Sage 50 vs Sage UBS Battlecard

Based on the detailed review of features, both products are indeed very strong from an accounting and financial perspective. This is the true reason that it remains the leader in accounting software. However there are key differences in which Sage 50 has a slight upper-hand.

- More detailed control Having a bit of extra structure is good as things mature. With Sage 50 this can be seen from a few perspectives.
 - Debtor or creditor control accounts Journal security as the number of users increase and more control is required to reduce mistakes or delegate work.
 - Credit terms should be important as trade and credit are important factors of growth but also a concern if not managed well.Security on financial periods will allow the financial controller to ensure that things are in the proper place.
- **Deeper analysis** With the provisioning of the analytical code, it has made the analysis of financial figures possibly to be very detailed. Depending on the analytical level required, you can end up with n:n financial analysis as the values and analytical codes are self-definable
- Stronger budgeting and forecasting Budgeting and forecasting are important aspects for a growing business to ensure things are in relative control or operating models that have been planned are measured or followed. With Sage 50, this is very strong with multiple budgets and also versioning as factors change across the year. In addition, the integration with the analytics provides very detailed control and analysis into every factor, a definite need for the seasoned financial controller.
- **Complete multi-currency overview** If your business deals heavily in multi-currency, the revaluation and cross-currency settlement should be a welcomed, if not a crucial requirement for your trade. With currencies being where they are at the moment, it is important to be in total control, else your margins can be easily wiped out by currency losses.

 Multiple years – This is an added advantage to the current Sage UBS users as with Sage 50 they are able to compare in a more simple way, multiple years data as they move along the financial year, giving a more comprehensive overview on like-for-like comparisons. For example Q1 this year vs. previous year.

For Sage UBS, it provides **unlimited companies and administration** which is good for those who handle a lot of books. However, if it is from a perspective of practical usage, the books are limited anyway, making the advantage a moot point if in reality one does not really manage that many books. The currently available **fixed assets** module is also an advantage if you are implementing proper fixed assets control very soon, nevertheless, Sage 50's fixed assets feature will be out by Q3 of this year if you prefer to wait.

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	Accounting		
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Yes	Sample Chart of Accounts.	Yes	
80 samples		8 samples	
Yes	Chart of Accounts. Standard general ledger set-up with the ability to define the type and sub-type of ledger accounts.	Yes	

	General Ledger	
Yes	Numbering.	Yes
	Multiple formats of G/L numbering	
	General Ledger Grouping.	
Yes	You can have the ability to group a few G/L accounts into one sub- total.	Yes
	Control Accounts.	
Multiple	Define control accounts for debtor, creditors or more.	Νο
	Journal Vouchers.	
Yes	Generate the necessary journal vouchers for accounting purposes.	Yes
	Journal Type and Security	
Yes	Define multiple journal type and be able to assign security per user, period and G/L used in the journal.	Νο
	Document Numbering.	
Multiple Sets*	Set of running serial numbers per journal.	Single set
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Yes	Document Types	Yes

Yes	document types to ensure ease of access and analysis.Draft Entries.Save your financial entries as draft for review or continuation at a later time.	Νο
Yes	Quick Entries. Create quick accounting entries via the quick entry function.	Yes
Yes	Copy Function.Be able to copy similarentries done previouslyto save time.	Yes
Yes	Extra Description. Provide extra descriptions per journal entry line for clearer understanding.	Yes
	Financial Management	
	Knock-off or off set.	
Yes	Be able to knock-off or off set financial entries for settlement.	Yes
Yes	Credit and Terms Management.	Manual Not maintainable

Determined by the product SKU	Maximum Number of Companies	Unlimited
Yes	Import/Export Financial Journals	Yes
Yes	Audit Trail	Yes
User Preference	Online or Offline Posting Method. There are 2 methods of posting financial entries either automatically online or off-line which caters for more reviews before finalization.	Online Only
Yes Based on storage capacity.	Years. Maintain and be able to access multiple financial years through one data-set	No. Only 1 financial year per data-set.
36 Security control	Separators. Accounting periods Number of period supported and if security control is present. Multiple Financial	18 Limited security control
Yes	Manage the credit and terms applied to customers and from suppliers. Automatic Numbering with Pre-fix and Separators	Yes

	The maximum number	
	of administrations that	
	can be managed from one product.	
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	Recurring Transaction/Template s.*	
Yes	Create recurring transactions via templates and execute when necessary.	Yes
Multiple sets	Budgeting with Version Control.*	
determined by product SKU Version control	The ability to create budgets and maintain multiple versions for	1 set No version control
	comparison.	
	Multiple Legislation Per License.**	
Yes	The ability to manage different country legislations within 1 software license.	No
	Cash-flow	
Yes	Payment Vouchers. Create payment vouchers or cash vouchers.	Yes
Yes	Receipts.	Yes
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	Record incoming cash receipts and generate receipts to customers for complete documentation.	
Yes	Funds Transfer. Be able to manage your funds across multiple bank account seamlessly in the product.	Yes
Yes	Cheque Handling. You will be able to manage all your cheques including issuing and post-dated cheques	Yes
Yes	Payment Methods and Modes.You can define different type of payment methods and modes which can be used throughout the system.	Yes
Yes	Financial Instruments. Utilize the standard financial tools available or custom create your own.	Yes
Yes	Cash Forecasting.You should be able to do simple cash	Νο

Yes	Foreign Currency Bank Accounts.	Yes
Yes	Cross Currency Settlement. You will be able to invoice, pay or receive money in any combination of currencies enabling you to trade freely.	No
Yes	Revaluation. Perform currency revaluations as and when you require to review your currency position and realized gain/loss.	Νο
Yes	Handle multiple currencies in all business transactions	Yes
	Multi-Currency	
Yes	Bank Reconciliation. A simple but complete bank reconciliation feature that is available to ensure you are up	Yes
	forecasting based on the payment terms set on your receivables and payables.	

	Be able to maintain true foreign currency banks accounts and transact and revalue as necessary.	
	Analytics	
Yes	Project Accounting.*Manage projects efficiently and informatively with project analysis and reports.	Yes
Yes	Analytical Codes.* Create the information you need by constructing your business transactions around 5 multi- dimensional analytical levels.	No
	Fixed Assets**	
Yes Available Q3 2014	Manage fixed assets, depreciation schedules, asset tagging, including tracking and disposal	Yes
	Financial Reporting	

Yes	Balance Sheet	Yes
Yes	Profit & Loss	Yes
Yes	Trial Balance	Yes
Yes	Cash-flow Statement	Yes
Yes	Ageing Reports	Yes
Yes	Debtor/Creditor Cards	Yes
Yes	Bank/Cash Cards	Yes
Yes	Journal Listing	Yes
Yes	Budgets*	Yes
Yes	Project & Analytical Reports*	Partially No. As Sage UBS does not support Analytical Codes
Yes	Manufacturing Account	Yes

* Sage 50 Professional Accounting and above only

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