

# BQE CORE vs. Monograph

## Why CORE Wins



### Scale Without Limits

For small firms, with 1-5 people, Monograph’s simple platform may feel like a good fit, but as your firm grows, its limitations quickly show. With lightweight features, limited reporting capabilities, no accounting tools, and lack of customization, Monograph can’t keep up with the complexity of a busy architecture or engineering practice. Firms quickly outgrow its capabilities, are forced to supplement by buying additional software, use spreadsheets, or relying on disconnected tools that slow things down and create inefficiencies.

BQE CORE is built for A/E firms that want more control, clarity, and efficiency in how they run their business. Designed by architects and engineers, CORE brings together powerful accounting, time and expense tracking, resource planning, billing, reporting, and CRM tools all in one intuitive, flexible platform. With real-time insights, customizable invoices and reports, and smart automation, CORE helps your team stay focused on delivering great work, not managing disjointed systems.



## Key Differentiators

		
<b>Robust Financial Management Tools</b>	CORE includes full project accounting, WIP tracking, overhead allocation, flexible billing options, and detailed financial reporting—giving firms complete control over profitability and cash flow.	Monograph offers basic invoicing and time tracking, but lacks the depth needed for serious financial oversight. There are minimal reports, no customizations, and no accounting tools.
<b>Designed for the Whole Firm</b>	CORE is built for everyone, from project managers and principals, to finance teams, and admin staff, with role-specific tools and firm-wide visibility, driving adoption and alignment across departments.	Monograph is geared toward design teams, leaving finance staff and operations managers underserved, while leadership doesn’t have the full data needed to make informed decisions.
<b>Scalability and Customization</b>	CORE scales with your business, offering customizable dashboards, advanced resource planning, contract flexibility, and automated workflows, so you don’t have to outgrow your software as your needs evolve.	Monograph’s limited reporting, rigid workflows, and lack of customization force firms to rely on other software, spreadsheets, and workarounds. It can’t adapt to evolving needs, creating roadblocks as your firm grows.



Not only was it a great decision to incorporate an "all-in-one" platform into our firm, but choosing BQE CORE continues to prove it was the best option. Their ability to customize their services modules (Project Management, Accounting, Reporting/ Analytics, Human Resources, and CRM) to fit a small firm's needs and budget far surpassed any other option I explored.

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# Customer wins moving from Monograph to BQE:

- 1. Complete Financial Visibility:** CORE gives firms real-time insight into budgets, profitability, and time and expense data, and has a full accounting module.
- 2. Flexible, Customizable Invoicing:** Unlike Monograph's basic billing tools, CORE lets you fully customize invoice layouts to match your firm's, and your client's, needs.
- 3. Powerful Dashboards and Reporting:** Monograph offers limited dashboards and no financial reports. CORE delivers firm-wide visibility with customizable dashboards and 200+ built-in, configurable reports right out of the box.
- 4. Automated Workflows:** CORE automates key processes like report scheduling, and billing, reducing manual work and keeping your team focused on what matters.
- 5. Save Money:** CORE is more affordable than Monograph. Which is crazy considering you get twice the functionality.

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Report Customization	✔ Yes. Over 200 reports out of the box, with full customization options.	✘ No
Invoice Customization	✔ Yes. Fully customizable templates.	✘ No. One type with minimal options.
Accounting Capability	✔ Yes. Full accounting functions through a dedicated module.	✘ No
Integrations	✔ Yes. Office 365, Google, Zapier, Quickbooks, plus an open API	✘ Limited. Quickbooks Online only. That's it.
Bank & Credit Card Feeds	✔ Yes. With Automated sync.	✘ No. Can't automate any financial tracking.
General Ledger Flexibility	✔ Yes. Multiple ledgers for income, accounts receivable and payable	✘ No. Don't have any financial or accounting capability.
Customizable Dashboards	✔ Yes. Can create custom dashboards for various roles or topics.	✘ No. Only get the limited options that come out of the box.
Batch Invoicing	✔ Yes. Create multiple invoices at once.	✘ No. Invoicing must be done project by project.
Expense Budgeting	✔ Yes	✘ No. There is no financial or budgeting tools.
Overtime Calculations	✔ Yes. Fully Automated	✘ No
Report Scheduling	✔ Yes. Fully automated & customizable	✘ No. Can only manually export .csv files of the limited dashboards
CRM Module	✔ Yes. With automated reminders, and proposal building tools.	✘ No
Mobile App	✔ Yes. Full capability across all devices	✘ Only Time & Expense & only on iOS
24/7/365 Phone Support	✔ Yes. Talk to a real person, anytime.	✘ No. Minimal support

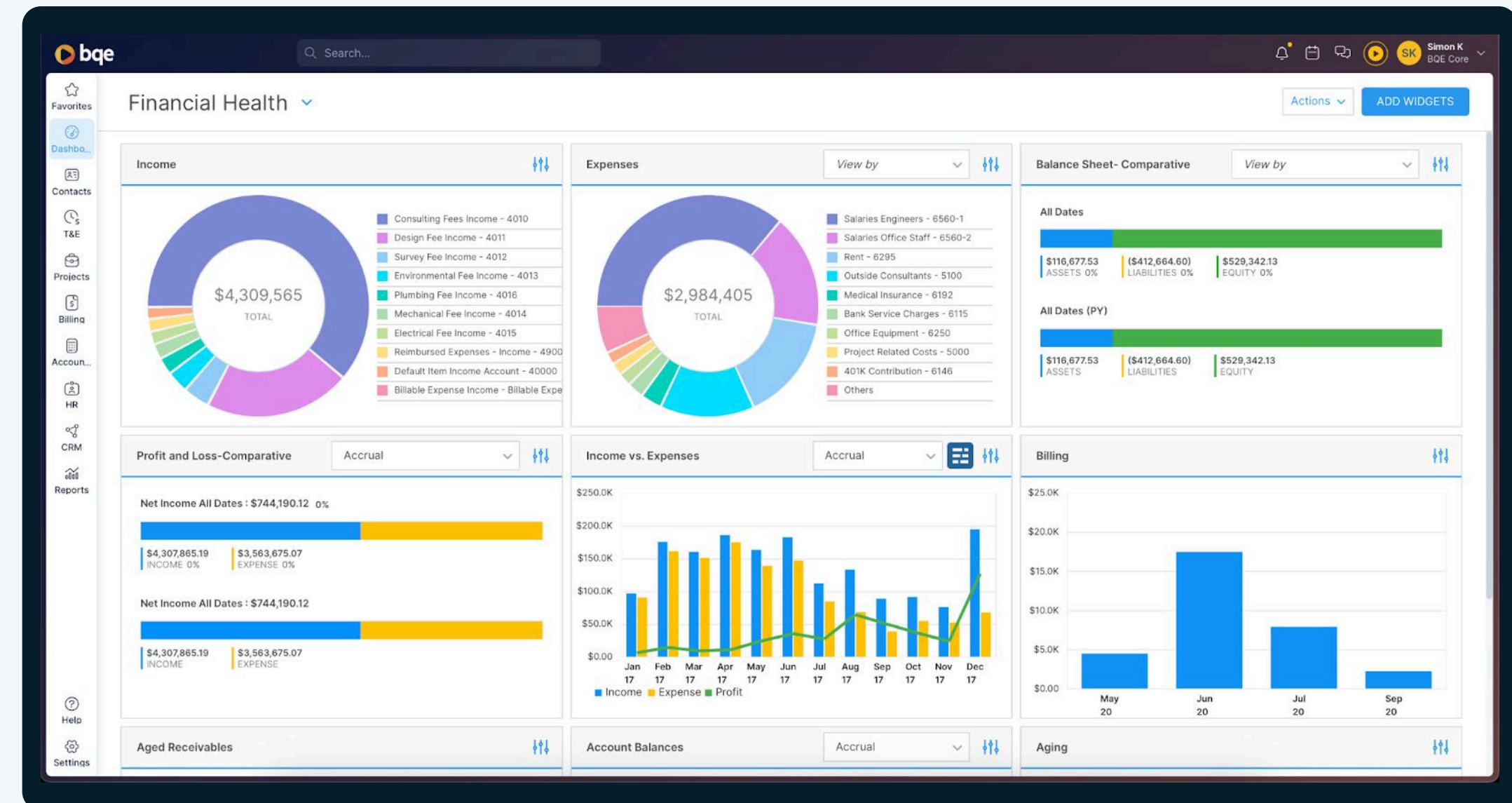


# Designed for Those Who Value Control

BQE CORE was built for firms that demand full control over their operations with software that has great design, full functionality, and security. While Monograph offers a clean interface, it lacks the depth and flexibility needed to manage growing firms. CORE delivers customizable dashboards, over 200 built-in reports, flexible billing structures, custom proposals, detailed time and expense tracking, a full accounting module, and a CRM system, all features Monograph simply doesn't offer. Plus, BQE is SOC 2 certified, meaning that an independent auditor has reviewed our security and privacy controls and tested their effectiveness. Do you really want to trust your sensitive firm data to a startup like Monograph without the same security in place?

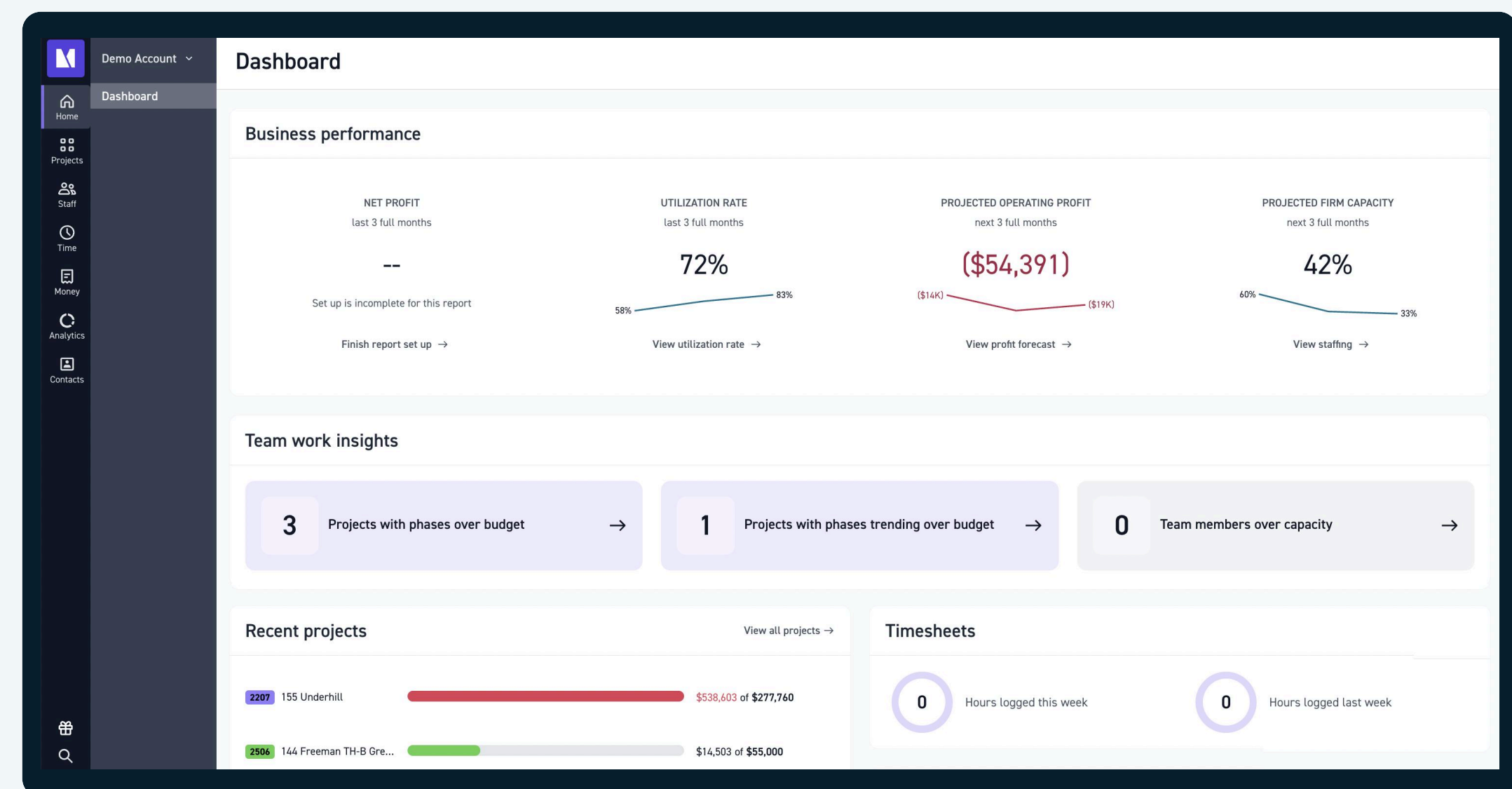
With CORE, you're not locked into rigid workflows or limited visibility. You get complete control over how your firm operates. CORE empowers every team member, from project managers and design staff, to the administration and financial team, with the tools they need while giving leadership the insights they rely on. It's a modern, intuitive platform that adapts to your process, not the other way around.

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**BQE CORE Firm Financial Dashboard**

Multiple dashboards that can be fully customized for each role or topic. Swap out widgets to see the exact data you need.



**Monograph Dashboard**

Limited financial insights, no reports, and no customizations. What you see is what you get.