

## 12 steps to Getting Started with Spotlight Reporting

### 1. Complete 30 Minute Intro Training:

- ☐ Get your first output market ready in 30 minutes - select an active client or your own firm.
- ☐ Choose which product to lead with, a Report, Dashboard, or even draft budget

### 2. Complete System Admin:

#### Under Settings

- ☐ Upload company logo
- ☐ Update Reporting Names
- ☐ Customize Footer Disclaimers
- ☐ Set your report cover template or use the default
- ☐ Invite 2+ key users
- ☐ Update schedules (if starting with Forecasting)

### 3. Select Two Clients

- ☐ One is prepared in the training as above
- ☐ Second report prepared within 14 days of training
- ☐ Use a “Standard” template / Classic Dashboard or the Profit and Loss Budget
  - ☐ Commentary (Action Plan or an Executive Summary)
  - ☐ Profit and Loss
  - ☐ Balance Sheet
  - ☐ Cash
  - ☐ KPI if you have information available
- ☐ Use the Checklist - how to prepare an output in 45 minutes  
*(This can be found in the Scaling your Advisory Practice module, Best Practice: Report Preparation episode in the Sample Report checklist)*

### 4. Present Reports to clients (within 21 days of training session)

- ☐ Use the Meeting template - cheat sheet topics for an advisory meeting  
*(This can be found in the Scaling your Advisory Practice module in the How to Run the Perfect Advisory Session episode)*

### 5. Complete the Service Opportunity Matrix for the two clients selected

*(This can be found the Advisory Services module in the Define your Services episode)*

### 6. Update definition target client

- ☐ Ideal clients checklist

*(This can be found in the Advisory Services, Ideal clients episode)*

### 7. Select the next Two Clients

8. Get more **junior member** to prepare second report (using the checklist above)
9. **Update** one aspect of the second report:
  - ☐ Change or customize a chart
  - ☐ Include a KPI
  - ☐ Report by tracking categories
  - ☐ Review liquidity metrics
10. **Complete certification** (or have your identified super user / champion do so) - this should be completed within 60 days of sign up.
11. At the end of each month conduct a 30 minute **Internal Review**. This should include all team members who are involved in the preparation and / or selling of services;
  - a. What clients have been presented to?
  - b. What outputs did they receive?
  - c. What resonated with the clients & why?
  - d. What are the next steps with clients - regular meetings / forecast / etc? (refer menu of services)
  - e. What were the investment levels for those clients?
  - f. What were the internal learnings / opportunities / improvements?
  - g. Who are the next clients?
  - h. What does an ideal client look like?
  - i. Who excelled internally?
  - j. Who is identifying opportunities externally?
  - k. Has the strategy been conveyed to the team - do they understand and are they onboard, or is this a session required?
12. Have **KPIs** been set across the team?
  - ☐ Number of clients to target
  - ☐ Meeting cadence
  - ☐ Does every client have a budget loaded into their accounting system
  - ☐ Output at the end of a piece of work i.e Dashboard with period end compliance / 1-2 draft budgets per month.