Liquidity Management Services

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Background

Disruptions caused by unfavorable geo-political environment, changes in regulations and technological advancements, lead to uncertainties and challenges in both demand and supply for businesses across all sectors.

In the recent past, issues such as shortage of supply of key raw materials, delayed customer payments, unavailability of adequate credit lines and labor issues have become common occurrences. All of these have impacted the level of working capital and cash flow required to manage day-to-day operations. C-suite have had their work cut out to ensure they strike the right balance.

After pulling the traditional levers of cost reduction, margin and productivity improvement, management are now realizing that effective liquidity management can provide a real competitive advantage.

EY's Liquidity Management Services provides a clear route to extracting cash from working capital, prioritizing quick wins and minimizing business disruption.



As per our analysis, INR 8.8 trillion

is tied up in the working capital across the top 25 percentile of listed companies in India





Typical challenges faced by companies looking to optimize liquidity



Lack of bandwidth to establish an effective program

Uncertainty around the size of the opportunity





Siloed business functions

Limited awareness across the business about the liquidity issues







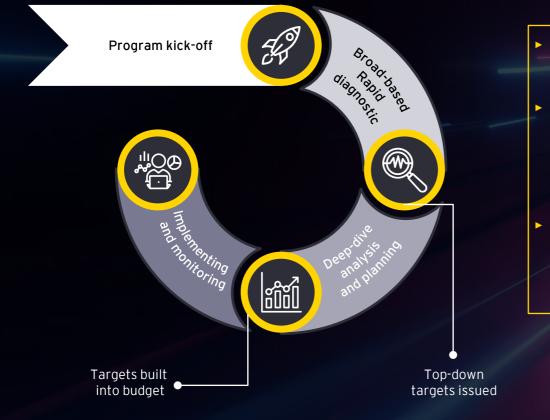
Conflicting priorities among functional teams

Difficulty in establishing a cash culture within the organization



EY Liquidity Management framework

EY deploys a systematic, data-driven and fact-based framework to optimize liquidity, resulting in immediate cash release and improved productivity.



- In-depth analysis of working capital to pivot toward industry best practices
- Align objectives of the program focusing specifically on short-term cash flow forecasting and forecast-tofulfill, order-to-cash and procure-to-pay cycles
- Tailored solutions and effective governance by establishing a liquidity management office to optimize the current situation

Focused on the key levers for improving liquidity

Forecast-to-Fulfill (FTF) Order-to-Cash (OTC) Procure-to-Pay (PTP) Sales and quote management Logistics Procurement strategy Risk and credit management Sales/marketing Sourcing and contracting terms Order management Forecast and demand management Requisitioning and order fulfillment Invoicing/billing and terms Procurement Goods and invoice receipt Dispute management Planning and scheduling Invoice processing Collections management Manufacturing Discrepancy management and control Cash application Inventory management Payment processing

Leveraging technology for data-driven decision making

Benchmarking, data analytics and process reviews reveal trends and opportunities not captured in standard approaches. In-depth data analytics provide value before significant time/funds are allocated to the project.

Project management



Program roadmap



Rolling cashflow forecast



Dashboard and status

Procure-to-Pay



Supplier segmentation



Spend analysis



Payment terms, trigger and frequency

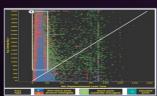
Forecast-to-Fulfill



Inventory analysis



SKU rationalization



Lead time vs. coverage

Order-to-Cash



Customer segmentation



Customer collections performance



Dispute resolution tracking

Benefits delivered



Rapid cash release, improved visibility and predictability of cashflows



Shift focus from cash tracking to cash optimization



Better capital allocation to support strategic decision making



Increased stakeholder satisfaction



Improve organizational efficiency by enabling cross functional collaboration



Improved return on invested capital

"Cash is King"

Effective liquidity management improves a company's cash conversion efficiency and operating cash flow. This in turn supports strategic capital allocation goals to fund capex, acquisitions, dividends, share buy-backs and debt reductions.

How can you tell if you might benefit from EY's liquidity management services?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Insufficient cash on hand to fund acquisitions, CAPEX projects or address debt covenant issues			
Slow, inefficient, manual and/or FTE heavy processes			
Increasing vulnerability to market downturns			
Weak negotiating position in the capital markets			
Cash is inaccessible in operations, business units			
No enterprise-wide focus on cash			
Limited understanding of acquired business's cash position			
Contemplating a divestment of all or part of your business			
Dissatisfied suppliers or poor customer experience			
Increasing customer payment defaults			
Sub-par cash management processes when compared to peers			
Lack of visibility and control over working capital requirements			
Uncertain and/or unpredictable business environment and trends			

If your answer is "Yes" or "Not sure" to two or more of these indicators, it may indicate that your business could benefit from our liquidity management services. We will be happy to share insights and ideas based on EY's vast experience of helping clients monitor and improve their liquidity framework and performance.

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