



## Avanade named as a 'Top Employer' in 2017 for the 6th Consecutive Year

Thursday, February 9th, 2017 --- [Avanade](#), the leading provider of innovative digital and cloud services, business solutions and design-led experiences, has been certified as a 'Top Employer' in February for 2017 by the [Top Employers Institute](#). Avanade UK Ltd's Regional HR Team, led by their HR Director Belinda Macaulay, and with collaboration with the local leadership team and resources has been recognised for its outstanding standards against the criteria of culture, work environment, talent, training and development strategy, along with workforce planning, performance management and career management. Many of these initiatives are a reflection of Avanade's global investment in a range of HR programmes designed to enable employees in achieving Avanade's ambitions.

Founded in the Netherlands in 1991, and currently in operation across more than 100 countries, the Top Employers Institute is a professional global organisation specialised in human resource management. It conducts assessments on the human resource environments of companies through a series of certification flows, including talent strategy, workforce planning, on-boarding, learning and development, performance management, leadership development, career and succession management, compensation and benefits, and culture. Through rigorous validation and third-party audits, organisations that achieve the highest standards of excellence in employee conditions receive 'Top Employer' certification.

**Darren Hardman, Executive - General Manager, Avanade UK Ltd**, said, "As a team, we are hugely proud and honoured that Avanade has been certified as a 'Top Employer' in the UK for the sixth consecutive year. At Avanade, one of our five core values is 'We believe everyone counts'. Our employees deliver innovative cloud and digital services to our clients and are the foundation of Avanade's business growth. Avanade is committed to providing an exceptional work environment for our people, we offer fantastic career opportunities which allow individuals to meet the changing needs of our clients in today's digital world."

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### 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 realise 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](http://www.avanade.com).

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