



Strategic guide

AI implementation for wealth management

Merely impressive AI is a costly distraction

In the race to embrace artificial intelligence, many firms are sprinting in the wrong direction. Pouring capital into flashy front-end features while core data remains fragmented is a waste of capital.

65% of family offices prioritise AI as a future investment. 79% still have zero allocation to the infrastructure required to support it.

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Impressive AI

- Front-end features that demo well
- Fragmented custody data underneath
- Outputs no compliance officer can defend
- Pilots that never reach production



Transformative AI

- Governance framework first, deployment second
- A single, structured source of truth
- Every output auditable and defensible
- Measurable operational ROI

This guide sets out the mandatory three-phase journey — **governance, efficiency and client solutions** — to move from impressive but fragmented tools to a robust, regulatory-aligned infrastructure. Stop losing time on features that only look good on screen and start building the data foundation that secures your firm's 2026 legacy.

The stake

For the world's most sophisticated offices, the most dangerous course of action is **standing still**. But moving without a foundation is a liability.

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Governance

Architecting governance and the explainability mandate

In the ultra-high-net-worth segment, AI is frequently dismissed as a "*black box*" — a systemic risk that regulators and compliance officers cannot quantify. For a wealth advisor, an unverified AI output is more than an error; **it is a breach of fiduciary duty.**

Governance is no longer a secondary back-office function. It is the new industry standard for asset preservation. To implement AI without a robust governance framework is to invite regulatory scrutiny and compromise client trust.

Why governance must precede deployment

The \$124 trillion NextGen liability

We are facing the largest intergenerational wealth transfer in history — **\$124 trillion by 2045**. Tech-native heirs treat digital precision as a baseline and will not tolerate manual reconciliation errors or fragmented reporting. If your infrastructure feels antiquated, you are not just losing an account; you are presiding over the liquidation of a legacy.

The formalisation of authority

The industry is already pivoting toward rigour. UBS reports that **67% of family offices** strengthened their governance frameworks in 2025, while Campden Wealth indicates that **66%** now mandate documented succession plans. AI must fit into these existing structures of authority, rather than bypass them.

Key insight

Governance is not the brake on AI adoption. It is **the precondition for it.**

How to secure data governability: the non-negotiables

To move from experimental AI to **institutional AI**, your implementation must meet three criteria of professional-grade security.

01 Regulatory validation

AI cannot exist in a vacuum. Any technology provider managing sensitive HNW data must be an **AISP-regulated entity** — an Account Information Service Provider validated by European central banks.

02 Tier-1 compliance standards

"Good security" is insufficient. Partners must provide documented adherence to **SOC 2 Type II, SOC 3 and DORA** — ensuring your data perimeter is audited to the same standards as a global Tier-1 bank.

03 The explainability protocol

If your team cannot audit how an AI reached a specific conclusion or data classification, that AI has no place in your firm. Prioritise **explainable AI over black-box models**, so every output is defensible in an audit or a client meeting.

An unverified output is not a technical shortcoming — it is an **unquantified risk** sitting inside a fiduciary relationship. Explainability is what converts an AI answer into a professional opinion you can stand behind.

Checklist

AISP regulated · SOC 2 Type II · SOC 3 · DORA · **auditable reasoning on every output.**

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Data efficiency

Translating accuracy into operational ROI

The primary obstacle to AI implementation is not the sophistication of the model, but the **integrity of the underlying data**. For wealth managers and multi-family offices, data professionalisation is the only viable path to maintaining a high-quality service at scale.

In the current landscape, "reliable data" is usually the result of significant human intervention. Elite teams are losing billable hours to *data leakage* — time spent manually correcting transaction classifications and reconciling fragmented custody statements.

The clean-data mandate: quality over chronology

Institutional-grade AI requires a shift in perspective. It is far better to possess **three years of clean, structured data than forty years of unverified historical records**.



Neutralising the legacy mess

Banks and legacy institutions hold decades of disorganised, non-standardised records. The first practical application of AI in your firm should be the ingestion, structuralisation and homogenisation of that data — the bridge that converts raw noise into a single, structured source of truth.



Escaping garbage in, garbage out

Without a verified **golden data set**, any AI-driven insight is a hallucination risk. In wealth management a hallucination isn't a technical glitch — it's a reporting error that can lead to incorrect tax filings or flawed rebalancing. Clean data is your primary defence against reputational liability.

Key decision

Point AI at the **data foundation first**. Every downstream capability inherits its quality.

The value translation: from accuracy to profit

Accuracy is not a vanity metric. Past a threshold, it stops being a percentage and starts being **reclaimed capacity**.

The baseline

70%

Legacy systems typically hover at 70% accuracy for transaction classification — leaving the remaining 30% to manual oversight.

The AI standard

95%

With Flanks, reaching 95% automated accuracy doesn't just improve a metric — it eliminates the heavy correction cycle.

The result

No correction cycle

A direct reduction in operational drag. Teams shift from data auditors back to relationship managers, reclaiming the overhead lost to manual reporting.

What you stop paying for

The correction cycle: re-classifying transactions, reconciling fragmented custody statements, and re-checking reports before they reach a client.

What you buy back

Billable advisory hours. The same headcount, pointed at suitability, planning and the client relationship instead of spreadsheet archaeology.

Key insight

The ROI of AI in wealth management is not the model. It is **the correction cycle you no longer run**.

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Client solutions

The intelligence layer, deployed

This is the phase where the investment becomes visible — as a system that **accelerates advisor delivery**. What follows is what well-implemented AI looks like in practice.



A proposal engine that doesn't just generate a document — it reasons

The final output reasons through suitability profiles, tax constraints and multi-scenario simulations, producing a regulatory-aligned, ready-to-deliver package. The advisor's role shifts from data assembly to high-value judgment and relationship management.



A conversational interface for portfolio intelligence

Advisors query complex holdings — *"What is this client's aggregate exposure to emerging markets?"* — and receive instant, structured answers. By understanding the underlying data model of risk, performance and diversification, AI removes the friction between the question and the insight.



Automated data extraction from custodian interfaces

AI bypasses the bottleneck of institutions without clean APIs. By analysing and extracting data from bank web interfaces and navigation flows, it maps information to a standardised model — turning weeks of manual development into a repeatable, automated pipeline.

In practice

Each capability is a **delivery accelerator**, not a demo feature.

The layer nobody sees — and the loop that keeps it honest



Secure, scalable data access across the advisory stack

Scalable AI requires rigorous security. The infrastructure must authenticate every request and enforce **tenant-scoped access** — ensuring advisors see only what they are authorised to see. This invisible layer provides the trust necessary for deployment in highly regulated environments.



An AI system that doesn't just classify — it learns

Using a **golden set** validation loop, low-confidence predictions are flagged for human oversight. This ensures accuracy thresholds are met before deployment, turning data classification into a compounding asset that gains precision over time.

None of these AI capabilities works in isolation. Conversational access is only as good as the data behind it. Classification accuracy feeds directly into proposal quality. Secure infrastructure makes the whole stack deployable at scale. And the proposal engine is only as powerful as the data model it draws from.

That is what separates AI that transforms from AI that merely impresses.

— Héctor Borobia, Head of AI at Flanks

Unlock AI-driven advisory with Flanks

In an era of black-box promises, Flanks provides the structural integrity required for UHNW wealth management. **We don't just provide a tool; we provide the foundation.**

01 Governance

AISP regulation, Tier-1 compliance and explainable outputs — so your framework is unshakeable before anything is deployed.

02 Data efficiency

A golden data set and 95% automated classification accuracy — so your data is structured and the correction cycle disappears.

03 Client solutions

Proposal reasoning, conversational portfolio intelligence and secure, tenant-scoped access — so your advisors are empowered.

We accompany you through the entire implementation journey. The result is a profound impact on your daily workflow and a measurable increase in your firm's ROI.

Legacy is built on trust. Innovation is built on Flanks.

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