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Accenture and Avanade named Microsoft Ireland Country Partner of the Year 2021

Companies recognised for the scale and complexity of its digital transformation projects and its work within the field of security in Ireland

DUBLIN, July 12th, 2021 — Accenture (NYSE: ACN) and [Avanade](#), have been named Microsoft's **Ireland Country Partner of the Year**. The companies were honoured for demonstrating excellence in innovation and implementation of customer solutions based on Microsoft technology.

“We’re delighted to be named the Microsoft Ireland Country Partner of the Year in recognition of our ability to help our clients improve agility, come up with new business models, and reach their customers in new ways with Microsoft technology,” said Alastair Blair, country managing director, Accenture in Ireland. “The powerful combination of Accenture’s industry and technology experience, Avanade’s executional rigor, and Microsoft’s trusted enterprise platform enable us to accelerate the path to value for clients.”

Graham Healy, country manager of Avanade Ireland, said, “Receiving this award is a great honour and testament to the innovative solutions our teams deliver to our clients every day. We pride ourselves on how we help them transform their organisations and differentiate themselves from their competitors. Being recognised as the Microsoft Ireland Country Partner of the Year just three years after opening our office here makes it even more special. We’re particularly proud of the growth of our security practice, which has enabled Irish businesses to continue to operate securely and collaboratively during the pandemic.”

In addition to the Ireland Country Partner of the Year award, Accenture and Avanade were recognised as the [Global Alliance SI Partner of the Year](#), for a record 16th time. The companies were also named winner in seven additional categories, including:

- Automotive Partner of the Year
- Dynamics 365 Customer Insights Partner of the Year
- Dynamics 365 Customer Service Partner of the Year
- Dynamics 365 Supply Chain Management & Finance Partner of the Year
- Employee Experience Partner of the Year
- SAP on Azure Partner of the Year
- Canada Country Partner of the Year

The Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards recognise Microsoft partners who have developed and delivered outstanding Microsoft-based solutions during the past year. Awards were classified in various categories, with honorees chosen from a set of more than 4,400 submitted nominations from more than 100 countries worldwide. Accenture and Avanade were recognised for their focus on making a genuine human impact through the power of its people and the Microsoft ecosystem. Notably, Accenture and Avanade have grown its strategic partnership with Microsoft Ireland this year, working together on new opportunities with several key clients.

“I am honoured to announce the winners and finalists of the 2021 Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards,” said Rodney Clark, corporate vice president, Global Partner Solutions, Channel Sales and Channel Chief, Microsoft. “These remarkable partners have displayed a deep commitment to building world-class solutions for customers—from cloud-to-edge—and represent some of the best and brightest our ecosystem has to offer.”

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