Training Course on Strategic Cost Management and Profitability Enhancement

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

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1. Master Value Chain Analysis for holistic cost identification and efficiency gains.
2. Implement Activity-Based Costing (ABC) to accurately allocate costs and enhance profitability analysis.
3. Develop robust Budgeting & Forecasting models for financial planning and control.
4. Apply Target Costing principles to align product development with desired profit margins and market demands.
5. Utilize Lean Management and Waste Reduction strategies for operational excellence and cost optimization.
6. Conduct comprehensive Cost-Volume-Profit (CVP) Analysis for informed pricing decisions and break-even point determination.
7. Employ Life Cycle Costing to evaluate total costs across a product's entire lifecycle.
8. Navigate Transfer Pricing complexities for effective inter-departmental cost management.
9. Leverage Performance Measurement techniques, including Balanced Scorecard, to drive accountability and strategic alignment.
10. Identify and mitigate Cost Overruns and Financial Risks in dynamic business environments.
11. Implement Digital Transformation in cost management through AI-driven analytics and automation.
12. Foster a culture of Continuous Improvement and Cost Consciousness across the organization.
13. Develop strategies for achieving Sustainable Competitive Advantage through superior cost leadership and value creation.

Organizational Benefits

- Direct impact on the bottom line through strategic cost reduction and revenue growth.
- Data-driven insights for more informed strategic, operational, and investment choices.
- Streamlined processes, waste reduction, and optimized resource allocation.
- Ability to offer competitive pricing or superior value, leading to market leadership.
- Better identification and management of financial and operational risks.
- Clear cost ownership and performance metrics across departments.
- Capacity to respond quickly to market changes and economic shifts.
- Reinvestment of cost savings into R&D and new business opportunities.
- Long-term financial health and resilience in a volatile market.

Target Audience

1. Finance Managers & Controllers.
2. Operations & Production Managers
3. Senior Management & Executives (CFOs, CEOs)
4. Project Managers.
5. Entrepreneurs & Small Business Owners.
6. Procurement & Supply Chain Professionals.
7. Anyone aspiring to leadership roles

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Module 1: Foundations of Strategic Cost Management

- Introduction to Strategic Cost Management (SCM) vs. Traditional Cost Accounting.
- Key Concepts: Cost Drivers, Value Chain, Cost Objects.
- Strategic Alignment of Cost Management with Business Objectives.
- The Role of SCM in Achieving Competitive Advantage.
- Developing a Cost-Conscious Organizational Culture.
- **Case Study:** *Analyzing the strategic cost shifts in a global automotive manufacturer adapting to EV production.*

Module 2: Value Chain Analysis & Cost Drivers

- Mapping the Organizational Value Chain
- Identifying Primary and Support Activities and their Cost Drivers.
- Supplier and Customer Linkages in Value Chain Optimization.
- Value Engineering and Process Re-engineering for Cost Reduction.
- Benchmarking and Best Practices in Value Chain Management.
- **Case Study:** *Optimizing the value chain for a fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) company to reduce distribution costs.*

Module 3: Activity-Based Costing (ABC) & Activity-Based Management (ABM)

- Principles of ABC: Tracing Costs to Activities and Cost Objects.
- Implementing ABC in Service and Manufacturing Industries.
- Activity-Based Management (ABM): Using ABC Information for Decision Making.
- Identifying Value-Added vs. Non-Value-Added Activities.
- Overcoming Challenges in ABC Implementation.
- **Case Study:** *Applying ABC to improve profitability analysis for a healthcare provider's different service lines.*

Module 4: Budgeting, Forecasting & Financial Planning

- Strategic Budgeting Approaches: Zero-Based Budgeting (ZBB), Activity-Based Budgeting (ABB).
- Flexible Budgeting and Variance Analysis.
- Advanced Forecasting Techniques
- Integrating Financial Planning with Strategic Goals.
- Scenario Planning and Sensitivity Analysis for Financial Resilience.
- **Case Study:** *Developing a flexible budget for a technology startup experiencing rapid growth and fluctuating market demand.*

Module 5: Lean Management & Waste Reduction

- Fundamentals of Lean Principles: Eliminating Muda (Waste).
- Seven Types of Waste in Operations
- Just-In-Time (JIT) Inventory Management and its Cost Implications.
- Kaizen and Continuous Improvement Methodologies.
- Implementing Lean in Administrative and Service Processes.
- **Case Study:** *Applying Lean principles to a manufacturing plant to reduce inventory holding costs and production lead times.*

Module 6: Target Costing & Product Life Cycle Costing

- Target Costing: Market-Driven Cost Management.
- Steps in Target Costing: Price-Driven, Design-Driven, Cost Reduction.
- Integrating Target Costing with New Product Development.
- Product Life Cycle Costing: From R&D to Disposal.
- Strategic Implications of Life Cycle Costing for Pricing and Investment.
- **Case Study:** *Using Target Costing to develop a new eco-friendly product within a specific profit margin for a consumer electronics company.*

Module 7: Cost-Volume-Profit (CVP) Analysis & Break-Even Strategies

- Understanding Cost Behavior: Fixed, Variable, and Mixed Costs.
- CVP Analysis for Profit Planning and Decision Making.
- Calculating Break-Even Point in Units and Sales Revenue.
- Margin of Safety and Operating Leverage.
- Multi-Product CVP Analysis and Sales Mix Optimization.
- **Case Study:** *Analyzing the CVP relationship for a hospitality business to determine optimal occupancy rates and pricing strategies.*

Module 8: Performance Measurement & Balanced Scorecard

- Traditional vs. Strategic Performance Measures.
- Introduction to the Balanced Scorecard (Financial, Customer, Internal Process, Learning & Growth).
- Developing KPIs aligned with Strategic Objectives.
- Implementing and Monitoring the Balanced Scorecard.
- Linking Performance to Incentives and Accountability.
- **Case Study:** *Designing a Balanced Scorecard for a non-profit organization to track both financial sustainability and social impact.*

Module 9: Transfer Pricing Strategies

- Concepts and Objectives of Transfer Pricing.
- Different Transfer Pricing Methods (Cost-Based, Market-Based, Negotiated).
- Impact of Transfer Pricing on Divisional Performance and Overall Profitability.
- International Transfer Pricing and Tax Implications.
- Resolving Transfer Pricing Disputes.
- **Case Study:** *Evaluating different transfer pricing methods for an international conglomerate with decentralized business units.*

Module 10: Strategic Sourcing & Supply Chain Cost Management

- Strategic Procurement and Supplier Relationship Management.
- Cost Drivers in the Supply Chain
- Negotiation Strategies for Cost Reduction.

- Risk Management in Supply Chain Costs.
- Implementing Technology for Supply Chain Visibility and Cost Control.
- **Case Study:** *Redesigning the supply chain for a retail chain to reduce logistics costs and improve delivery times.*

Module 11: Quality Cost Management & Environmental Costing

- Costs of Quality: Prevention, Appraisal, Internal Failure, External Failure.
- Total Quality Management (TQM) and its Impact on Costs.
- Environmental Costs: Compliance, Prevention, Detection, Remediation.
- Green Accounting and Sustainable Cost Management.
- Measuring and Reporting Social and Environmental Performance.
- **Case Study:** *Assessing the financial benefits of implementing a comprehensive quality management system in a food processing company.*

Module 12: Cost Control & Cost Reduction Techniques

- Distinction between Cost Control and Cost Reduction.
- Systematic Approaches to Cost Reduction.
- Benchmarking, Activity Analysis, and Process Improvement.
- Cost Containment Strategies in Economic Downturns.
- Overcoming Resistance to Cost Reduction Initiatives.
- **Case Study:** *Implementing a cost reduction program across multiple departments in a service industry firm during an economic recession.*

Module 13: Capital Budgeting & Investment Appraisal

- Strategic Capital Expenditure Decisions.
- Investment Appraisal Techniques
- Risk and Uncertainty in Capital Budgeting.
- Post-Auditing Capital Projects.
- Aligning Capital Investments with Long-Term Strategic Goals.
- **Case Study:** *Evaluating a new technology investment proposal for a manufacturing company using advanced capital budgeting techniques.*

Module 14: Digital Transformation in Cost Management

- Leveraging Data Analytics for Cost Insights.
- Automation of Cost Accounting Processes (RPA).
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) in Predictive Costing.
- Blockchain for Supply Chain Transparency and Cost Verification.
- Implementing ERP Systems for Integrated Cost Management.
- **Case Study:** *Exploring how a large enterprise can utilize AI and data analytics to predict and manage fluctuating raw material costs.*

Module 15: Strategic Leadership & Change Management in SCM

- Leading Cost Transformation Initiatives.
- Communicating the Value of SCM to Stakeholders.
- Building a Culture of Cost Consciousness and Accountability.
- Managing Resistance to Change in SCM Implementation.
- Continuous Improvement Frameworks for Long-Term SCM Success.
- **Case Study:** *Developing a change management plan for a multinational corporation to integrate new strategic cost management practices across all subsidiaries.*

Training Methodology

This training course will employ a highly interactive and engaging methodology to maximize learning and retention. It will combine:

- **Expert-Led Presentations:** Clear, concise delivery of core concepts and strategic frameworks.
- **Interactive Discussions:** Fostering knowledge sharing and diverse perspectives among participants.
- **Practical Case Studies:** Real-world scenarios to apply learned concepts and develop problem-solving skills.
- **Group Exercises & Workshops:** Hands-on activities for collaborative learning and practical application.
- **Q&A Sessions:** Opportunities for direct interaction with instructors and clarification of complex topics.
- **Tools & Templates:** Provision of practical tools and templates for immediate application in the workplace.
- **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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