Practical FINANCIAL Modeling for Professionals

Learn how to build a model with Excel

27 - 28 Oct 2026
9 am – 5 pm

Venue: Zenith Corporate Park

RM3,388 per pax

(register before 13 Oct).
RM3,600 normal price

Learn from a top financial modeling guru how to build comprehensive financial models using Microsoft Excel. After building the model, learn how to use it for decision making e.g. investment decisions, funding and valuation with scenario analysis. Bring your laptop!

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COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1 - Building the Foundation

Module 1: Introduction to Financial Modelling

- Purpose and applications of financial modelling
- Types of financial models and their use cases
- Model architecture and design principles
- Modelling standards and industry best practices
- Common modelling mistakes and how to avoid them

Module 2: Understanding Financial Statements

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow Statement
- Understanding the relationship between the three statements
- Key financial drivers and performance ratios

Module 3: Financial Modelling Best Practices

- Designing a robust model architecture
- Structuring assumptions and inputs
- Building dynamic and flexible models
- Creating executive dashboards and summary outputs
- Formula consistency and model transparency
- Error checks, validation controls and audit flags
- Model review and quality assurance techniques

Module 4: Forecasting Assumptions

- Revenue forecasting methodologies
- Cost and expense forecasting
- Working capital assumptions
- Capital expenditure planning
- Depreciation and amortisation assumptions

COURSE OUTLINE *(con't)*

Module 5: Building an Integrated Three-Statement Financial Model

- Setting up historical financial statements
- Creating dynamic forecast periods
- Revenue and operating cost schedules
- Working capital schedules
- Depreciation schedules
- Capital expenditure schedules
- Linking the Incoome Statement, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement
- Retained earnings roll-forward
- Cash balancing mechanisms
- Model integrity and balancing checks

Day 2 - Advanced Financial Modelling

Module 6: Debt & Financing Modelling

- Building debt schedules
- Principal repayment and interest calculations
- Debt drawdown assumptions
- Financing cash flow impacts
- Lease liabilities (MFRS 16) modelling
- Debt covenant considerations
- Debt structures:
  - Amortising loans
  - Bullet loans
  - Balloon loans
- Grace periods and loan moratoriums
- Building loan amortisation schedules

Module 7: Revolving Credit Facility (Revolver) Modelling

- Revolving credit facilities
- Minimum cash balance assumptions
- Cash sweep mechanisms
- Drawdown and repayment logic
- Integrating revolvers into cash flow forecasts

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Module 8: Model Troubleshooting & Circular References

- Understanding circular references
- Common modelling errors
- Resolving circularity
- Balance Sheet balancing techniques
- Error detection and model audit checks

Module 9: Scenario & Sensitivity Analysis

- Base, upside and downside scenarios
- Revenue sensitivity analysis
- Margin sensitivity analysis
- Working capital sensitivity
- Building interactive scenario dashboards

Module 10: Advanced Forecasting & Investment Analysis

- Driver-based forecasting
- Customer-based forecasting
- Capacity-based forecasting
- Operational forecasting techniques
- Investment risk assessment
- Break-even analysis
- Key value drivers
- Risk-adjusted returns

Workshop Summary & Closing

- End-to-end integrated financial model review
- Practical modelling tips and common pitfalls
- Q&A session
- Additional templates and learning resources

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Trainer's Profile

The trainer is a CFA charterholder and currently serves as the Malaysia Representative for Corporate Finance and M&A Advisory at Sadella Advisory, a Hong Kong-based corporate finance advisory firm specialising in cross-border M&A transactions across Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Europe, with a strong focus on Southeast Asia.

Prior to joining Sadella Advisory, he was a Corporate Finance Consultant at a leading advisory firm. He has extensive experience in corporate finance and has been involved in a wide range of engagements, including business and company valuations, financial due diligence, financial modelling, independent advisory, and business strategy projects for both public and private sector clients.

He graduated with honours from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) with a Bachelor of Finance and holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Quantic School of Business and Technology. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) charterholder and a Chartered Financial Modeller (CFM).

In addition to his professional advisory work, he currently serves as Honorary Treasurer on the Board of Directors of CFA Society Malaysia and has been an active volunteer with the society since 2018, contributing to various initiatives aimed at developing future finance professionals.

The trainer is also internationally recognised within the financial modelling and valuation communities. His achievements include:
• Top 2 in the CFI Financial Modelling Case Competition and World Championship 2020
• Top 4 in the Financial Modelling World Cup 2021
• 30 Under Thirty Honouree by the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (NACVA) and the Consultants' Training Institute (CTI) in 2021

He currently serves on the Financial Modeling Global Leaders Council (GLC) and is one of only seven representatives from Asia. He will also be speaking at the upcoming Global Financial Modeling Conference. His international financial modelling credentials, combined with his corporate finance and valuation experience, further strengthen his credibility in delivering financial modelling, valuation and corporate finance-related programmes.

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