Training Course on Advanced MS Excel for Business Modelling

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Business	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Master** complex and nested Excel formulas (Lookup, Logical, Financial, Statistical, Text, Date/Time).
2. **Implement** best practices for structuring robust, scalable, and auditable business models.
3. **Utilize** advanced PivotTable features and Power Pivot for multi-dimensional data analysis.
4. **Leverage** Power Query for efficient data importation, cleaning, and transformation from various sources.
5. **Build** integrated three-statement financial models (Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow).
6. **Develop** sophisticated forecasting models using various statistical techniques and trend analysis.
7. **Perform** comprehensive Sensitivity Analysis using Data Tables, Goal Seek, and Scenario Manager.
8. **Apply** Excel Solver for optimization problems (e.g., resource allocation, cost minimization).
9. **Create** dynamic and interactive dashboards with advanced charting techniques, slicers, and form controls.
10. **Integrate** data validation and error-checking mechanisms to ensure model integrity.
11. **Automate** repetitive tasks and enhance models using introductory VBA macros.
12. **Analyze** large datasets efficiently, identifying key trends and insights.
13. **Visualize** complex data effectively to communicate findings to stakeholders.

Organizational Benefits

- **Enhanced Decision Making:** Empowers teams with data-driven insights for strategic planning.
- **Increased Efficiency:** Reduces time spent on manual data manipulation and reporting through automation and advanced tools.
- **Improved Financial Planning & Analysis (FP&A):** Strengthens budgeting, forecasting, and variance analysis capabilities.
- **Better Risk Management:** Facilitates robust scenario planning and sensitivity analysis to assess potential outcomes.
- **Standardized Modeling Practices:** Promotes consistency and reliability in financial and operational models across the organization.
- **Upskilled Workforce:** Develops critical analytical talent internally, reducing reliance on external consultants.
- **Competitive Advantage:** Leverages data more effectively than competitors for market insights and operational optimization.
- **Clearer Communication:** Enables the creation of compelling visualizations and dashboards for stakeholder reporting.

Target Participants

1. Financial Analysts
2. Business Analysts
3. Finance Managers / Controllers
4. Accountants (Management & Financial)
5. Data Analysts
6. Investment Professionals
7. Management Consultants
8. Anyone involved in corporate planning, budgeting, forecasting, or business intelligence who uses Excel extensively.

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Module 1: Foundations & Modeling Best Practices

- Recap of Essential Excel Functions
- Principles of Good Model Design (Clarity, Flexibility, Accuracy)
- Structuring Workbooks and Worksheets Effectively
- Implementing Naming Conventions and Documentation
- Introduction to Circular References (and how to manage them)

Module 2: Mastering Advanced Formulas & Functions

- Advanced Lookup & Reference (INDEX, MATCH, OFFSET, INDIRECT)
- Complex Logical Functions (Nested IFs, AND, OR, IFERROR, IFS)
- Advanced Date & Time Calculations
- Sophisticated Text Manipulation Functions
- Array Formulas (CSE Formulas) - Concepts and Applications

Module 3: Advanced Data Management & Validation

- Advanced Sorting and Filtering Techniques
- Using Conditional Formatting for Data Insights
- Implementing Robust Data Validation Rules (Lists, Custom Formulas)
- Protecting Worksheets and Workbooks
- Techniques for Cleaning and Preparing Raw Data

Module 4: Data Analysis with PivotTables & Power Pivot

- Creating Complex PivotTables from Multiple Data Sources
- Calculated Fields, Calculated Items, and Measures
- Using Slicers and Timelines for Interactive Analysis
- Introduction to the Data Model and Power Pivot
- Basic DAX (Data Analysis Expressions) for Power Pivot

Module 5: Data Transformation with Power Query (Get & Transform)

- Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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