## Avanade Ireland to create up to 200 new jobs as Irish businesses harness the power of Microsoft technology

**Dublin, Ireland - 27 June 2022 –** Avanade, the leading Microsoft solutions provider, today announced ambitious growth plans in Ireland as it continues to see increasing demand for digital transformation technologies. During the past 18 months, the current Microsoft Partner of the Year for Ireland has doubled its workforce to over 150 people and now plans to more than double it again over the next 18 months.

In the four years since opening for business in Ireland, Avanade has grown exponentially as Irish businesses rush to invest in technologies that will enable them to better serve their customers and employees; improving engagement through data and AI, empowering their people to work flexibly and efficiently, and becoming more cost and price competitive.

Avanade is now seeking the very best talent, across a range of disciplines, to be part of its Irish success story. With over 25 different nationalities, and 45% female workforce, Avanade Ireland has proven its commitment to being an inclusive employer that that is leading by example in providing a better employee experience. The company was also ranked the number one <a href="Top Employer of the Year in Ireland">Top Employer of the Year in Ireland</a> in 2021, by the Top Employer Institute.

"It's hard to believe we're just four years old, and that much of that time has been dominated by the ongoing complexities of a global pandemic. The phenomenal – and growing – demand for our services is a testament to the talented people we have in our organisation and the close partnership we have with Microsoft. We're proud to have created an environment that empowers our employees to flourish in their careers, while at the same time, looking after their wellbeing. In doing so, we continue to uphold Avanade's long-standing reputation for being a great place to work and the go-to partner for clients looking for leading innovative solutions on the Microsoft ecosystem," commented Adam Kelly, country manager, Avanade Ireland.

Microsoft Ireland General Manager Anne Sheehan said: "Partners, like Avanade, are essential to how Microsoft builds and delivers intelligent solutions and processes that empower people and organisations to achieve more. Our partnership with Avanade has gone from strength to strength due to the similarities in our values; enabling businesses to adopt a growth mindset and having a transformative impact on the organisations we work with. We're excited to continue working closely with Avanade to accelerate this transformation using Microsoft innovations."

"Avanade has been central to us getting to that position more quickly than we could have done before and there is no doubt we will continue to maintain our leadership position and serve our customers even better than we do today because of them," said Graham Fagan Group Director of Technical and Operations, Allied Irish Bank.

"As businesses in Ireland start to scrutinise their expenditures even more closely, turning attention internally becomes ever more important. Facilitating slicker modern work practices and scrutinising the efficiency and effectiveness of your existing data and infrastructure should remain a top priority for business. We've set out ambitious growth plans already, but the potential is easily even greater," added Kelly.

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 56,000 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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