

## What is a Driver ?

**Drivers** are simple elements with a powerful purpose. They are an easy way of introducing non-financial data into a **Castaway** forecast, but can also be used flexibly for many advanced modelling tasks.

## Create a Driver

1. Click on the **Elements Settings** Tab
2. Click the **Driver** button to add a **Driver** element
3. Select the **Driver** to show its settings in the **Element Editor** panel
4. Enter the **Driver** data

The screenshot displays the Castaway software interface. On the left, the 'Chart of Accounts' tree is visible, with 'Drivers' expanded at the bottom. A green arrow labeled '1' points to the 'Element Settings' tab. Another green arrow labeled '2' points to the 'Driver' button. A third green arrow labeled '3' points to 'Driver 1' in the list. A fourth green arrow labeled '4' points to the 'Element Editor' panel. The 'Element Editor' shows the 'Properties' tab for 'Driver 1'. A callout box highlights the 'DRIVERS' section, listing properties: 'Driver Input' (set to 'Enter Driver'), 'Element Selector', 'Formula Editor', 'Driver Offset' (0), 'Driver Rounding' (None), 'Driver Rounding Decimals' (0), 'Driver Constraints' (None), 'Cumulative Method' (None), and 'Eliminate on Consolidation' (No). Below this is a table with columns for months from Nov 17 to Mar 19. The 'Enter Driver' row shows values of 0.00 for all months. The 'Driver Value' row shows values of 0 for all months.

Here you can adjust **Driver** properties:

- set the **Driver** Input method (manual entry, etc)
- set rounding treatment
- set constraints (maximum, minimum, max & min)

**\*TIP:** Driver elements are added to **Castaway** from the **Driver** area at the bottom of the **Chart of Accounts**.

**Driver** elements can be used in 3 main ways:

- to calculate forecast data in each element
- to add powerful insights to reporting
- to enable variance analysis of non-financial data

**i** You might also be interested in: [Working with Drivers](#)