

Accenture and Avanade Named Microsoft 2018 Alliance Partner of the Year

Unmatched global capabilities and focus on helping clients embrace digital transformation underpin the unique strength of this alliance

SEATTLE; June 7, 2018 – [Accenture](#) (NYSE: ACN) and [Avanade](#) have been named the **Microsoft Alliance SI Partner of the Year** for the 11th year in a row. Voted for by the Microsoft field organization, this is the 14th time that Accenture and Avanade have been recognized for demonstrating business excellence and customer satisfaction for clients such as [Subsea 7](#) (SAP on Azure), [Rio Tinto](#) (SAP on Azure) and [HNTB](#) (Dynamics).

Accenture and Avanade have also been named:

- **2018 SAP on Azure Partner of the Year**
- **2018 Dynamics for Finance and Operations Partner of the Year**
- **2018 Italy Country Partner of the Year**
- **2018 Global Finalist for the Dynamics Customer Service Award**

In addition, Avanade employee Michael Jonsson has been named as an Individual Finalist for the **2018 Partner Seller Excellence in Technology, Sales and/or Licensing Award**.

“These awards recognize the unique and deep relationship we have with Microsoft, as both an industry leader in helping clients transform their businesses, and a partner to Microsoft itself as it rapidly innovates its own business,” said Paul Daugherty, chief technology & innovation officer, Accenture. “Together, Accenture, Avanade and Microsoft are investing in the future and helping our clients rotate to the new to drive the digital and cloud transformation they need to compete and succeed.”

“In a fast-changing world, being recognized for the 11th time in a row as Microsoft Alliance Partner of the Year is a testament to the unique capabilities, experience and results that we bring our clients as they modernize and digitize for the future,” said Adam Warby, Avanade chief executive officer. “With the Microsoft ecosystem at its core, this alliance remains deeply committed to advising our clients and bringing them the bold innovative thinking they need to thrive in the digital world.”

“Customers around the world in every industry are seeking to digitally transform themselves to improve their operations, products and employee and customer experience,” said Victor Morales, vice president, Microsoft SI Partners. “With Accenture’s deep business and industry expertise, Avanade’s world-class digital innovation and Microsoft’s market-leading enterprise technology, these awards recognize the unique business value and innovation that our alliance is delivering to our joint customers.”

About Accenture

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About Avanade

Avanade is the leading provider of innovative digital and cloud services, business solutions and designed experiences delivered through the power of people and the Microsoft ecosystem. Our professionals bring bold, fresh thinking combined with technology, business and industry expertise to help fuel transformation and growth for our clients and their customers. Avanade has 30,000 digitally connected people across 23 countries, bringing clients the 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 <https://www.avanade.com/>.

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