

Accenture and Avanade Named Microsoft 2016 Alliance Partner of the Year

Recognized as the leading Microsoft services provider for the ninth consecutive year

NEW YORK; June 1, 2016 – Accenture (NYSE: ACN) and [Avanade](#) have been recognized by Microsoft as Alliance Partner of the Year for the ninth year in a row and twelfth time overall.

As voted by Microsoft global sales, Accenture and Avanade received Microsoft's Alliance Partner of the Year award for demonstrating business excellence and customer satisfaction in delivering innovative Microsoft solutions. The award recognizes Accenture and Avanade's deep industry and technology expertise, and the companies' ability to help customers realize results with digital, cloud-based solutions. Together, Accenture and Avanade have collaborated on more than 10,000 Microsoft-based business and public service projects for more than 4,000 global clients.

"Earning this top recognition for nine consecutive years is unequivocal proof that we are the recognized leader in helping clients transform their businesses using Microsoft technologies," said Paul Daugherty, Accenture's chief technology officer and chair of the Avanade Board of Directors. "Working with Avanade and Microsoft, we use "the power of three" to deliver leading services for Azure, Office 365 and Windows, along with new innovations such as HoloLens, that are more relevant than ever for clients.

"Digital and cloud are transforming the ways in which companies work, engage with customers and contribute to the bottom line," said Adam Warby, Avanade chief executive officer. "Every day at Avanade, we innovate with passion and purpose to help our clients transform their businesses through the power of the Microsoft ecosystem."

"The Accenture-Avanade-Microsoft alliance brings together the talent required to help our mutual customers thrive in a mobile-first, cloud-first world," said Victor Morales, vice president, Microsoft Enterprise Partners. "With Accenture's deep business and industry expertise, Avanade's world-class digital innovation and Microsoft's market-leading enterprise technology, these awards represent clear recognition of the business value and innovation that the alliance is delivering to our joint customers."

Accenture and Avanade were [recognized](#) by the IDC MarketScape as the leader in the "IDC MarketScape for Worldwide Microsoft Enterprise Applications Implementation Services Ecosystem", (doc #US40150215, December 2015).

The [Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards](#) recognize Microsoft partners that have developed and delivered exceptional Microsoft-based solutions during the past year. The Accenture-Avanade-Microsoft alliance offers the valuable combination of market-leading technologies, industry expertise and delivery skills that result in more effective and efficient technology delivered at a lower cost. Avanade has 23 Microsoft Gold Partner Network Competencies, and Avanade and Accenture together have more than 24,000 certifications in Microsoft technology.

About Accenture

Accenture is a leading global professional services company, providing a broad range of services and solutions in strategy, consulting, digital, technology and operations. Combining unmatched experience and specialized skills across more than 40 industries and all business functions – underpinned by the world's largest delivery network – Accenture works at the intersection of business and technology to help clients improve their performance and create

sustainable value for their stakeholders. With approximately 373,000 people serving clients in more than 120 countries, Accenture drives innovation to improve the way the world works and lives. Visit us at www.accenture.com.

About Avanade

Avanade is the leading provider of innovative digital and cloud services, business solutions and design-led experiences delivered through the power of people and the Microsoft ecosystem. Our professionals combine technology, business and industry expertise to build and deploy solutions to realize results for our clients and their customers. Avanade has 29,000 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 www.avanade.com.

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