

Avanade and Accenture Shine as Microsoft Global SI Partner of the Year for 18th Time

Companies cement their status' as unrivalled Microsoft platform experts, helping clients do what matters across the Microsoft ecosystem, with 17 additional awards, including seven country-level awards

SEATTLE and NEW YORK; June 27, 2023—Avanade and Accenture have been named 2023 Microsoft Global SI Partner of The Year. With their extensive experience, Avanade and Accenture have established an unmatched track record of success in implementing Microsoft solutions across various industries and geographies. The companies were also recognized with 17 additional awards including seven country-level Partner of The Year awards.

This is the 18th time that Avanade and Accenture have received this recognition from Microsoft. In total, the companies have received close to 120 Partner of The Year awards across numerous technology and country categories throughout their history, while helping clients transform their employee and customer experiences by creating and delivering leading-edge solutions using Microsoft solutions.

Avanade, Accenture and Microsoft [recently announced](#) an expansion of their close collaboration to help organizations adopt the disruptive power of generative AI, accelerated by the cloud, to fundamentally transform their businesses. By tapping into the new Accenture Center for Advanced AI, with its deep focus on generative AI and large language models, and Avanade's new AI Organizational Readiness Framework, the companies will help clients explore and experiment with generative AI for safe and responsible innovation at scale.

In addition to the 2023 Global SI Partner of the Year award, Avanade and Accenture also received:

- Dynamics 365 Sales & Marketing Partner of the Year
- Low Code Application Development Partner of the Year
- Automotive, Mobility and Transportation Partner of the Year
- Customer Experience Partner of the Year
- Germany Country Partner of the Year
- Greece Country Partner of the Year
- France Country Partner of the Year
- Malaysia Country Partner of the Year
- Singapore Country Partner of the Year
- Portugal Country Partner of the Year
- UK Country Partner of the Year

Microsoft also recognized the companies in seven further local awards, including:

- Denmark: Azure Core: Cloud Infrastructure Partner of The Year
- Finland: GSI Growth Champion Partner of The Year
- Singapore: Financial Services Industry Partner of The Year
- Japan: Energy and Resources Partner of the Year
- Asia Pacific: Azure Data & AI Partner of the Year; Azure Infrastructure Partner of the Year

“The unique partnership between Avanade, Accenture and Microsoft truly enables us to do what matters for our clients – building more resilience in a world of continuous change, empowering

employees to embrace new ways of working, strengthening customer experience and now, guiding them on their journey to an 'AI-first' world," says Pam Maynard, Avanade CEO. "Being recognized as Microsoft's Global SI Partner of The Year for the 18th time is a remarkable achievement that is only possible because of our people all over the world who, every day, bring unrivalled expertise, experience and insights to help our clients solve their toughest business challenges."

The companies were also named finalists in the following five categories: **Retail & Consumer Goods Partner of the Year; Dynamics 365 Finance Partner of the Year; Dynamics 365 Services Partner of the Year; Security Compliance Partner of the Year; Business Intelligence Partner of the Year**

"Over the past year, we've expanded our partnership with Microsoft by helping more clients transform their organizations through the adoption of data and AI, cloud, metaverse, sustainability and other technologies," said Chris Howarth, senior managing director and Accenture Microsoft Business Group Lead. "Together with Avanade, we take great pride in helping clients accelerate change to achieve new growth and value, and we look forward to an exciting journey forward with Microsoft."

Combined, Avanade and Accenture now have more than 65,000, professionals dedicated to delivering Microsoft technologies.

About Avanade

Avanade is the leading provider of innovative digital, cloud and advisory services, industry solutions and design-led experiences across the Microsoft ecosystem. Every day, our 60,000 professionals in 26 countries make a genuine human impact for our clients, their employees and their customers. We have been recognized, together with our parent Accenture, as Microsoft's Global SI Partner of the Year more than any other company. With the most Microsoft certifications (60,000+) and 18 (out of 18) Gold-level Microsoft competencies, we are uniquely positioned to help businesses grow and solve their toughest challenges. We are a people first company, committed to providing an inclusive workplace where employees feel comfortable being their authentic selves. As a responsible business, we are building a sustainable world and helping young people from underrepresented communities fulfill their potential.

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