

10 Ways Treasury and FP&A Can Align During Times of Change and Uncertainty

During times of uncertainty, aligning treasury and FP&A through collaboration and real-time data is essential for maintaining financial stability. This checklist offers 10 actionable strategies to ensure your teams are prepared to tackle challenges seamlessly.

- ✓ **Start with a unified forecast baseline**
Ensure treasury and FP&A work from the same real-time cash flow and liquidity assumptions, allowing everyone to respond to the latest data.
- ✓ **Collaborate on stress testing and scenario planning**
Rapidly model tariff impacts, supply chain disruptions, or policy shifts together, using scenario tools for comprehensive analysis.
- ✓ **Align on key metrics for earnings season**
Jointly determine which KPIs matter most to investors and the board, using centralized, up-to-date dashboards for clear tracking.
- ✓ **Centralize data and reporting sources**
Rely on a single, trusted platform for all financial and operational data—reducing the risk of conflicting reports and increasing transparency.
- ✓ **Establish a rapid response playbook**
Define roles and escalation paths in advance, so your team can move quickly and decisively when disruptions hit.
- ✓ **Create shared visibility on working capital levers**
Monitor DSO, DPO, and inventory turns together with holistic analytics to protect and optimize cash.
- ✓ **Build a unified narrative for stakeholders**
Ensure investor calls, board updates, and earnings commentary reflect coordinated, data-driven messaging.
- ✓ **Synchronize hedging and risk strategies**
Use comprehensive risk dashboards to align on FX, interest rate, and commodity exposures, avoiding surprises.
- ✓ **Rehearse board and leadership presentations together**
Deliver a cohesive story to the C-suite and board, supported by actionable, real-time insights.
- ✓ **Commit to ongoing scenario planning**
Make alignment part of your regular cadence with continuous scenario reviews, not just a pre-earnings scramble.