

## Avanade Europe President, Anna Di Silverio, joins Junior Achievement Europe Board of Directors

**London, 2 December 2020** – Avanade, the leading digital innovator on the Microsoft Ecosystem, is pleased to announce that Anna Di Silverio, Europe president has become one of four new members of the Junior Achievement Europe Board of Directors. The announcement was made at JA Europe's Annual General Assembly on 19 November 2020. Other newly appointed board members are: Nuria García Schwab, SVP Deputy Head EMEA, MetLife; Maximillian Koch, President, JA Alumni Europe; and Laurence Morvan, Chief of Staff to CEO Europe & CSR Officer, Accenture.

JA Europe is the largest provider of education programs for entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy in Europe. It is also the largest non-profit in Europe dedicated to preparing young people for employment and entrepreneurship. JA Europe has focused on building a strong alumni network, increasing impact and public awareness while also influencing policy-makers. It is also well-known for its annual inspirational events for young people including the JA Enterprise Challenge, the JA Marketplace and the JA Company of the Year Competition.

With Di Silverio joining JA Europe's Board of Directors, Avanade reinforces its commitment and collaboration to supporting the organisation's programs aimed at teaching young people about the world of technology. Adam Warby, Avanade's CEO Emeritus was appointed Chairman of their Board of Directors in 2018.

"I am honoured to become a member of Junior Achievement Europe's Board of Directors," said Di Silverio. "I'm passionate about technology and innovation and am looking forward to working with JA Europe to develop the skills of young people for the digital future and equip them to build a better world."

Through its partnership with JA Europe, Avanade empowers young people to choose a career in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). To date, close to 2,000 Avanade volunteers from around the world have supported over 11,000 youths across Austria, Brazil, France, Italy, North America, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, UK and Ireland.

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Avanade is the leading provider of innovative digital and cloud services, business solutions and design-led experiences on the Microsoft ecosystem. Our professionals bring bold, fresh thinking combined with technology, business and industry expertise to help make a human impact on our clients, their customers and their employees. We are the power behind the Accenture Microsoft Business Group, helping companies to engage customers, empower employees, optimize operations and transform products, leveraging the Microsoft platform. Avanade has 39,000 professionals in 25 countries, bringing clients our best thinking through a collaborative culture that honors diversity and reflects the communities in which we operate. Majority owned by Accenture, Avanade was founded in 2000 by Accenture LLP and Microsoft Corporation. Learn more at [www.avanade.com](http://www.avanade.com).

### **About JA Europe**

JA Europe is the largest non-profit in Europe dedicated to preparing young people for employment and entrepreneurship. JA Europe is a member of JA Worldwide which for 100 years has delivered hands on, experiential learning in entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy. JA creates pathways for employability, job creation and financial success. Last school year, the JA network in

Europe reached almost 4 million young people across 40 countries with the support of nearly 100,000 business volunteers and over 140,000 teachers/educators.  
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