# THE MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

## PAPERS INVITED

Cover Stories on the topics given below are invited for ***'The Management Accountant'*** for the four forthcoming months

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| December 2026 | Theme | Cost Audit: Driving Operational Excellence Through Cost Intelligence |
| | Subtopics | ⊙ Reimagining Cost Audit as a Strategic Management Tool<br>⊙ Leveraging Cost Intelligence for Operational Excellence<br>⊙ Cost Intelligence for Strategic Decision-Making and Value Creation<br>⊙ Digital Transformation of Cost Audit: Technology, Analytics and Automation<br>⊙ Cost Audit and ESG: Measuring Sustainability, Efficiency and Long-Term Value<br>⊙ Strengthening Risk Management and Corporate Governance Through Cost Audit<br>⊙ Sector-Specific Applications and Emerging Perspectives in Cost Audit<br>⊙ The Future of Cost Audit: The Evolving Role of Cost and Management Accountants |
| January 2027 | Theme | The Future of Banking: AI, Risk, Resilience and the CMA as a Strategic Business Partner |
| | Subtopics | ⊙ Artificial Intelligence Governance in Banking — the CMA's role in AI cost-risk audit.<br>⊙ Profitability, cost efficiency and value-based banking<br>⊙ Corporate Bond Market Development and the Changing Bank-Centric Model<br>⊙ Credit risk, ECL, NPA management and early-warning systems<br>⊙ Cybersecurity and operational resilience in the digital era<br>⊙ Digital transformation, fintech and the changing banking business model<br>⊙ Risk-adjusted performance measurement and strategic decision-making<br>⊙ Sustainable finance, climate risk and ESG in banking<br>⊙ The evolving role of CMAs in banking: from finance professionals to strategic business partners<br>⊙ NPA Management, SMA Monitoring and Credit Discipline |
| February 2027 | Theme | Beyond Automation: Preparing CMAs for an AI-Driven Future |
| | Subtopics | ⊙ From Cost Data to Cost Intelligence<br>⊙ AI-Assisted Budgeting, Forecasting and Scenario Planning<br>⊙ AI for Cost Optimization, Pricing and Profitability<br>⊙ AI-Assisted Cost Audit, Assurance and Internal Control<br>⊙ AI for Sustainable Cost and Resource Management<br>⊙ Preparing CMAs for AI: Practical Training, Skills and Professional Judgment<br>⊙ Responsible AI: Ethics, Governance and Human Accountability<br>⊙ From Pilot to Practice: Implementing AI and Measuring Value |
| March 2027 | Theme | Progress Parity: The Strategic Imperative for Gender-Inclusive Leadership in the Accounting and Finance Profession |
| | Subtopics | ⊙ Women Management Accountants: Shaping Strategic Business Decisions<br>⊙ Gender Diversity in Boardrooms: Beyond Token Representation<br>⊙ Women, AI and the Future of the Finance Profession<br>⊙ Women Entrepreneurs: Creating Wealth, Jobs and Opportunities Gender Parity as a Pillar of Sustainable Development<br>⊙ Mentorship, Sponsorship and the Next Generation of Women Leaders<br>⊙ Gender-Responsive Budgeting and Inclusive Economic Growth<br>⊙ Women of Integrity:Probity for Prosperity - *Ethical Leadership. Transparent Governance. Sustainable Growth* |

*The above subtopics are only suggestive and hence the articles may not be limited to them only.*

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