THE ADVANCED FINANCE PROGRAMME



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Introduction

The Advanced Finance Programme Training Course gives finance professionals a connected view of the disciplines that drive corporate performance. Participants move across financial analysis, planning, capital structure, risk and value creation, seeing how each decision affects the others. The programme covers financial statement analysis, cost of capital, investment appraisal, financing decisions, financial risk management and performance measurement. Furthermore, it addresses working capital, treasury operations and board-level reporting. As a result, delegates can contribute to strategic financial decisions rather than only reporting on them. Gentex Training Center delivers the programme through modelling workshops and applied corporate case work.

The Advanced Finance Programme Course Objectives

- Analyse financial statements using ratio, trend and cash flow techniques.
- Build integrated financial models linking profit, balance sheet and cash.
- Apply cost of capital and capital structure analysis to funding decisions.
- Appraise investment using NPV, IRR, MIRR and profitability index.
- Apply capital rationing and investment prioritisation techniques.
- Manage working capital and cash conversion cycle performance.
- Apply interest rate, currency and liquidity risk management.
- Evaluate dividend, reinvestment and distribution decisions.
- Apply value-based performance measures to business units.
- Present financial analysis and recommendations to boards and executives.

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Course Methodology

The course combines technical briefings with hands-on modelling workshops and applied corporate case studies. Participants build an integrated financial model, appraise an investment and prepare a board-level financial review. In addition, structured peer review and executive simulation sharpen judgement, and each day closes with an applied financial task.

Who Should Take This Course

- Finance managers, controllers and senior analysts.
- Corporate finance and treasury professionals.
- Business unit and divisional finance leads.
- Accountants moving into broader financial roles.
- Investment analysts and financial advisory staff.
- Managers preparing for senior financial responsibility.

The Advanced Finance Programme Course Outlines

Day 1: Financial Statement Analysis and Performance Review

- Primary statements and their interrelationships.
- Ratio analysis: profitability, liquidity, efficiency and gearing.
- DuPont decomposition and return on capital analysis.
- Cash flow statement analysis and free cash flow computation.
- Trend, common size and peer comparison techniques.

- Earnings quality and accounting policy assessment.
- Workshop: analysing a company's statements and reporting findings.

Day 2: Financial Modelling and Forecasting

- Integrated model architecture across the three statements.
- Driver-based forecasting and assumption registers.
- Working capital, capital expenditure and depreciation schedules.
- Debt schedules, interest and covenant modelling.
- Scenario analysis and sensitivity testing.
- Model documentation, error checks and version control.
- Workshop: building an integrated three-statement financial model.

Day 3: Cost of Capital, Valuation and Investment Appraisal

- Cost of equity using the capital asset pricing model.
- Cost of debt, tax shield and weighted average cost of capital.
- Business valuation using discounted cash flow and market multiples.
- Investment appraisal with NPV, IRR, MIRR and profitability index.
- Capital rationing and investment prioritisation.
- Real options and staged investment decisions.
- Workshop: appraising investment and valuing the business.

Day 4: Financing Decisions and Financial Risk Management

- Capital structure and optimal gearing considerations.
- Debt capacity, covenant management and refinancing risk.
- Financing instruments: debt, equity, convertible and hybrid.
- Interest rate exposure and hedging instrument selection.
- Currency risk and hedging policy design.
- Liquidity management and funding contingency planning.
- Workshop: evaluating funding options and testing gearing scenarios.

Day 5: Working Capital, Performance and Board Reporting

- Cash conversion cycle and its components.
- Inventory, receivables and payables management.
- Cost control and productivity improvement.
- Value-based measures including economic value added.
- Key performance indicators for financial health.
- Board reporting packs and executive presentation.
- Workshop: presenting a financial review to an executive panel.

Conclusion

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By successfully completing The Advanced Finance Programme Training Course, participants will have acquired the knowledge to analyse financial performance, model future outcomes and support strategic financial decisions. They will understand statement analysis, integrated modelling, cost of capital and valuation, investment appraisal, financing and risk management, and they will know how to report financial outcomes to boards and executives. As a result, delegates contribute to financial strategy with confidence and evidence. Gentex Training Center builds the programme around current corporate finance practice.

FAQs for The Advanced Finance Programme course

Q1 What is the "The Advanced Finance Programme" course about?

It gives a connected view of the core finance disciplines. You learn financial statement analysis, integrated financial modelling, cost of capital and valuation, investment appraisal, financing and financial risk management, working capital and board-level performance reporting.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "The Advanced Finance Programme" course?

You gain a linked understanding of finance rather than isolated techniques. You also improve analytical quality, build models that support decisions, appraise investments with credible metrics, weigh funding options properly, manage financial risk through policy, and present financial outcomes that executives can act on.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "The Advanced Finance Programme" course?

You will gain financial statement and ratio analysis, integrated financial modelling and forecasting, cost of capital, valuation and investment appraisal, and financing decisions, financial risk management, working capital control and performance reporting.

Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "The Advanced Finance Programme" course?

The course covers ratio analysis with DuPont decomposition, cash flow analysis and free cash flow computation, trend and common size analysis, integrated three-statement model construction, driver-based forecasting and assumption registers, working capital and debt schedule modelling, scenario and sensitivity analysis, the capital asset pricing model and cost of equity, cost of debt with tax shield adjustment, weighted average cost of capital calculation, discounted cash flow and market multiple valuation, NPV, IRR, MIRR and profitability index appraisal, capital rationing, real options analysis, capital structure and gearing analysis, debt capacity and covenant management, convertible and hybrid instrument assessment, interest rate and currency hedging, liquidity and funding contingency planning, cash conversion cycle analysis, inventory, receivables and payables management, economic value added and other value-based measures, and board reporting and executive presentation frameworks.

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Q5 How is the "The Advanced Finance Programme" course applied in real-world practice?

Graduates apply it to analyse company and divisional performance, build and review integrated financial models, calculate cost of capital and value businesses, appraise and prioritise investment proposals, evaluate funding and gearing options, manage interest and currency exposure, control working capital and cash flow, report financial performance to boards and executives, and support strategic decisions with quantified evidence.