

KPMG's recent global Al in finance study found that the use of Al is rapidly expanding across finance: 71 percent of companies surveyed are using Al within finance operations, 41 percent of them to a moderate or large degree.

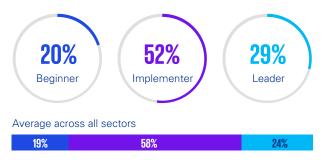
Such is the pace of Al development — and the speed of its adoption — The KPMG global Al in finance study was conducted among CFOs and finance executives across 2,900 companies spread across 23 countries and territories and 6 industries and found that the companies surveyed are rolling out Al across wider areas of finance, including accounting, financial planning, treasury management, risk management, and tax management. Al is truly a global phenomenon, and it is being adopted by finance teams across the world.

Here are some key highlights for the financial services sector based on feedback from 482 respondents.

Financial services companies selectively or widely adopting Al and Gen Al



Financial services maturity breakdown



Financial services sector is making the strongest progress in the adoption of AI in finance with 29 percent of leaders, followed by consumer and retail with 27 percent of leaders.

Companies are turning to AI in every area of finance. The accounting and financial planning groups are furthest ahead in using AI because of the benefits it brings to many of their activities, from improved data processing and financial reporting to real-time insights and predictive analysis. Currently, nearly two-thirds of companies are piloting or using AI for accounting and financial planning.

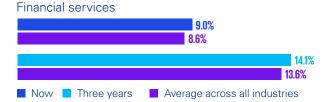
Other areas of finance are following suit: nearly half of companies are now piloting or using Al for treasury and risk management. This can generate better debt management, cash-flow forecasting, fraud detection, credit risk assessment, and scenario analysis in the treasury and risk management functions.

"In the financial services sector, Al is transforming how we assess risk, enhance security, and deliver personalized client experiences. Leaders who harness its potential will not only drive efficiency but also set the standard for innovation and trust in an increasingly data-driven world."

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Percentage of company's budget spent on Al



The focus on AI in finance is part of a bigger AI trend happening across industries. Companies on average are spending about 8.6 percent of their IT budgets on AI technologies and solutions. The percentage will jump to 13.6 percent over the next three years.

Financial services ROI on AI initiatives exceeding expectations

31%

vs. 29% across all industries

Finance teams are investing in a mix of AI technologies, but they find the most value in sophisticated technologies, such as machine learning, deep learning, and Gen AI. Overall, most companies report that the ROI on using these technologies is meeting or exceeding expectations — an outcome that will propel AI usage across industries in the future.

For further KPMG insights, read our initial study published in May 2024 on Al in financial reporting and audit. For additional resources please view our kpmg.ai page or contact us.

Biggest barriers to your company's adoption of Al

Data security and privacy vulnerabilities

56%
57%

Limited AI skills and knowledge

52%
53%

Difficulty gathering relevant and consistent data
46%
48%

Financial services

Average across all industries

Financial executives see many of the same barriers and concerns when drawing on AI — but leaders take more measures, and in greater numbers, to overcome them.

	Leader	Other
Develop corporate principles and guidelines on the responsible use of Al	72%	48%
Create digital processes to keep up with regulatory changes	52%	35%
Involve technology leadership in systems integration discussions	52%	42%
Shift to modern IT platforms that facilitate Al innovation	50%	34%
Pilot Al initiatives or implement Al limited use cases first to validate ROI	44%	30%
Conduct change mgmt. and education programs on the impact of AI	42%	34%
Build better systems for gathering, integrating, and sharing data	38%	30%
Invest in developing and acquiring AI skills and talent	37%	41%
Increase AI budgets or shift funds from other activities	36%	39%

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