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Cigdem has been a trusted advisor to directors, boards and c-suite executives for twenty years. Her combination of governance, strategy and finance expertise, along with her experience of delivering insights in boardroom settings, enable her to drive productive, actionable discussions for key decision makers. Prior to joining EY, Cigdem managed and delivered an education program serving F500 audit chairs across multiple cities in the US while at Tapestry Networks. She was responsible for identifying key issues, structuring and facilitating sessions, and managing delivery teams. She also worked with global audit chairs and CFOs in the course of running a year-long research project on the evolving role of today's CFO.



Cigdem's past experiences include overseeing syndicated research and content delivery for global programs serving hundreds of finance and strategy executives during her decade of tenure at CEB (now Gartner). Studies her teams produced covered ERM, dynamic strategic planning, finance structure and IT, and management reporting. She continued her work with c-suite oversight of transformational projects while at SAP. Cigdem has also experienced the challenges of the start-up world, serving as CFO for a risk-management software company where she built projections and the business plan, led strategic planning, and handled investor presentations. Cigdem is based in Atlanta, GA.