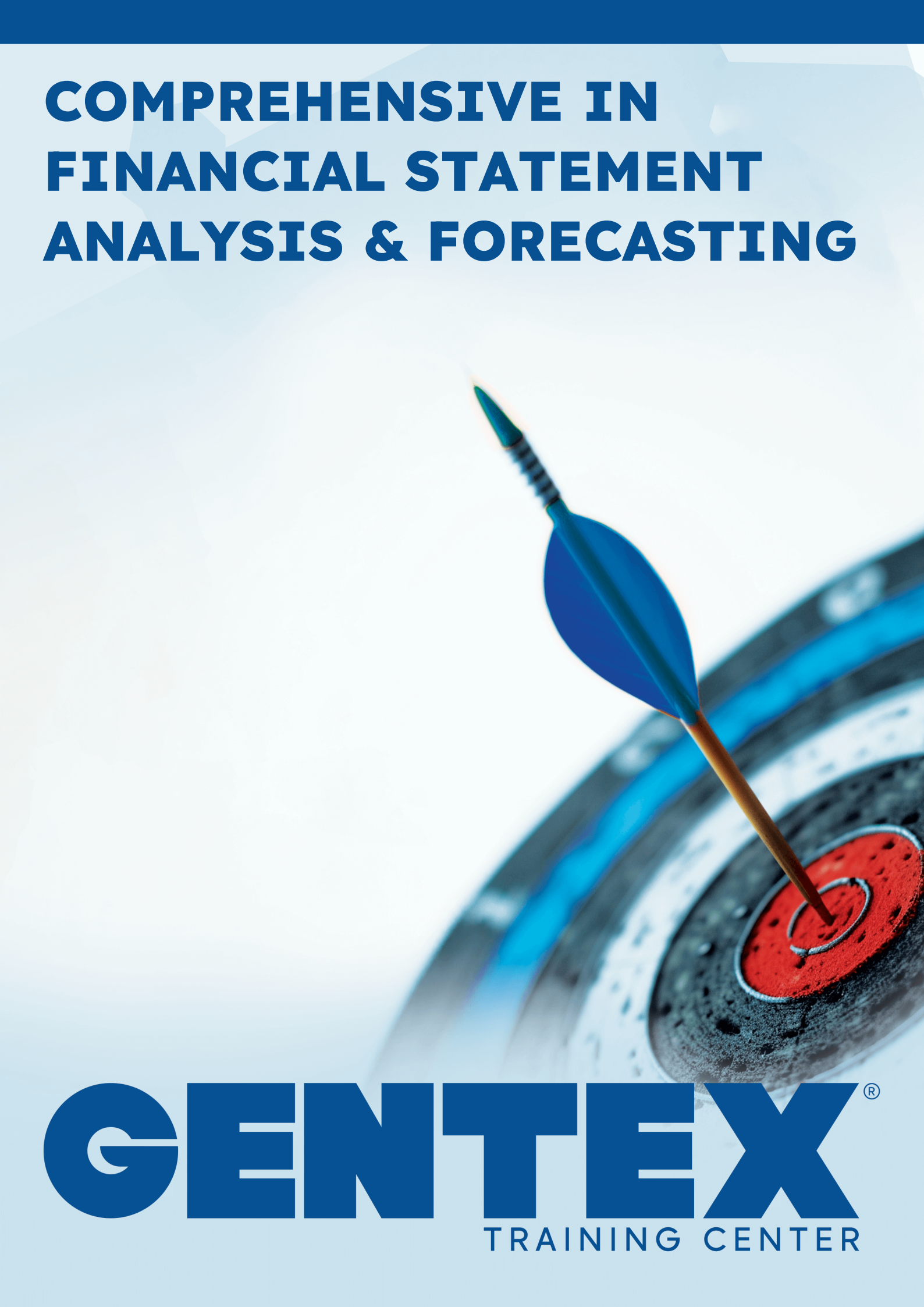
COMPREHENSIVE IN FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS & FORECASTING



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Introduction

Comprehensive in Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting Training Course builds the analytical and forecasting capability that finance professionals use to explain performance and anticipate it. Reading statements reveals what happened. Forecasting repeats that reading into the future with assumptions that survive scrutiny. Both skills are needed together, and many analysts hold one without the other. This course builds the pair. It covers statement structure, ratio and trend analysis, and cash flow diagnostics. Furthermore, it applies driver-based forecasting, integrated modelling, and scenario design. In addition, it develops valuation, credit analysis, and analytical reporting. As a result, participants explain and predict financial performance with confidence.

Comprehensive in Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting Course Objectives

- Interpret the three primary financial statements and their interconnections.
- Apply ratio analysis across liquidity, profitability, efficiency, and gearing.
- Perform trend, common-size, and comparative analysis.
- Assess earnings quality and identify reporting distortions.
- Analyse cash flow and compute sustainable free cash flow.
- Build driver-based forecasts with clear, documented assumptions.
- Construct integrated three-statement forecast models.
- Apply scenario and sensitivity analysis to forecast outputs.
- Value businesses using DCF and multiples approaches.
- Present forecasts and analysis with clear conclusions and caveats.

Course Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real reporting and forecasting cases.

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- Statement analysis and ratio interpretation workshops.
- Driver-based forecasting and model building exercises.
- Scenario, sensitivity, and valuation practice.
- Structured peer review with facilitator feedback on forecast quality.

Who Should Take This Course

- Financial analysts and forecasting specialists.
- Corporate finance and treasury professionals.
- Budgeting, planning, and FP&A staff.
- Credit and investment analysts.
- Management accountants and controllers.
- Auditors and consultants building analytical depth.

Comprehensive in Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting Course Outlines

Day 1: Statement Structure and Interpretation

- Purpose and users of each financial statement.
- Balance sheet structure and classification decisions.
- Income statement formats and margin layers.
- Cash flow statement by operating, investing, and financing activity.
- How the statements articulate and reconcile.
- Notes to accounts and accounting policy review.
- Case study: reading a set of statements for business insight.

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Day 2: Ratio, Trend, and Comparative Analysis

- Liquidity ratios: current, quick, and cash ratios.
- Profitability ratios: gross, operating, net margin, and ROCE.
- Efficiency ratios: receivable, payable, and inventory days.
- Gearing, leverage, and interest cover analysis.
- Return on assets, equity, and capital employed decomposition.
- Trend, common-size, and peer comparison techniques.
- Workshop: building a comparative performance analysis.

Day 3: Cash Flow, Earnings Quality, and Forecasting Basis

- Cash flow analysis and free cash flow derivation.
- Operating cash flow to net income divergence.
- Accruals analysis and earnings quality review.
- Working capital components and cash conversion cycle.
- Historical growth analysis and trend extrapolation.
- Identifying forecast drivers from historical data.
- Workshop: establishing forecast drivers from historic statements.

Day 4: Building Integrated Forecast Models

- Driver-based revenue and cost forecasting.
- Capital expenditure, depreciation, and asset modelling.
- Working capital, tax, and dividend mechanics.
- Three-statement integration and balance proofing.

- Scenario switches and case management design.
- Sensitivity analysis with data tables and tornado charts.
- Workshop: building an integrated forecast model.

Day 5: Valuation, Credit Analysis, and Reporting

- Discounted cash flow valuation and terminal value.
- Multiples valuation: EV/EBITDA, P/E, and price-to-book.
- Credit analysis using coverage and leverage metrics.
- Going concern assessment and covenant headroom.
- Forecast validation and accuracy tracking.
- Presenting analysis and forecasts with caveats.
- Course review, assessment, and action planning.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Comprehensive in Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting, participants will gain a thorough understanding of statement structure and interpretation, ratio, trend and comparative analysis, cash flow and earnings quality assessment, integrated forecasting and modelling, and valuation, credit analysis and reporting. They will also acquire practical skills in financial statement interpretation, ratio and comparative analysis, driver-based forecasting and integrated modelling, and valuation, credit analysis and analytical reporting. In addition, the course prepares them to explain performance and predict it with defensible assumptions. Gentex Training Center delivers this programme with a strong focus on analytical rigour and defensible forecasting.

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FAQs for Comprehensive in Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting course

Q1 What is the "Comprehensive in Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting" course about?

It is a five-day programme on reading financial statements and building forecasts from them. It covers statement structure and interconnection, ratio and trend analysis, cash flow diagnostics, earnings quality assessment, driver-based forecasting, integrated three-statement modelling, valuation, and credit analysis.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Comprehensive in Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting" course?

Participants explain performance and predict it rather than doing one without the other. The course improves statement interpretation and ratio analysis, strengthens earnings quality and cash flow assessment, sharpens forecast assumptions and model structure, improves scenario and valuation work, and raises the quality of analytical reporting.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Comprehensive in Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting" course?

Participants gain financial statement interpretation, ratio and comparative analysis, driver-based forecasting and integrated modelling, and valuation, credit analysis and analytical reporting. These four skills cover the practical core of analysis and forecasting work.

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Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Comprehensive in Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting" course?

The course covers statement structure and articulation, balance sheet classification decisions, margin layer analysis, cash flow classification by activity, notes to accounts review, liquidity ratios including current, quick and cash ratios, profitability ratios including gross, operating, net margin and ROCE, efficiency ratios including receivable, payable and inventory days, gearing, leverage and interest cover, return on assets, equity and capital employed decomposition, trend and common-size analysis, peer benchmarking, free cash flow derivation, operating cash flow to net income divergence, accruals analysis, working capital and cash conversion cycle analysis, historical growth and trend extrapolation, forecast driver identification, driver-based revenue and cost forecasting, capital expenditure and depreciation modelling, working capital, tax and dividend mechanics, three-statement integration and balance proofing, scenario switches and case management, sensitivity analysis with data tables and tornado charts, discounted cash flow valuation, terminal value estimation, EV/EBITDA, P/E and price-to-book multiples, credit analysis with coverage and leverage metrics, going concern assessment, covenant headroom analysis, and forecast validation and accuracy tracking.

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Q5 How is the "Comprehensive in Financial Statement Analysis & Forecasting" course applied in real-world practice?

Participants apply the methods to real statements and planning cycles. They dissect and interpret statements, build ratio and trend dashboards, review cash flow and accruals, identify forecast drivers, construct integrated three-statement models, run scenarios and sensitivity analysis, value businesses with DCF and multiples, assess credit metrics, and present forecasts with documented assumptions. Many leave with an analysis template, an integrated forecast model, and a scenario pack structure ready to use.