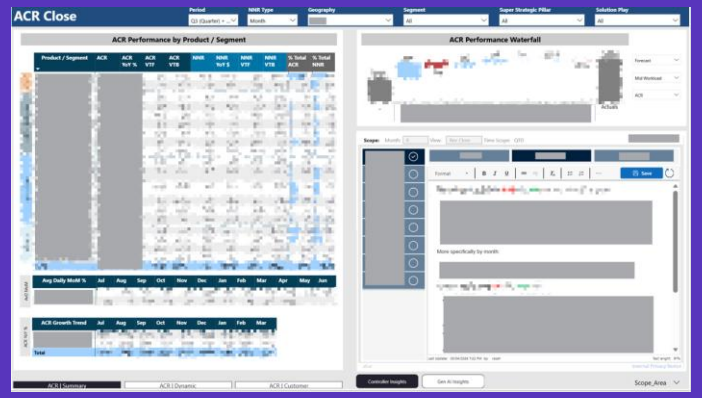
Close Commentary Agent

Solution Overview

Out-of-the-box solution: designing the ACR Close process to increase speed and enhance insights with Gen AI, seamlessly integrated with Finance Manager customer and market insights.

GenAI writing the initial analysis, the Finance Manager infuses field insight back in the system, enabling vertical consolidation of insights at scale and speed.



Business Use Case

The month-end close process across Azure Finance is highly fragmented, with no standardized approach across geographies. Finance teams rely on disconnected tools and formats (spreadsheets, presentations, emails, reports), resulting in duplicated effort and inconsistent outputs.

Insight generation is slow and labor-intensive, creating a lag from data → insights → action, limiting the ability to influence business decisions in real time. Lack of a unified framework makes it difficult to compare performance, assess business health consistently, and scale insights globally.

Benefits

- **Speed to insight improves significantly** by eliminating manual aggregation and automating first-draft analysis.
- **Consistency increases** through standardized metrics, reducing variability in reporting across teams.
- **Operational efficiency gains** realized through reduced manual deck creation and streamlined storytelling workflows.
- **Decision velocity improves**, as insights are generated and shared faster, enabling more timely and impactful business conversations.
- **Adoption at scale** unlocks cross-functional value, with a single framework usable by Finance, Security, Segment leaders, and executive stakeholders.

Key Results

3.3K hours
Annual time savings

$120K
Annual cost savings

Technology

- Copilot
- Teams
- Power BI
- Power Automate
- PowerApps

Time taken

Launched in 3 months

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