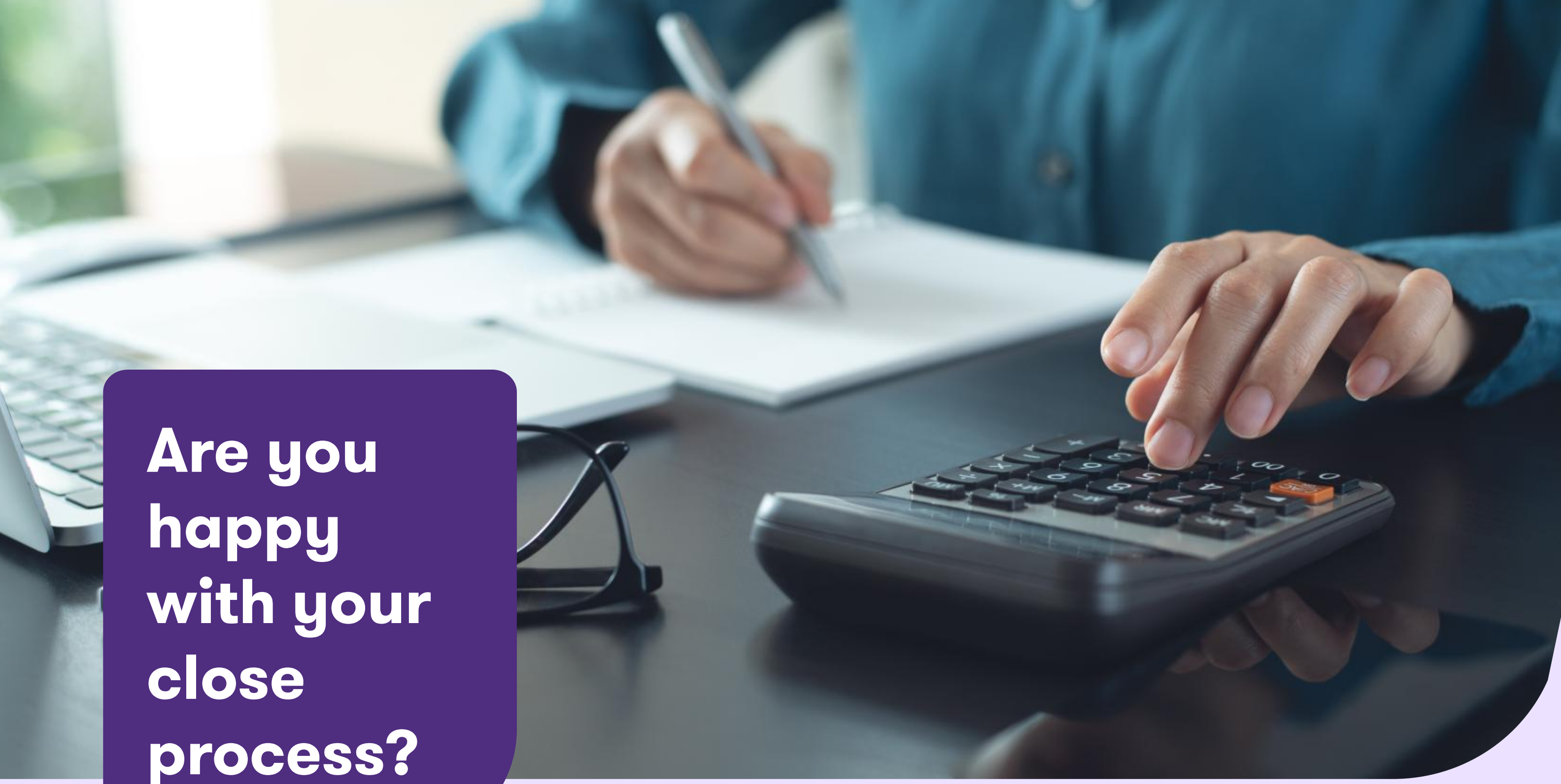
Better Close

Close faster, smarter, confidently



Are you happy with your close process?

Closing your books should create confidence – not chaos

The best finance functions do not treat close as a routine accounting exercise. They see it as the foundation for confident decision-making.

Key questions that reveal how effective your close process really is:

- How many days does your close actually take?
- How confident are you in your Day 1 numbers?
- How many manual interventions happen every cycle?
- How many audit adjustments do you process in each reporting cycle?
- How much time does your finance team spend chasing data instead of analysing it?
- Is your close process scalable for the next phase of growth?

If these questions expose recurring friction in your close process, there may be a better way to close.

Common challenges faced

Excessive spreadsheet reliance

Critical close activities dependent on offline trackers, manual consolidation, and version control challenges.

Fragmented ownership

Close activities spread across functions with unclear accountability and disconnected dependencies.

Reconciliation delays

High-volume reconciliations completed late in the cycle, creating downstream reporting pressure.

Late-stage interventions

Heavy dependence on manual adjustments, offline reviews, and repetitive corrections close to reporting deadlines.

Limited visibility

Leadership teams lack real-time insight into close progress, bottlenecks, unresolved items, and reporting risk.

Audit and compliance pressure

Recurring documentation gaps and control observations impacting reporting confidence.

Finance team fatigue

Month-end close becoming operationally exhausting instead of strategically valuable.

The result is a close process that is slow, risky and difficult to scale.

What is Better Close?

Better Close is a structured finance close transformation framework that combines process redesign, governance enhancement, standardization, discipline and workflow automation to help organisations build a financial close process that is:

Timely. Accurate. Predictable. Scalable.

The objective is not simply to close faster.

It is to create a close process that businesses can rely on – every time.

Our approach

Assess

We evaluate the current close process by reviewing:

- Close calendar
- Activities and dependencies
- Governance and controls
- Reporting readiness
- Technology landscape

Diagnose

We identify:

- Bottlenecks slowing the close
- High-risk manual activities
- Control gaps
- Automation opportunities
- Duplicate reviews
- Reporting dependencies affecting timelines

Transform

We redesign the close process through:

- Intelligent close calendar with real time progress tracking
- Standardised workflows
- Workflow automation
- KPI-driven monitoring
- Enhanced governance structures
- Improved reporting visibility

Sustain

We help organisations embed long-term improvements through:

- Close dashboards
- SOPs and playbooks
- Ownership matrices
- KPI tracking
- Governance mechanisms
- Training and change management

What Better Close delivers

Stakeholder confidence
- Trusted Day 1 numbers
- Confidence across management, audit and board

Operational efficiency
- Faster close cycles
- Reduced manual effort

Governance and scalability
- Standardised, controlled processes
- Full visibility across close

Audit readiness
- Fewer adjustments
- Faster support, clear ownership

Better Close is built around one principle

A good close process should be operationally disciplined, technologically enabled, and manageable for the people running it.

We combine:

- Finance process expertise
- Accounting and controllership experience
- Operational transformation capability
- Practical implementation focus
- Scalable process design

Our focus extends beyond accelerating the close to building a finance function that is scalable, controlled, and decision-ready.

Ready for a better close? Connect with us today for an assessment of your close process.

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