# Orchestrate Every Step of Your Client Lifecycle with Karbon

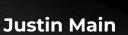
From first contact to the first payment, one unified experience

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## Hosts





**Karbon**General Manager,
Engagements, Billing &
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**Rowan Van Tromp** 

**Karbon**Principal Customer
Success Manager





# The leading global, cloud-native practice management platform built for the accounting industry.

18.5

Average hours saved per week per employee using Karbon\*

#1

Highest rated accounting practice management software\*\*

3K+

Accounting firms using Karbon on a daily basis

100+

**Product Developers** 



















<sup>\*</sup>Obtained through Karbon's 2024 Firm Usage Survey.

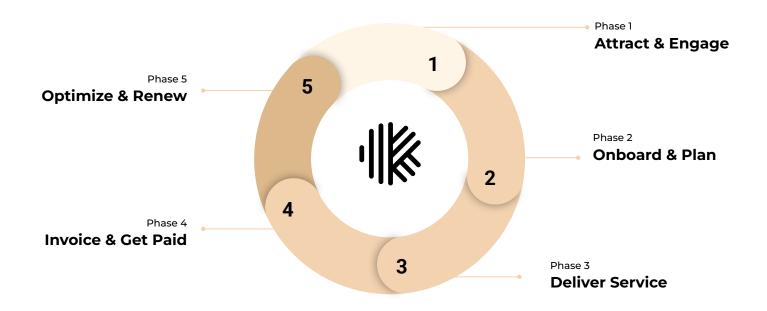
<sup>\*\*</sup>G2 ranking



## Understanding the Full Client Lifecycle

## Every firm manages this lifecycle, Few manage it seamlessly.





Karbon helps you orchestrate each phase with connected tools, automated workflows, and actionable insights



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# How many software tools does your firm use to manage the client lifecycle?

#### 2025 Accounting Tech Research

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**Client Service Tools** 

8

**Practice Tools** 



#### Disconnected client lifecycles create real costs





Fragmented data slows actions and decisions



Admin overhead eats into profits



Clients feel the friction



## From Complexity to Clarity: The Smart Firm's Playbook



### From complexity to clarity

By managing your firm's full client lifecycle in Karbon, you consolidate tools, streamline workflows, breakdown information silos, and gain unprecedented visibility.

All of which empowers you to lead with unparalleled confidence and clarity.

#### **Before Karbon**



Proposals & ELs



Client Portal & DMS



CRM



Project Management



Billing & Payments



Reporting



Internal Communication



**External Communication** 

#### **After Karbon**



Proposals & ELs



Client Portal & DMS



CRM



Project Management





Time, Billing & Payments













External Communication

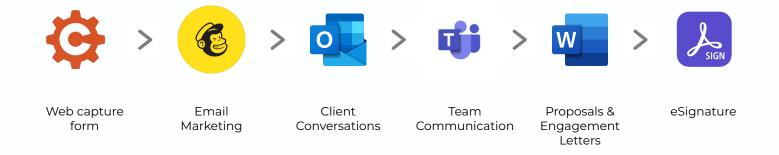


## Phase 1 Attract & Engage

#### Before Karbon: Great tools, disconnected experience



Client data lives everywhere, slowing collaboration and responsiveness.



 Client data is manually entered and maintained in every tool.



- Teams lose context and speed when updates happen in one system but not everywhere else.
- Clients struggle to collaborate efficiently with your team

#### After Karbon: Streamlined prospect to client workflow

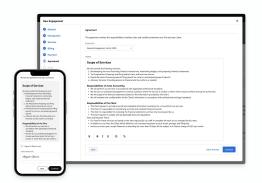


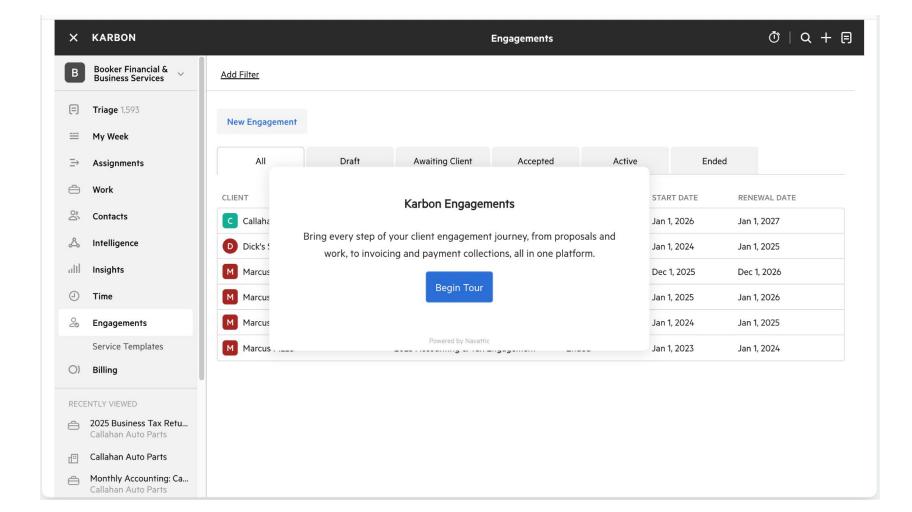


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Email Marketing Client Conversations Team Communication Proposals & Engagement Letters eSignature





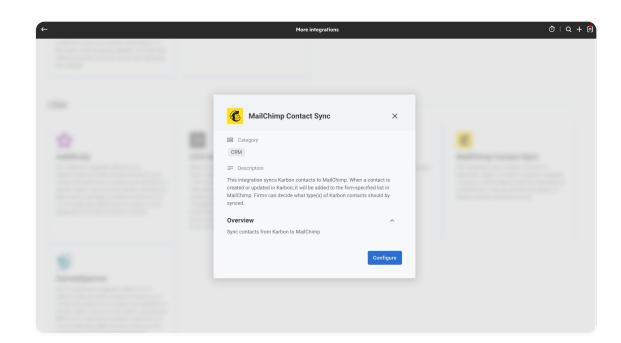




## Connect your marketing and client data with Karbon + MailChimp

Keep contacts in sync between your CRM and practice management platform

- Sync contacts from Karbon to Mailchimp
- Map Karbon contact types to MailChimp audience lists for targeted marketing campaigns (i.e. "Individual tax clients" in Karbon <> "1040 Season" audience)
- Keep data clean & consistent between two systems of records



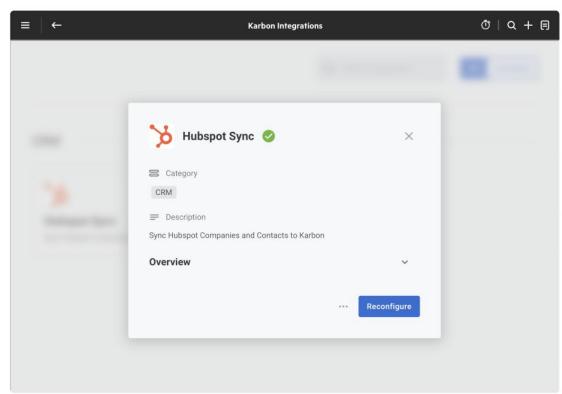
#### Attract & Engage



## Connect your CRM and client workflows with Karbon + HubSpot

### Sync HubSpot Companies and Contacts to Karbon

- Keep records up to date with real-time syncing
- Use the HubSpot client "Lifecycle Stage" to determine which records to sync
- Map your HubSpot Custom Fields to selected Karbon Accounting details



#### **Engagements**

Early Access



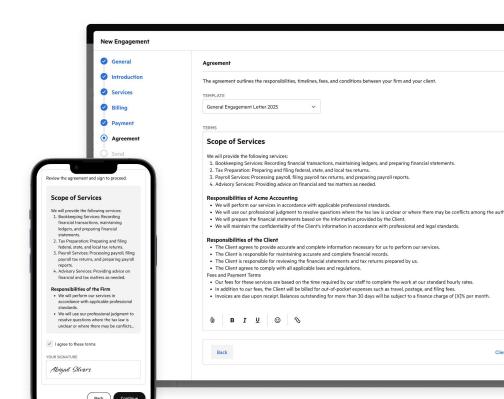


#### Engage, bill, get paid, and renew—all in one platform

- Custom proposal & engagement letter builder
- Service templates, flexible billing terms, and collect payment details upfront
- Integrated digital signatures for rapid client approvals
- Connect work to signed agreements
- Automated billing and payment collection

#### How does this help you?

- Clients accept engagements faster with digital proposals and signatures
- Map work to service agreements to ensure your team consistently delivers what was promised
- Recurring billing and auto-payments provides predictable cash flow and increases revenue





## Phase 2 Onboard & Plan

#### Before Karbon: Manual handoffs slow client onboarding



Teams rely on scattered tools and constant double-checking to keep work moving.



Engagement Scope

Engagement & Project Tracking

Request Client Information Gather Client Documents Set up client projects

Team members must manually hand off client information between tools.



- No single source of truth—details live in Word docs, spreadsheets, and shared drives.
- Partners and staff waste time chasing files, clarifying ownership, and double-checking onboarding statuses instead of serving clients.

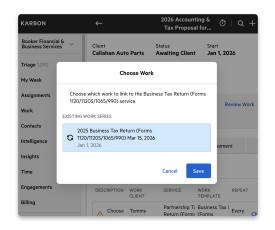
## After Karbon: Automated client onboarding that runs itself

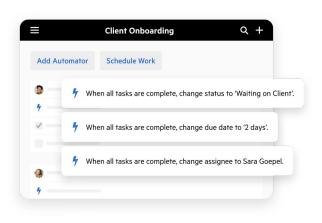


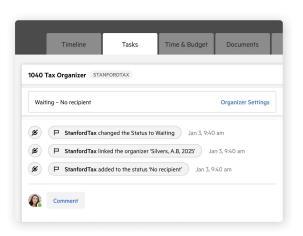












Deliver what you promise with work mapped to engagements

Keep work flowing with task and staff assignment triggers

Expedite intake with built-in client tasks



## Phase 3 Deliver Services

#### Before Karbon: Essential tools — but fragmented workflows



Your service delivery apps are powerful alone, but disconnected to your practice workflows



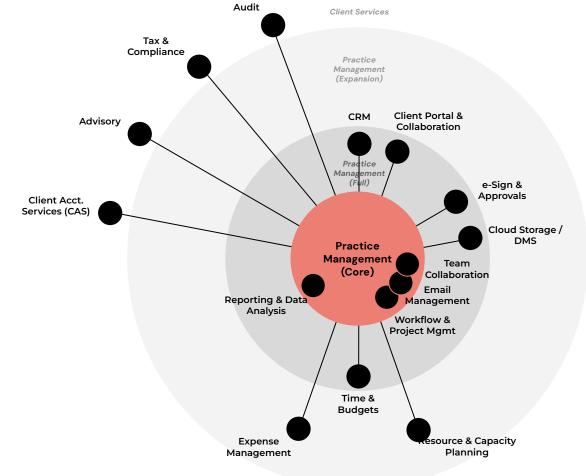
 Each tool handles part of the service delivery, but no single view ties it all together.



- Updates and client data don't sync, no single source of truth.
- Teams waste time jumping between systems to confirm what's done and what's next.
- The client experience feels fragmented—slow responses, repeated requests, and missed context.

#### **After Karbon**





## Automate advisory workflows with Karbon + Aider





#### Automate period close & scale advisory:

- Real-time status updates from Aider to work items in Karbon
- Al-generated management reports with real-time KPIs and commentary
- An Al advisory assistant to ready your team for client reviews
- Client advisory reports that highlight opportunities for each client, positioning you as the proactive coach vs. the reactive firefighter

Learn more at: karbonhq.com/integrations/aider/

|                                      | Monthly accounting — J M Avery |                 |             |                     |                  |                     |                   |
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| Aider Period Close Checklist A       | AIDER                          |                 |             |                     |                  |                     |                   |
| Aider GST Period Checklist: Apr-S    | Sep 2024 Complet               | red – Completed | No Due Date |                     |                  |                     |                   |
| INTEGRATION MESSAGES                 |                                |                 |             |                     |                  |                     |                   |
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| Bank Reconciliation: 0 alerts        |                                |                 |             |                     |                  |                     |                   |
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| Bills: O alerts                      |                                |                 |             |                     |                  |                     |                   |
| GST: 1 outstanding                   |                                |                 |             |                     |                  |                     |                   |
| Payroll: 0 alerts                    |                                |                 |             |                     |                  |                     |                   |
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| Balance Sheet: 0 alerts              |                                |                 |             |                     |                  |                     |                   |
| Additional Checks: 1 outstanding     |                                |                 |             |                     |                  |                     |                   |

## Expedite client intake with Karbon + StanfordTax

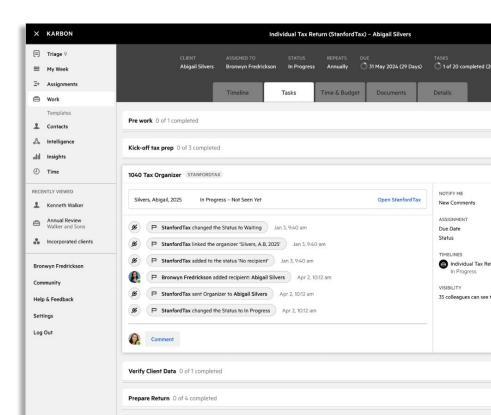




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## Reduce data collection time and perfect your tax workflow from intake to delivery

- Centralized Workflow Efficiency. Reduce context switching for tax teams.
- Faster, More Accurate Preparation. Pre-sorted workpapers mean less chasing documents and more time for preparation.
- Better Client Experiences & Compliance.
   Personalized organizers help clients submit information faster and more accurately.



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#### Deliver Services

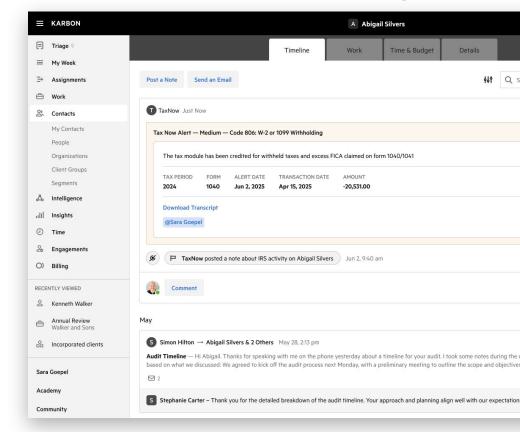


## Proactive tax advisory with Karbon + TaxNow

Actively monitor and get alerted for your clients' IRS transcripts and tax activities with the Karbon and TaxNow integration.

- Push IRS transcripts and tax account updates directly to the client record in Karbon
- Prioritized alerts delivered to your Karbon
   Triage with @mentions of client managers
- Download and open IRS transcripts right from Karbon
- Proactively monitor and prepare for issues before clients reach out.

#### Learn more at: taxnow.com/karbon-taxnow-integration



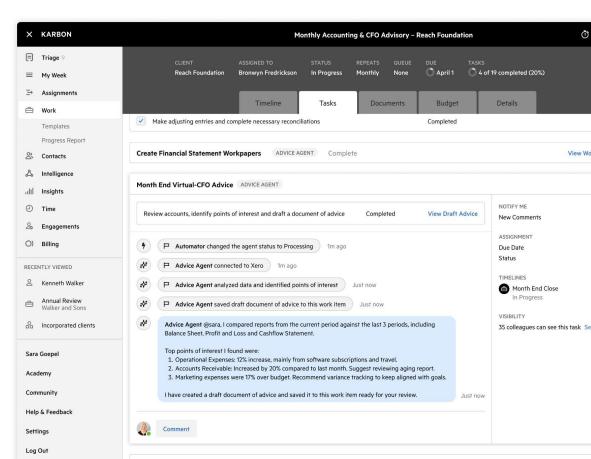






## Al workflow agents that do the groundwork

- Task-based agents embedded in your workflows
- Connect to essential tools and perform activities outside of Karbon on your behalf
- Elevates your team to focus on high-value tasks



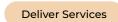
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- Build personalized tax organizers in seconds with Al
- Access organizers, client docs, and workpapers directly in Karbon
- Automate document renaming & sorting with files organized and bookmarked for easy review
- Give clients one place to login with direct Karbon for Clients portal integration
- Track intake progress across all clients with Progress Reports

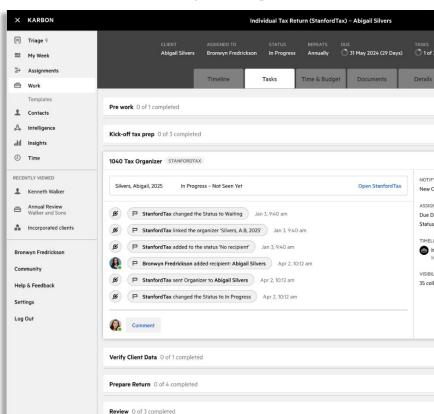
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#### **Intuit ProConnect Integration**

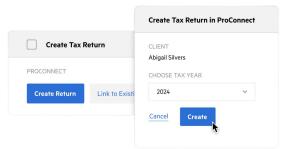




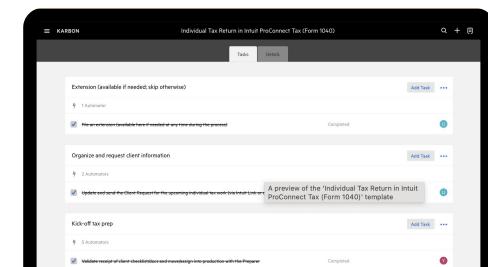
- Automated tax work creation from ProConnect returns
- Real-time e-file status tracking within Karbon
- Two-way contact synchronization for data consistency
- Tax-specific work templates for standardized processes

#### How does this help you?

- Reduce admin burden with automated work creation
- Prevent missed deadlines with integrated status tracking
- Enhance accuracy by eliminating duplicate data entry
- Improve client experience with prompt delivery
- Increase efficiency with less app-hopping
- Scale your tax practice without scaling your headaches



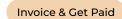
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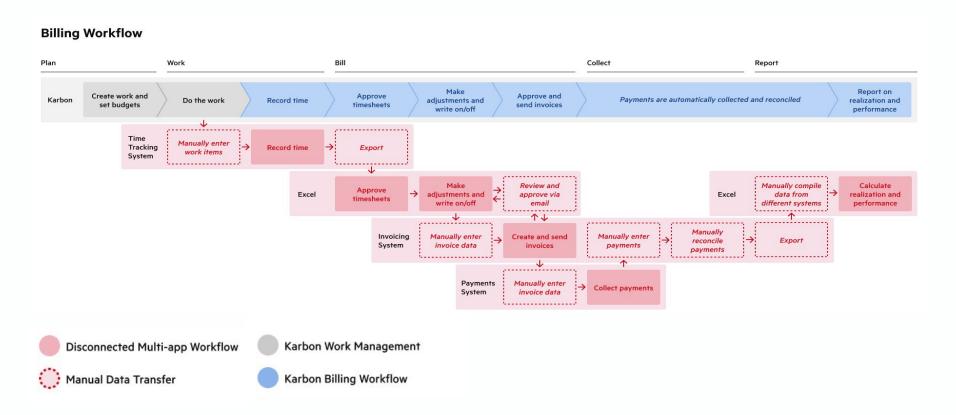
## Phase 4 Invoice & Get Paid

#### Bill and get paid—all in one flow

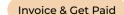




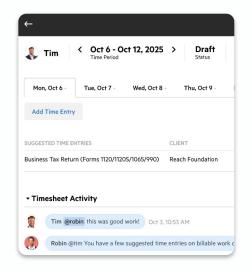
Do the work, track time, create invoices, and collect payments without switching systems.

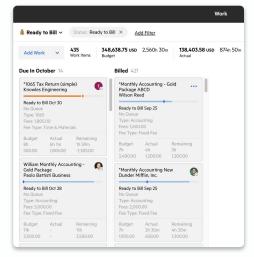


#### Bill as you go and get paid faster









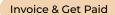
Billing

Trigger billing readiness the moment work gets done—no arbitrary delays

**Billed Every Month** 3.000.00 12 Invoices total First Invoice Oct 24, 2025, Auto Approve > SERVICE WORK CLIENT BILLING SCHEDULE FEE TYPE TAX FEE Monthly Accounting Service Reach Foundation Monthly v Fixed Fee No Tax Set 🗸 1,500.00 Payroll Service Reach Foundation Monthly > Fixed Fee No Tax Set 🗸 1.500.00 Billed on Completion 800.00 Bill Manually SERVICE WORK CLIENT BILLING SCHEDULE EEE TYDE TAY FEE Onboarding & Setup Reach Foundation On Completion 🗸 Fixed Fee 800.00 **Billed on Completion** TBD Bill Manually WORK CLIENT BILLING SCHEDULE FEE TYPE FEE Ad Hoc Advisory Service Reach Foundation On Completion V Time & Materials TBD

Bill your way, and evolve your pricing easily when you're ready.

Al suggested time entries that recover 2+ hours of billable time per employee, per week





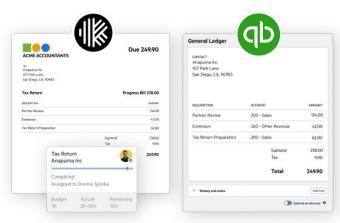
#### Karbon + QBOA/Xero

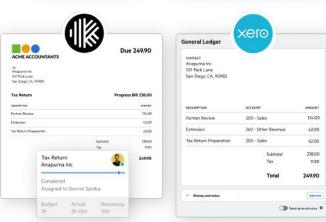
#### Keep your AR and GL in sync, automatically

- Two-way contact sync that keeps your client details in sync between your GL and Karbon
- One-way invoice sync that updates Karbon invoices in your ledgers instantly
- Two-way payment sync that reflects payments made on invoices from either system

#### How does this help you?

- Eliminate manual reconciliations, invoices and payments stay accurate across Karbon and your GL in real time.
- Save time and reduce errors with less manual data entry and transfers
- Unlock full visibility into work-to-cash flow, so your team never gives away work for free
- Maximize the power of your tools—Karbon for work, clients, and invoicing, and GL for financial accuracy

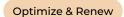






## Phase 5 Optimize & Renew

#### **Performance Pyramid**







#### **Financial Measures**

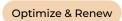
Internal-driven business metrics that measure operational and financial efficiency.

#### **Market Measures**

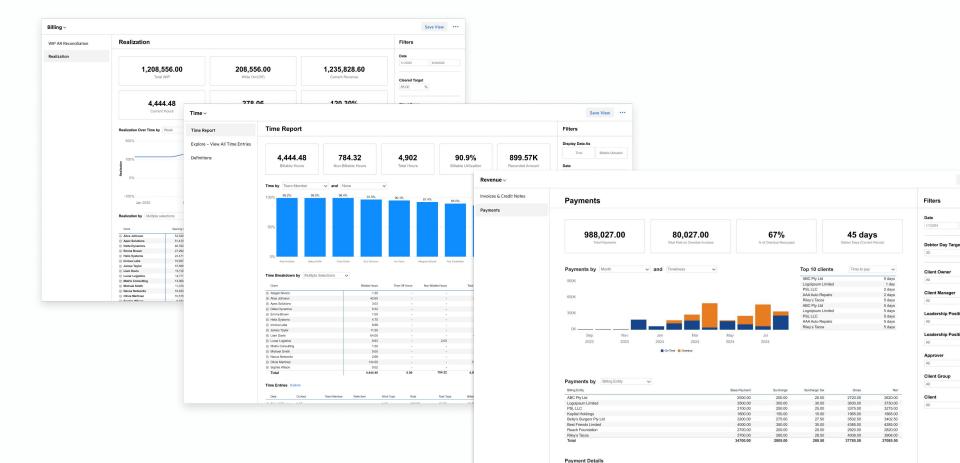
External-driven metrics that measure how you're performing in the eyes of your clients and competitions.

Lynch and Cross, 1991

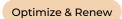
### **Financial & Productivity Metrics**







### **Client Delivery**



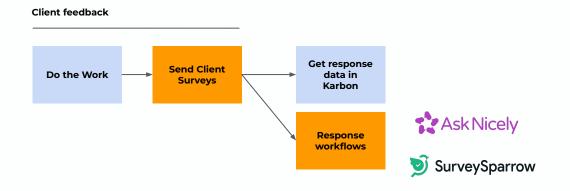


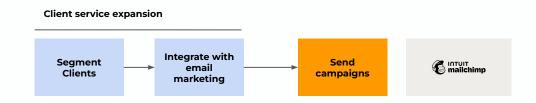


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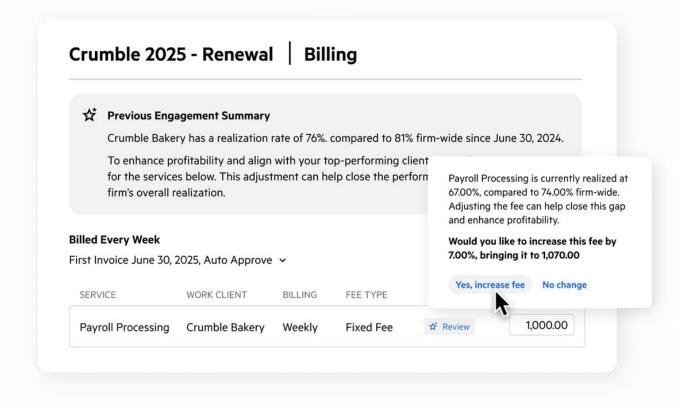
### **Delivery > Attract Feedback Loop**





### Price confidently with AI





## Red Flags: What Your Team Is Really Telling You



#### Sometimes it's what your colleagues say:

"I spent all morning pulling together the realization report."

"It takes me a full day to turn our time sheets into invoices."

"I can't find the latest client document."

"I'm the only one who knows how to run month-end close."

"It's too late to bill the client for that."

"I know we have that somewhere."

"I'm not sure if that's been done."

Sometimes it's what they don't say:

Are they making lots of mistakes?

Are they skipping steps in a workflow?

Are they avoiding or missing tasks entirely?

### **Key Takeaways & Next Steps**



- Understand your own client lifecycle, where can you enhance?
- Be clear on what you want to measure and use tools that facilitate it
- Look for opportunities to automate as much as possible
- Focus on client experience at all points in the lifecycle
- Supercharge your client lifecycle with Al



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## Would you like to learn more about Karbon?

## Q&A



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