

Finance in the Age of AI

From Finance Data Bottlenecks to AI-Ready Decisions

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Agenda

From the finance data bottleneck to AI-ready decisions

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Finance Before and After AI

From backward-looking to strategic

02

The CFO Tech Stack Map

From systems to an AI-ready stack

03

Control Without Friction

Connected spend, governed workflows

04

Spendesk AI Connect

Ask finance questions in plain language

05

From AI pilots to measurable value

Adoption is rising faster than impact

06

AI Elevates Finance

More judgement, less repetition

Section 01

From Looking Back to Looking Forward

AI changes finance's role.

- Manual reporting remains a bottleneck.
- AI reduces repetitive execution.
- More time for decisions.

Before

Manual work, delayed answers, limited time for

After

Agents surface exceptions and insight. Finance focuses on judgement, planning and risk.

More Data, Less Clarity

Grant Thornton UK, Finance Leaders Barometer 2025

77%

of UK finance leaders say more data clouds judgement

Source: Grant Thornton UK, Finance Leaders Barometer 2025

The Power of a Unified Platform

AI is only as good as the data underneath it

01

**Fragmented tools create
fragmented answers**

02

One connected platform

03

AI-ready by design

Spendesk connects cards, expenses, payables, procurement and accounting workflows

Employees need speed. Finance needs control.

Spendesk connects both.

01

Why Spendesk exists

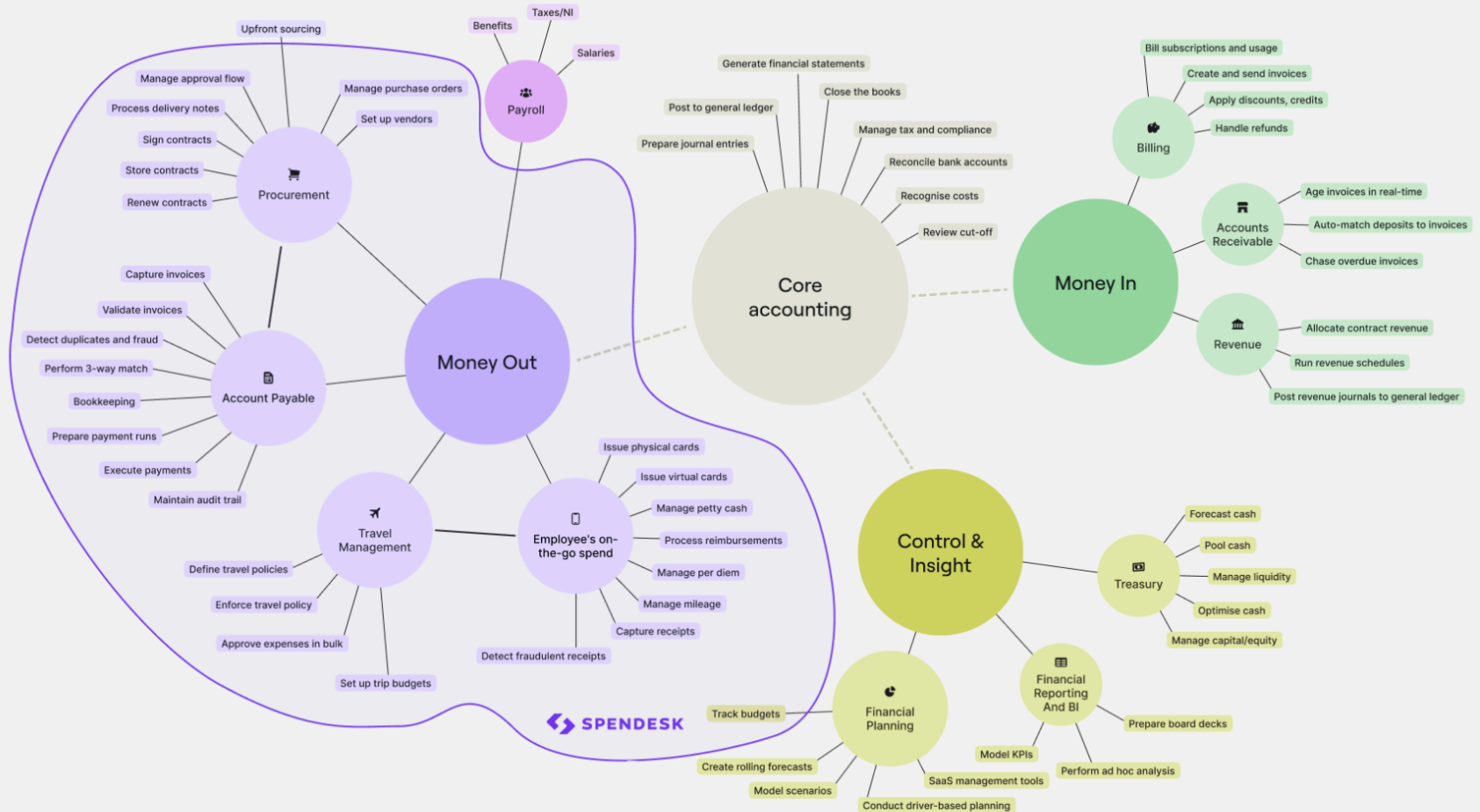
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Empower employees
Simple, fast spend

03

Control spend
Limits, approvals, visibility

Clean accounting
Structured, ready-to-reconcile data

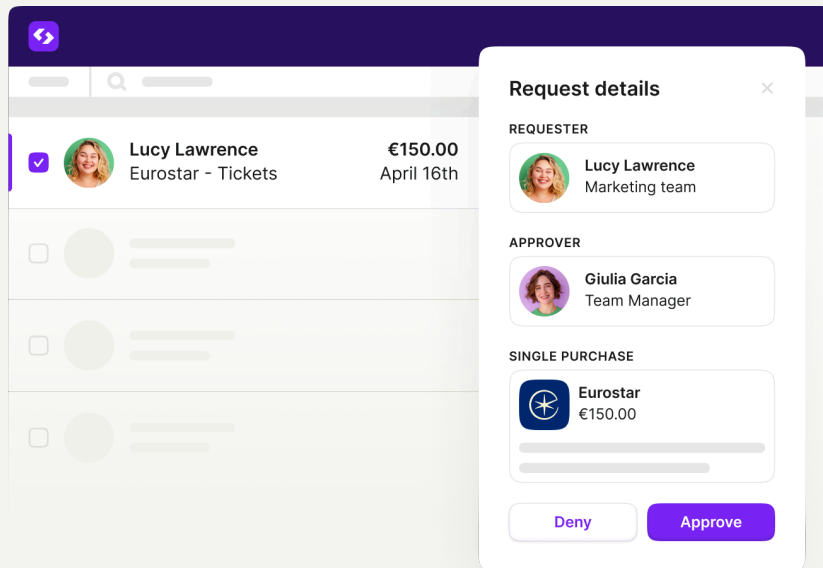


Section 03

Control Without Friction

Control needs easy visibility.

- Visibility across company spend.
- Approvals focus attention on exceptions.
- Automate routine work without losing control.



From exports to conversation

Ask. Follow up. Decide.

Section 04

Spendesk AI Connect

MCP connects approved AI assistants to selected Spendesk data.

- Use Claude, ChatGPT or Dust.
- Ask, analyse and report in plain language.
- Read-only today. No payments, approvals or changes.

Spendesk AI Connect

EXAMPLES

“What are our top 10 suppliers this quarter?”

“Which invoices haven't been exported to our ERP yet?”

“Compare spend by cost centre across periods.”

Section 04

MCP vs Integrations vs APIs

Same data, different jobs.

- Integrations move data through predefined workflows.
- APIs let technical teams build custom workflows.
- MCP lets finance teams ask and explore through AI.

The user experience

THREE WAYS TO
CONNECT

Integration → sync

API → build

MCP → ask

Section 04

What MCP does today

Not another integration or API for the user.

- Ask questions, search and explore.
- Build reports and automate recurring updates.
- Finance context, existing permissions and read-only control.

Spendesk AI Connect

READ-ONLY TODAY

AI assistant → MCP → Spendesk

No exports or custom build required

No payments, approvals or data changes

Section 05

Why Spendesk MCP is different

The difference is not only access. It is financial context.

- Generic AI: no direct access to trusted finance records.
- BI and integrations: powerful, but predefined or technical.
- Spendesk MCP: conversational, finance-specific and permissioned.

Finance-grade context

THE DIFFERENCE

Structured spend and AP data

Tool guidance and field definitions

Permission inheritance and read-only safety

AI Adoption Is Rising Faster Than Impact

The gap is between pilots and value

84%

of CFOs deploy AI

Source: Gartner 2026

36%

feel confident in outcomes

Source: Gartner 2026

68% of CFOs say they have been slow to adopt AI because they do not know where to begin. Source: General Atlantic AI Survey, June 2025

The First Step Is Smaller Than You Think

1. Start with one workflow

Choose a frequent, structured and low-risk finance question.

2. Connect the right data

Use governed, permissioned data instead of another manual export.

3. Measure the outcome

Track time saved, answer quality, decision speed and human review.

AI Elevates Finance

More judgement, less repetition.

1980s

Excel arrives

Excel reduced manual calculation and changed what finance teams could do.

- Finance still needed judgement, control and accountability.

Today

AI arrives

AI can reduce repetitive execution and create space for analysis.

- Finance can spend more time on risk, planning and decisions.

2026+

Finance grows

The goal is not fewer finance decisions. It is better finance decisions.

- More judgement, less repetition.

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