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BlackLine plans three AI agents for the close that work with SAP's Joule: reconciliations, matching and accruals

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On 9 November 2026 BlackLine announced an AI roadmap aligned with its SAP partnership. The first phase adds three Verity agentic AI solutions for the close: Verity Prepare, Verity Match and Verity Accruals. They are planned to run on the SAP Business AI Platform and work with SAP's Joule assistant.

Global reference

- Vendor: BlackLine, with SAP
- Announcement: AI roadmap in alignment with SAP partnership
- Key date: 9 November 2026
- Availability: Planned to run on the SAP Business AI Platform. No date given
- Status: Roadmap announcement

The three agents

- Verity Prepare: drafts balance sheet reconciliations with supporting documents.
- Verity Match: matches high volumes of transactions across multiple ERP systems.
- Verity Accruals: proposes period-end accruals from ERP and non-ERP data.
- Journal entries from Verity Accruals go for approval in BlackLine, not straight to the ledger.

What the companies said

- Jeremy Ung, BlackLine's Chief Technology Officer: "Deploying AI in finance requires end-to-end trust and governance."
- Catharina Riedl of SAP Finance said combining Joule with Verity "delivers a unified, trusted AI experience."
- BlackLine describes itself as an SAP platinum partner with more than 4,300 customers.
- BlackLine and SAP will hold a webinar on SAP Autonomous Finance on 3 December 2026.

What to do now

- Map which close steps AI would touch, such as preparation, matching and accruals, and who approves each one.
- Ask vendors to show the evidence trail: what the agent saw, what it proposed and who approved it.
- Agree with your external auditor how AI-drafted reconciliations and accruals will be reviewed.
- Plan on firm dates only. This roadmap has none yet.

Our take

The design is right: agents propose, people approve, inside the close tool. But this is a roadmap without a date. Finance teams on SAP should start the approval and audit conversation now, so they are ready when the tools arrive.

Sources

- BlackLine via GlobeNewswire: BlackLine Announces AI Roadmap in Alignment with SAP Partnership to Deliver AI-Powered Gold Standard for Record-to-Report (9 November 2026)

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