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Manufacturing Better Forecasting & Planning

Manufacturing Finance Expertise, Built on AI-First Planning

Manufacturers plan against shifting demand, volatile input costs, complex supply chains and tight margins. Fragmented, spreadsheet-driven planning can't keep pace with that complexity. As the Diamond Standard in EPM Advisory and Delivery, Ascend Partners replaces it with one model that links production to financial performance.

The Experience: Ascend in Manufacturing

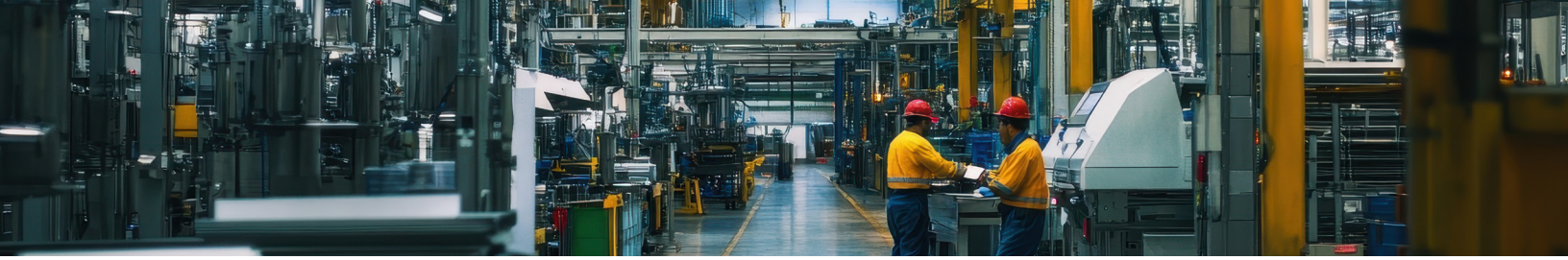
Our consultants pair hands-on FP&A experience with a working knowledge of manufacturing finance, from cost allocations to production-driven workflows. Every engagement starts with a structured blueprint that defines scope, captures requirements and aligns stakeholders before we build.



What We Deliver for Manufacturing FP&A

- **Production-driven planning:** We link volume, mix, input costs, capacity and labor so your plan reflects real plant conditions.
- **Cost allocations that hold up:** We streamline allocations across plants, product lines and cost centers, and tie them to the operational drivers behind them.
- **Scenario planning with guidance:** We model demand swings, commodity spikes and supplier delays, then help leaders read the results.
- **Integrated business planning:** We connect finance with sales, supply chain and operations in one planning framework.

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Manufacturing in Action

A global packaging manufacturer replaced disconnected systems and spreadsheets with an integrated planning environment built by Ascend. The result:

- Finance and operations unified on a single source of truth
- Faster scenario modeling, with live FX data feeding the forecast
- Automated integration in place of error-prone manual data transfers

The Capability: Pigment

Pigment is an AI-first planning platform built for change. Adding a plant, product line or SKU family is a configuration change, not a re-implementation, and leadership can view performance by plant, region, product or legal entity on one shared data model.

Pigment in Action:

An aerospace manufacturer replaced Excel-based planning with Pigment. Its leadership now spots capacity saturation early, and finance can simulate new programs and production ramp-ups before committing resources.

Ascend & Pigment: The Challenges We Solve Together

Pigment's AI-first platform adapts as fast as production does. Ascend shapes it around how your plants run. Together, we tackle the problems that hold manufacturing finance back:

- **Plant and ERP data in separate systems:** Pigment brings operational and financial data into one model. We design it so you can add a plant, line or product family without a redesign.
- **Sales and operations planning in silos:** Pigment puts sales, production and capacity plans in the same model. We build the S&OP process around it, so finance and operations commit to one plan.
- **Slow response to disruption:** When a supplier slips, rebuilding the plan can take weeks. We wire volume, mix, input cost and capacity drivers into the financial statements, and Pigment compares scenarios in minutes. A question like "What if demand drops?" gets answered the same day.

Plan for Every Shift. Plan With Ascend & Pigment.

Move from reactive budgeting to proactive strategy. Ascend and Pigment give manufacturing finance teams forecasts that keep up with the plant floor and plans leadership can act on.

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Ascend Partners is the Diamond Standard in EPM Advisory and Delivery and proudly serves clients globally from our headquarters in New York, NY. We specialize in delivering sophisticated solutions that streamline financial workflows, transform data, and enhance operational efficiency for organizations worldwide. With deep industry expertise and a commitment to innovation, Ascend empowers businesses to maximize performance, improve decision-making, and drive sustainable growth.

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