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Avanade announces appointment of Emma McGuigan, Accenture senior managing director, as Chair of its Board of Directors

Seattle, Wash. October 8th, 2019—Avanade, the leading digital innovator on the Microsoft ecosystem, today announced that it has appointed Emma McGuigan, a 20-year veteran of Accenture, as Chair of its board of directors. She succeeds Accenture Chief Technology and Innovation Officer Paul Daugherty, who held the position for five years and who will remain on the board as a director. McGuigan currently leads the Accenture Microsoft Business Group with responsibility for driving Accenture’s overall Microsoft business.

“We’re delighted to have Emma join us as Chair of the Board as we celebrate our 20th anniversary and look forward to partnering closely with her as we continue to accelerate our growth,” noted Pamela Maynard, Chief Executive Officer of Avanade. “We are also very appreciative of Paul Daugherty’s leadership over the past five years and pleased that he will remain on our board as a director.”

“It is energizing to be stepping into this role at such an exciting time for the industry and for Avanade,” said McGuigan. “I look forward to working closely with Pam and the Avanade team to continue to grow the success of the business.”

“I’m proud of all that Avanade has accomplished, not just during my tenure as board chairman, but over the past 20 years,” said Daugherty. “Today, it is arguably the most successful joint venture in the industry and the team offers clients an unmatched track record of success and expertise in the Microsoft ecosystem.”

“Customers are looking for a strategic partner to enable their digital transformation and Avanade is ideally positioned to drive innovation and help them realize results on the Microsoft ecosystem,” said Deb Cupp, Corporate Vice President of the Enterprise and Commercial Industries, Microsoft. “It’s been a pleasure working with Emma thus far, and I look forward to the continued partnership in her new role as Chair of the Board.”

Other members of the Avanade board include Grant Ireland, senior managing director, Corporate Finance at Accenture.

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