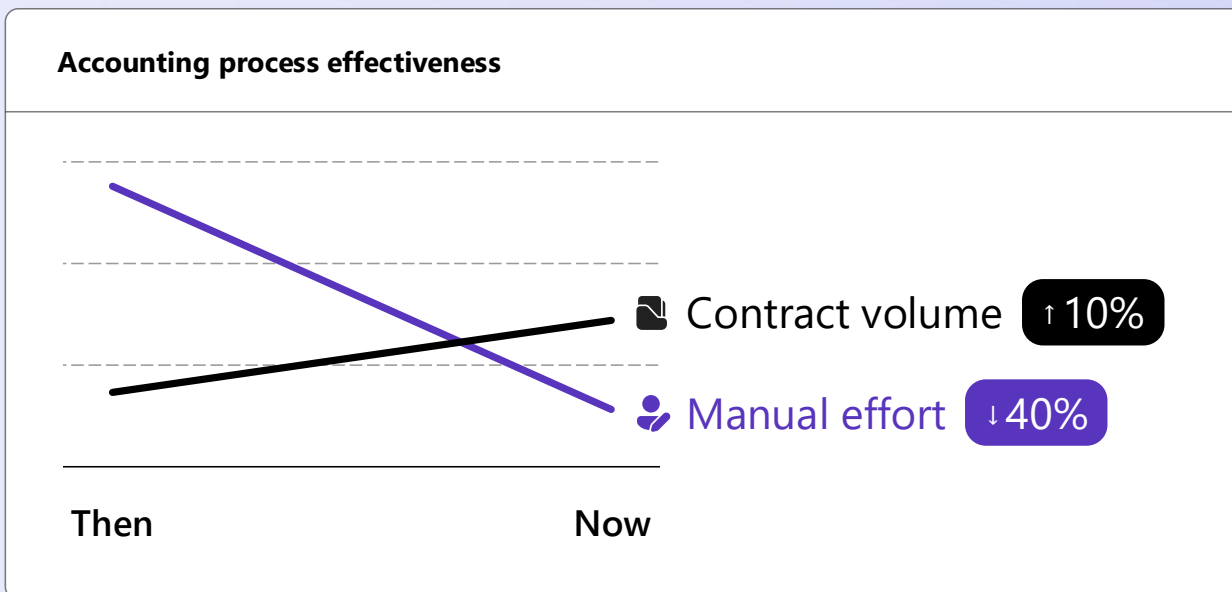


# Strengthening and accelerating controls and reporting reliability.

## Accounting & Finance Operations

Rapid growth in consumption-based contracts over the past few years has strained our revenue recognition processes, which relied on judgment-heavy manual workflows and spreadsheets that increased cost, audit risk, and reporting bottlenecks. Our accounting team redesigned these processes by shifting from static procedures to standardized, AI-enabled workflows that embed review logic, controls, and auditability directly into execution. The financial close model shifted from a costly, interdependent structure to an automated, scalable platform.

The result is a controlled, SOX compliant system of record that improves deal velocity, lowers cost, increases reliability, and enables global growth without proportional increases in risk or cost.




## Agents and automation in accounting

Our internal Finance and Finance IT teams have leveraged Microsoft tools to build custom AI solutions within the Microsoft ecosystem, tailored to our underlying systems and data. These solutions enable accounting processes to keep pace with growing transaction volumes and increasing regulatory scrutiny in their continued mission of timely, reliable financial reporting.


### Automated Journal Entry Posting Agent

Close execution begins with preparation of journal entries and reconciliations that were previously template-driven and manual. Our **Automated Journal Entry Posting Agent** integrates Journal Entry Management tools and SAP to enforce controls, eliminate duplication, and provide near real-time status, saving 17K hours per year while accelerating month- and quarter-end close cycles.

Main development tool:  M365 Copilot	Learn more: <a href="https://aka.ms/AutomatedJPosting">aka.ms/AutomatedJPosting</a>
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### Procedure Orchestration Platform

To keep up with the growth of transaction volumes expand and workflows, we built a **Procedure Orchestration Platform** to consolidate these activities into reusable skills and to generate executable plans from documented procedures, removing manual execution from recurring financial operations, reducing vendor dependence, and unlocking 500K hours of capacity and \$12M in cost savings. This solution is expected to reduce manual effort by 40% by FY27 and an additional 20% by FY28 across journal entries, reconciliations, and intercompany activity while retaining human-in-the-loop Finance and compliance oversight.

Main development tool:  Azure AI Foundry	Learn more: <a href="https://aka.ms/ProcedureOrchestrationPlatform">aka.ms/ProcedureOrchestrationPlatform</a>
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### Enterprise Risk and Mitigation System

When operational risks emerge, teams previously relied on fragmented risk registers and inconsistent updates. Our AI-powered **Enterprise Risk and Mitigation System** replaces this with a single ERM-aligned solution that proactively identifies, tracks, and remediates risks such as revenue recognition misstatements, unsupported or manual journal entries, account reconciliation breaks, audit control deficiencies, and unrecorded liabilities using standardized language and workflows, saving 500 hours and improving regulatory readiness and enterprise visibility.

Main development tool:  Azure OpenAI	Learn more: <a href="https://aka.ms/ERMSystem">aka.ms/ERMSystem</a>
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### Contract Analysis Tool

Revenue Recognition reviews operate in parallel with close preparation across 4K customer contracts per year, where manual contract comparisons, judgment-based accounting assessments, and identification of non-standard GAAP clauses introduced variability and audit risk in financial reporting inputs. The **Contract Analysis Tool** replaces manual review with automated document analysis and logic-based GAAP assessments, systematically identifying non-standard terms and revenue recognition implications, reducing manual reviews by 70%, standardizing 50% of revenue adjustments, eliminating 7K hours and \$1M in annual costs while accelerating decision-making, and strengthening the accuracy, consistency, and audit defensibility of revenue inputs flowing into close.

Main development tool:

 Azure AI Foundry

Learn more:

[aka.ms/FFContractAnalysisTool](https://aka.ms/FFContractAnalysisTool)

These solutions transform Accounting into a standardized, system-driven partner, equipping teams to execute the close process with greater precision, control, and confidence as complexity scales. By embedding controls, auditability, and intelligence directly into workflows, accounting professionals are able to focus on critical judgment, oversight, and insight, strengthening trust in financial reporting while empowering teams to operate at their highest level.