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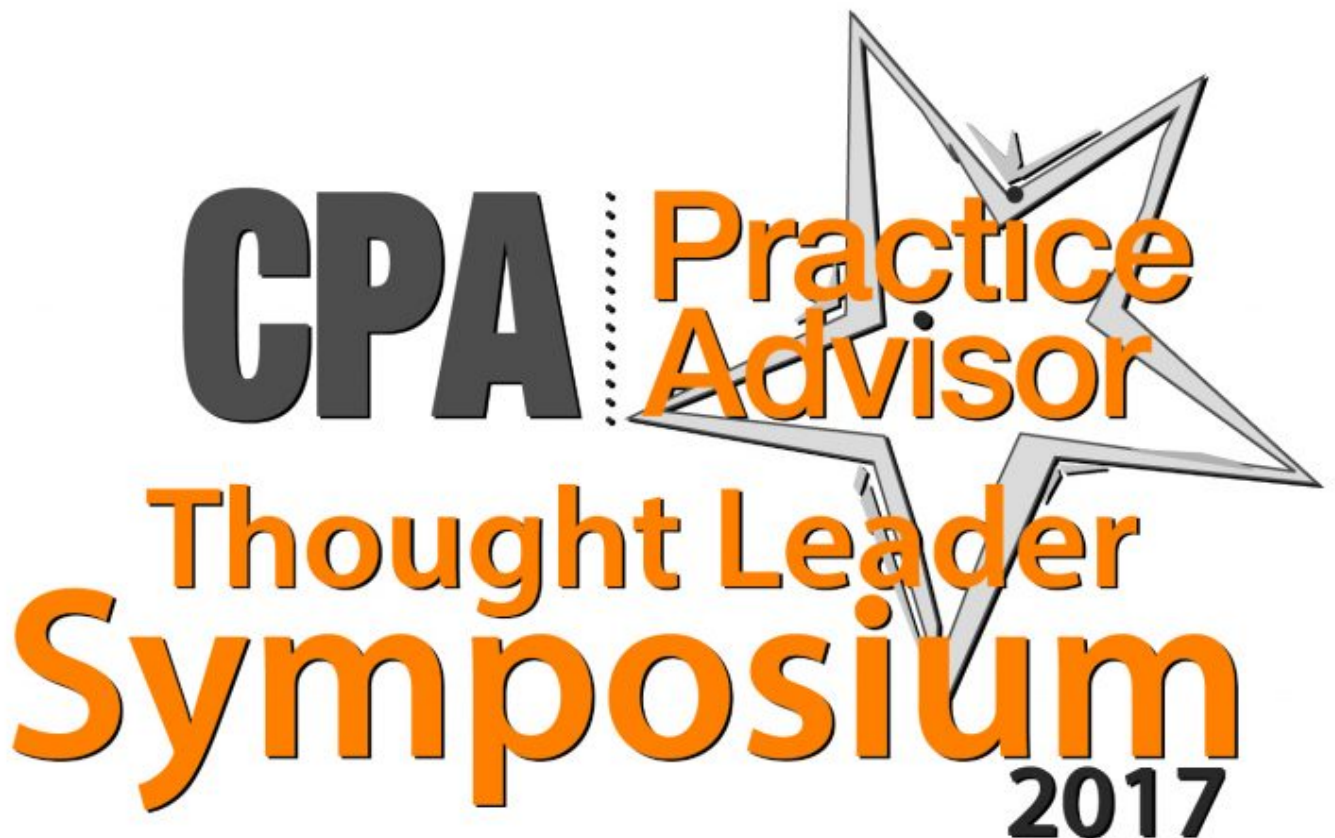
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2017 Thought Leader Symposium

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The Thought Leader Symposium draws professionals from around the world who are engaged in helping shape the profession. They are all widely-respected and are frequent speakers at accounting conferences. Sponsors of this year's event were: [Intuit](#), [ADP](#), [Sage](#), [Xero](#) and [Cetrom](#).

Among the topics this year's attendees hope to focus on are: The evolving role of metrics and KPIs, blockchain technology, the end of legacy accounting services, Uberization of some services, new regulations and standards, artificial intelligence, firm demographics, and continuing M&A activity in firms.

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