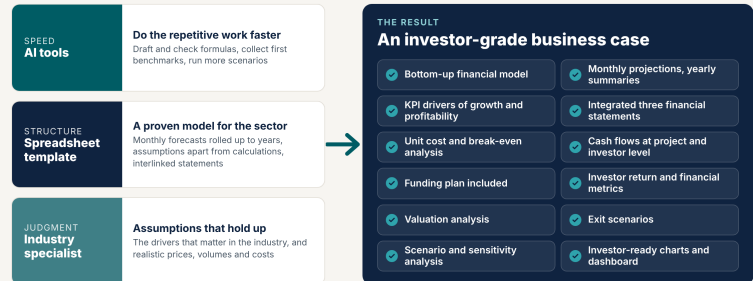


AI and Expert Spreadsheet Templates Give Startups Investor-Grade Financial Plans

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ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, October 6, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Startups can now walk into a funding round with a business case that, only a few years ago, would have taken a finance team weeks to build. By combining AI tools with professionally built templates, founders can present comprehensive financial plans covering revenue, costs, cash flow and funding needs, eFinancialModels said today.

AI speeds up the model. Templates and specialists make it investor-grade.
Three ingredients of a startup business case that stands out in 2026



AI brings speed, a spreadsheet template brings structure and an industry specialist brings judgment. Together they give a startup an investor-grade business case, from the bottom-up model to valuation and exit scenarios.

The flip side is that basic spreadsheets are now a prompt away, so investors see more of them. What makes a plan stand out is the depth behind it: a structure that holds up under questioning and assumptions grounded in how the industry actually works.

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*eFinancialModels
spokesperson*

AI extends the modeler, it does not replace them

Among the financial modelers who build templates for eFinancialModels, AI has become a daily tool, the company observes. It speeds up drafting and checking formulas, gathering first benchmarks and running scenarios. The judgment on which drivers matter in an industry, and which assumptions are realistic, stays with the modeler.

What an investor-grade model includes

MONTHLY FORECASTS that roll up into annual figures, so a cash shortfall shows in the month it occurs

ASSUMPTIONS KEPT SEPARATE from calculations

INTERLINKED CELLS, so one changed assumption flows through the income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement

REVENUE BUILT BOTTOM-UP from volumes and prices, using drivers specific to the industry

The eFinancialModels guide [How to Make a Startup Financial Plan for Fundraising](#) explains the bottom-up approach step by step, and the [Free Three Statement Financial Model](#) shows how the statements link.

“This is an exciting moment for founders,” said a spokesperson for eFinancialModels. “A first-time founder can now present a business case with the kind of depth investors used to see only from established companies. AI makes our modelers faster, but it does not replace knowing the industry. For a sophisticated model, starting from a proven template and talking to a specialist still pays off.”

Founders can browse [startup financial models](#) or the full range of financial model templates by industry.

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