

Cloud FinOps for Azure

Maximise value, minimise waste: Achieving cloud financial excellence

Azure FinOps is about bringing **financial accountability** to the variable spend model of the cloud, allowing organisations to get the most business value from their cloud investments. The OneAdvanced Cloud FinOps for Azure service is specifically designed to embed these crucial practices within your Microsoft Azure environment.

Our core aim? To deliver significant cloud cost optimisation, strengthen governance and ensure compliance, all while promoting cost-conscious culture across your business. Cloud waste can often account for around 30% of spend. We tackle this by implementing structured FinOps methods. This isn't just about cutting costs; it's about **ensuring every pound spent in Azure directly contributes to your business objectives**, freeing up valuable budget for strategic initiatives and innovation.

By partnering with OneAdvanced, you gain a structured approach to optimising costs, improving governance, and driving accountability in your Azure environment. This typically leads to substantial cloud spend savings (20–40% is a common outcome), a better compliance posture, more predictable budgets, and a higher return on your cloud investment.





What the service involves

Our Cloud FinOps for Azure service is delivered through two key components, designed to support your journey across the FinOps lifecycle. We can engage with you on an advisory basis to establish the foundations or provide ongoing managed services for continuous optimisation.

ADVISORY & CONSULTING SERVICES

This is typically a project-based engagement focused on setting up your FinOps practice. It includes:

- **FinOps Maturity Assessment**
Understanding your current state against industry best practices.
- **FinOps Strategy Development**
Creating a new FinOps strategy to align with your business goals.
- **Governance & Policy Design**
Defining tagging standards, cost allocation models (showback), budgeting, and Azure Policy rules.
- **Tooling Setup & Configuration**
Assisting with the implementation of Azure Cost Management and specialised FinOps tools.
- **Enablement & Training**
Equipping your teams with the knowledge and skills to embrace FinOps.

CLOUD FINOPS FOR AZURE SERVICE

This provides continuous, operational FinOps support, acting as an extension of your team. We actively engage in:

- **Inform**
Continuous monitoring of usage and spend, providing clear cost allocation, regular reporting, and dashboards. Automated anomaly alerts keep you informed of unexpected spikes.
- **Optimise**
Proactively identifying and driving savings through usage optimisation (rightsizing, identifying idle resources) and rate optimisation (leveraging reservations and savings plans).
- **Operate**
Regularly reviewing governance policies, monitoring compliance and tagging hygiene, and providing ongoing expert guidance on cost implications and forecasting.

Key features

These are the key features of our Cloud FinOps for Azure service:

Structured FinOps Framework

A clear approach aligned with industry best practices.

Expert UK-Based Team

Experienced professionals providing local understanding and support.

Integrated Tooling

Utilising both native Azure tools (Cost Management, Advisor, Policy) and specialised FinOps platforms for deep insights and automation.

Continuous Monitoring & Reporting

Keeping a constant eye on your spend with regular, easy-to-understand reports and dashboards.

Proactive Optimisation

Actively seeking out and recommending cost-saving opportunities.

Governance

Implementing and monitoring policies to ensure controlled and compliant cloud usage.

Collaborative Engagement

Working closely with your finance, IT, and business teams.





Key benefits

Choosing our Cloud FinOps for Azure service delivers tangible benefits for your organisation:



Significant Cost Savings

Typically achieving 20-40% reduction in cloud spend wastage.



Predictable Spending

Improved forecasting and budgeting accuracy, reducing those unwelcome billing surprises.



Enhanced Governance & Compliance

Strengthening control over your Azure environment and supporting regulatory requirements.



Increased Accountability & Transparency

Providing clear visibility into where costs are being incurred.



Data-Driven Decision Making

Empowering your teams with the insights needed to make informed choices about cloud usage.



Maximised Business Value

Ensuring your cloud spend is aligned with driving your strategic goals.



Improved Collaboration

Breaking down silos between finance and technical teams.



Support for Sustainability Goals

More efficient cloud usage can contribute to reduced energy consumption.



Who is this service for?

This service is specifically designed for **UK organisations**, particularly those in highly regulated sectors such as **Legal, Healthcare, Government, and Financial Services**.

If you're grappling with cost complexity, resource waste, skills gaps in cloud financial management, or governance pressures in your Azure environment, our service is designed to help you regain financial control.

Pricing

We offer a straightforward, **fixed monthly** fee for the Cloud FinOps for Azure service. This provides cost certainty and predictable budgeting. The fee is determined based on the size and complexity of your Azure environment, such as your typical monthly spend or the number of subscriptions and resources managed.

Advisory & Consulting Services are delivered as fixed-price, project-based engagements.

Our aim is **complete transparency** with no hidden costs.





Why OneAdvanced for Cloud FinOps for Azure?

Expertise and Experience

OneAdvanced has a skilled UK-based team with expertise in cloud financial management practices. We bring a structured approach and proven methodology to help organisations adopt FinOps for their Azure environments.

Trusted Microsoft Partner

OneAdvanced is a trusted Microsoft partner with over 60+ in-house Microsoft certifications, Azure Solutions Designations, and extensive cloud expertise.

Service Offering

The service provides both Advisory & Consulting services to establish the FinOps foundation and Cloud FinOps for Azure services for ongoing support. This covers the full FinOps lifecycle of Inform, Optimise, and Operate.

Integrated Tooling

OneAdvanced leverages a combination of native Azure tools (Cost Management + Billing, Azure Advisor, Azure Policy) and specialised Cloud FinOps tooling. This integrated approach provides enhanced cost analytics, anomaly detection, consolidated views across subscriptions, granular cost allocation, and automated reporting, offering deep visibility and control.

Local UK Delivery Team

The service is delivered by a UK-based team, which ensures close collaboration and robust understanding of local requirements and regulations. This avoids data sovereignty concerns with offshore handling.

Predictable Pricing Model

OneAdvanced offers a straightforward, fixed monthly fee for the Cloud FinOps for Azure service, providing cost certainty and predictable budgeting based on the size and complexity of your Azure environment.

Structured Engagement and Reporting

OneAdvanced's engagement approach is client-centric and outcome-focused, with a clear process including onboarding, active optimisation, and regular review meetings. OneAdvanced will provide detailed monthly reports and dashboards to ensure transparency and continuous improvement.

Focus on Value Maximisation

The service is not just about cutting costs but about maximising the business value derived from every pound spent on Azure, freeing up budget for strategic initiatives and innovation.





FAQs

What is included in the Cloud FinOps for Azure service?

The service has two main components: Advisory & Consulting Services (project-based, focusing on strategy, governance design, and tooling setup) and Cloud FinOps for Azure services (ongoing support covering continuous monitoring, recommended cost optimisation, and operational governance).

How will I see my Azure costs and the savings achieved?

You will receive detailed monthly FinOps reports covering spend analysis, trends, budget variance, and achieved savings. We also set up dashboards (in Power BI) that you can access for cost visibility. Automated anomaly alerts will also notify you of unexpected cost spikes.

What involvement is required from my internal teams?

Your involvement is key to success. We will need appropriate stakeholders from Finance, IT, Engineering, and Business Units available for onboarding, workshops, and regular monthly review meetings. You will also need to provide necessary access to your Azure environment and relevant tooling and provide feedback and approvals for proposed optimisation actions.

Is this service limited to specific Azure services?

The service is focused on the financial and governance aspects of your Azure consumption within the specific subscriptions detailed in your agreement. While our recommendations may involve technical changes, the actual implementation of modifications is outside the scope of the standard service. Our Azure Managed Service would action any approved recommendations.

What if we don't take the OneAdvanced Azure Managed Service?

Not to worry, our Professional Services team are available to carry out any approved recommendations, these engagements would be a fixed fee cost depending on the complexity and scale of the work carried out. Alternatively, if you take Azure managed services with another supplier, our Cloud FinOps for Azure service is designed to work collaboratively with your supplier.

How does this service help with compliance?


FinOps strengthens your governance by advising on and enforcing tagging, policies, and guardrails on Azure usage. We monitor and report on policy compliance and tagging hygiene, and leverage tooling for automated documentation to support audits and demonstrate prudent use of funds, which is particularly important for regulated sectors.



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