

Microsoft Cloud Ecosystem

Power Platform Services

A study to offer potential customers the basis for decision-making regarding positioning and go-to-market

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The Microsoft Cloud Ecosystem in Australia is characterised by both changes and opportunities.

The ecosystem of Microsoft-certified service providers continues to evolve in Australia and globally, in tandem with changes in the Microsoft product sets across Microsoft 365 Services Managed Services for Azure, SAP on Azure, Dynamic 365, and the Power Platform.

Enterprises are accelerating investments in digital transformation for rapid, measurable results. Large IT consulting practices are witnessing an industry shift from IT-centric to customer-centric approaches and are increasingly focussing on improving end-user experience to optimise business outcomes. Data-driven, industry insights are helping to personalise end-user experience. Concurrently, the Australian business sector and the Australian government are accelerating cloud implementations. Organisations are looking to

leverage the potential of Microsoft's security capabilities within the Microsoft 365 suite of services.

Microsoft is responding to organisations' increasing focus on EX through Viva and is continuing to innovate in this area. At the same time, an increasing number of large consulting firms are noting that customers are keen on tapping into their data to enhance workplace experiences.

The Microsoft ecosystem is helping to empower employees to work from anywhere, enabling connectedness in the new hybrid working model. The growing trend of remote work and complex requirements of organisations wanting to collaborate internally and with clients is driving the widespread use of Microsoft's Teams and Viva platforms.

The global cloud market is becoming increasingly competitive as global MSPs are using high levels of automation to squeeze margin gains. In this scenario, investments must be increased to remain competitive. The Australian market is experiencing increasing competition from local providers, with many

Key Microsoft
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but **able local**
names also exist.



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beginning to challenge their larger, global counterparts. This trend is expected to only gain momentum over the next five years, with competition intensifying further.

Microsoft continues to evolve its AI development and implementation strategy across Azure, with growing interest in its use to augment human productivity. This is beginning to result in some level of differentiation of Azure implementations offered by MSPs and will result in an acceleration in the use of AI in Microsoft Azure platforms over the next few years. In this context, the use of intelligent, conversational AI to augment human abilities in various tasks is predicted to grow strongly over the next five years.

Customer expectations and demands with regards to the broader IoT landscape and requirements for advanced data analytics continue to grow rapidly in Australia as in the rest of the world. Over the next few years, Australian MSPs need to increasingly invest in AI-related capabilities and training to retain high levels of Microsoft Azure certifications and foster related partnerships.

The SAP on Azure market is highly specialised, with providers requiring specific skills. Australian customers are demanding strong knowledge and relevant certifications from their cloud partners. Although Microsoft Azure entered the cloud space three years after AWS, Microsoft has been able to leverage its brand recognition and strong partnership with SAP to establish a strong foothold.

Concurrently, there is now much focus on app-driven modernisation of the cloud. It is taking centre stage amongst Australian Microsoft Azure implementations as organisations embark on the next wave of cloud. This is making it a challenge for cloud service providers to realign their offerings. It requires an amalgamation of IP and fit-for-purpose tools to address issues related to legacy systems. At the same time, the traditional cloud managed services model too is facing an increasing number of challenges. The market is becoming highly competitive as global providers are using high levels of automation to save their margins and capture market share, which requires continuous investments to remain competitive.

Over the next 1-2 years, a range of new value-adds is expected to enter the Australian Dynamics 365 market in areas such as cloud migration, micro-verticalized Dynamics solutions, customer analytics and insights offerings, and the PowerApps factory. MSPs are noting increasing opportunities around some traditional Dynamics 365 modules that are evolving with new technologies such as IoT and remote assist around field service, project operations, dynamic marketing, and omnichannel offerings in customer service. COVID-19 saw the rapid scaling of some Azure projects due to the trend of remote working. It also accelerated the need for Australian clients to become more agile and focus on reducing costs, which has driven a greater adoption of a few cloud applications and seen more workloads move to the public clouds.

However, the challenge of an inadequate number of cloud-certified people and expertise in Australia persists related to certain technologies such as cyber security, IoT, and AI as client demands continue to rise. While it is still early days, Australian clients

will increasingly focus on realigning legacy applications to leverage data, insights, ML, and AI. The growing proliferation of digital touchpoints and unprecedented growth in technologies related to consumer segments such as wearables will provide Australian MSPs with strong opportunities over the next few years.

Microsoft 365 services involve the design and application of processes to support personalised employee experience, workforce productivity, collaboration, and innovation. It comprises traditional Microsoft products such as Office, Excel, PowerPoint, and SharePoint and newer collaboration tools such as Teams, OneDrive, Power Automate, and Power BI, in addition to enterprise mobility and security and Azure Cloud for data storage and backup.

Many consulting firms are seeing a huge demand for security implementation services for Microsoft 365. This trend is providing a significant opportunity for the adoption of Microsoft 365 E5 with its enhanced security features. Clients are looking at maximising



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the use of their E5 license for advanced threat protection to displace legacy voice systems and migrate to Teams calls.

Clients are moving away from customised implementations, which are fragile and expensive to implement and maintain. With Microsoft offering starter templates and blueprints, consulting firms are able to implement complex solutions in a fraction of time and cost and move clients onto Microsoft 365 services more quickly than before.

Following the reshaping of Australian businesses because of COVID-19, many companies now have hybrid workplaces, with their workforce spread across office and work setups at home. Thus, collaboration solutions are needed to bridge the two environments. This requires revisiting the way meetings, information sharing, and application integration take place and ensuring that the integration of these aspects is done seamlessly. New virtual and virtual/physical hybrid teams and processes need agile technology deployments to function, and Modern Workplace 365 addresses these requirements by stitching together

the Microsoft 365 tools with enterprise-wide applications and services to support the new post-COVID-19 normal.

The SAP on Azure market is highly competitive, with providers requiring specialised skills/knowledge to deliver high-quality services. Australian customers are demanding that their cloud partners attest this knowledge with related certifications, especially with the complex requirements of SAP on Azure.

COVID-19 and ransomware attacks have resulted in accelerated cloud adoption amongst some Australian organisations. Many are now willing to migrate their business-critical proprietary systems to the cloud, providing added opportunities for Australia-based Azure providers.

The market for SAP on Azure services in Australia continues to grow as more Australian clients look to migrate from their on-premises server environment to the cloud. Many have attained a relatively mature cloud adoption status due to the high use of cloud-based technologies.

Many Australian companies have already migrated low to medium-complex applications to the cloud and are now positioned to migrate the more complex ones such as SAP to the public cloud. At the same time, some Australian organisations are yet hesitant to migrate these high-impact critical business applications. Cloud providers in Australia need to continue to educate the market on how migrations of large complex workloads such as SAP on Azure cloud can be done with relative ease and involve low risk.

SAP has aggressively moved to embrace the cloud, driving the SAP on Azure market both in Australia and the rest of the world. It has undertaken the restructuring of its core business model, partnerships, development and support, much like other large-scale enterprise business management software providers such as Oracle and IBM. The rate of SAP on Azure implementations has recently accelerated as SAP has globally announced the end-of-life for legacy, on-premises development and support.

Microsoft's Dynamics 365 platform continues to evolve at a very rapid pace. The market has

recently seen the introduction of new products and significant shifts in existing applications as the platform continues to evolve. MSPs are responding to the trend of an amalgamation of technologies across ERP, CRM, dataverse, and digital services on the periphery of the Dynamics 365 product set as it evolves to increasingly become modular and seamlessly connected.

Customer experience, and the need to personalise it, is a primary driver for Dynamics 365 initiatives as smart businesses seek to offer customers a variety of ways to connect (omnichannel CX), to capture customer data at every touchpoint, and leverage the same using AI and ML. Dynamics 365 service providers in Australia are now integrating technologies such as AI-powered chatbots and RPA to continually enhance CX.

The key providers in the Dynamic 365 landscape in Australia are global MSPs, however, more Australia-based providers are now emerging, and some are gaining global recognition. MSPs in Australia will need to innovate and develop custom solutions that will offer agile



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and flexible systems that empower companies to optimise resources with IoT integration and result in zero downtime in the back-office space. The addition of the Power Platform and customer insights requires staff to have new and different skill sets beyond traditional Dynamics 365 offerings.

Clients now are looking for secure networks that primarily support remote employees to work on Teams, backed up by collaboration tools and business applications that help deliver exceptional CX.

As the Australian market moves into a true hybrid work-from-anywhere environment, the need for access to a safe, secure cloud environment, coupled with an increased demand for automation of applications, has led to growth across all five service offerings for Microsoft covered in this study.





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	Managed Services for Azure	Microsoft 365 Services	SAP on Azure Services	Dynamics 365 Services	Power Platform Services
AC3	Leader	Not In	Not In	Not In	Not In
Accenture & Avanade	Leader	Leader	Leader	Leader	Leader
Barhead Solutions	Not In	Not In	Not In	Leader	Leader
Capgemini	Leader	Leader	Product Challenger	Leader	Leader
Cognizant	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Contender	Contender	Contender
Data#3	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Not In
Datacom	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Not In	Product Challenger	Product Challenger
Dicker Data	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Not In	Not In
DXC Technology	Leader	Leader	Leader	Leader	Leader
Engage Squared	Not In	Not In	Not In	Not In	Product Challenger
Eviden/Atos	Contender	Contender	Contender	Not In	Not In





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EY	Not In	Not In	Not In	Contender	Contender
FiveP Australia	Not In	Contender	Not In	Not In	Not In
Fujitsu	Leader	Leader	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Product Challenger
Fusion5	Not In	Not In	Not In	Contender	Contender
Generation-E	Not In	Contender	Not In	Not In	Not In
HCLTech	Rising Star ★	Leader	Leader	Leader	Product Challenger
Hexaware	Leader	Leader	Not In	Product Challenger	Contender
Hitachi Vantara	Not In	Not In	Not In	Contender	Not In
IBM	Market Challenger	Market Challenger	Contender	Market Challenger	Market Challenger
Infosys	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Leader	Product Challenger





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Insight	Market Challenger	Not In	Not In	Not In	Not In
Kyndryl	Leader	Leader	Product Challenger	Leader	Leader
LAB3	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Not In	Not In
Logicalis Australia	Leader	Leader	Contender	Not In	Not In
LTIMindtree	Contender	Product Challenger	Market Challenger	Rising Star ★	Contender
Macquarie Cloud Services	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In	Not In	Not In
NTT DATA	Market Challenger	Market Challenger	Contender	Market Challenger	Market Challenger
Publicis Sapient	Product Challenger	Contender	Not In	Contender	Contender
PwC	Contender	Not In	Not In	Leader	Leader
Rackspace Technology	Not In	Not In	Market Challenger	Not In	Not In



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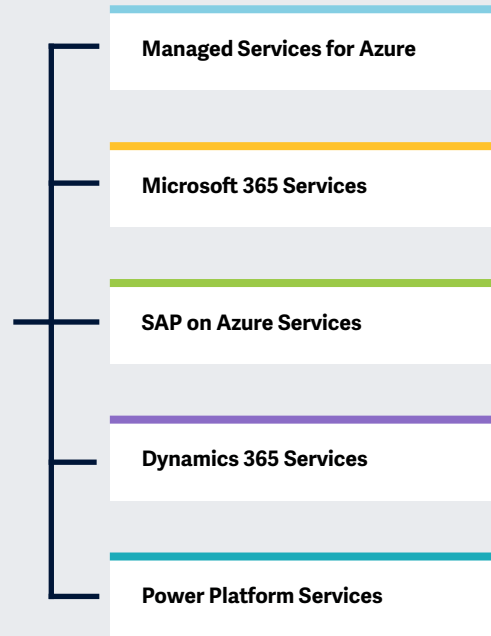
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	Managed Services for Azure	Microsoft 365 Services	SAP on Azure Services	Dynamics 365 Services	Power Platform Services
Rhipe	Not In	Not In	Product Challenger	Not In	Not In
SoftwareONE	Contender	Contender	Rising Star ★	Contender	Not In
Sonata Software	Not In	Not In	Not In	Product Challenger	Not In
TCS	Leader	Leader	Leader	Leader	Leader
Tech Mahindra	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Leader	Product Challenger	Contender
Telstra	Leader	Leader	Market Challenger	Not In	Leader
Unisys	Leader	Leader	Not In	Not In	Not In
Velrada	Not In	Not In	Not In	Leader	Leader
Veritec	Not In	Not In	Product Challenger	Product Challenger	Not In
Wipro	Leader	Leader	Leader	Leader	Leader



This study focuses on what ISG perceives as most critical in 2023 for **Microsoft Cloud Ecosystem**.

Simplified Illustration Source: ISG 2023



Definition

Microsoft is one of the most established technology providers in the world. It has a network of thousands of partners, which augments its capabilities to aid enterprises in adopting its technologies. This network has been through a series of shifts in the past five years, as Microsoft changed itself as part of a massive cloud transformation. In the same period, digital transformation has become a priority in the enterprise technology landscape, requiring a new generation of software and services from Microsoft and its partners.

To address these needs, Microsoft has honed its focus on three core areas: the Azure cloud platform; the Microsoft 365 suite of productivity experiences, which includes Windows 10 and 11 and Office 365; and the Dynamics 365 suite of business applications. Partners are now evaluated on their ability to drive the use of Microsoft cloud services that comprise these core product lines. To succeed, service providers must offer enterprises a robust set of services that are complemented by forward-thinking capabilities and backed by a strong relationship with Microsoft. Providers should

demonstrate a keen awareness of future developments in the Microsoft clouds and show an ability to drive innovation and client business opportunities using the Microsoft suite of products and services.

ISG's analysis focussed on how providers in Australia, Brazil, Germany, Singapore and Malaysia, Switzerland, the U.K. and the U.S. are positioned based on the strength of their respective portfolios and their competitiveness in the market. While there are thousands of providers delivering services for Microsoft products in each of these regions, this report will only focus on the top competitors, both global firms and local providers, for each of the quadrants studied by region.



Scope of the Report

In this ISG Provider Lens™ quadrant study, ISG includes the following five quadrants: Managed Services for Azure; Microsoft 365 Services; SAP on Azure Services; Dynamics 365 Services; and Power Platform Services.

This ISG Provider Lens™ study offers IT decision makers:

- Transparency on the strengths and weaknesses of relevant providers
- A differentiated positioning of providers by segments
- Focus on regional market

Our study serves as the basis for important decision-making in terms of positioning, key relationships and go-to-market considerations. ISG advisors and enterprise clients also use information from these reports to evaluate their existing vendor relationships and potential engagements.

Provider Classifications

The provider position reflects the suitability of ICT providers for a defined market segment (quadrant). Without further additions, the position always applies to all company sizes classes and industries. In case the IT service requirements from enterprise customers differ and the spectrum of IT providers operating in the local market is sufficiently wide, a further differentiation of the IT providers by performance is made according to the target group for products and services. In doing so, ISG either considers the industry requirements or the number of employees, as well as the corporate structures of customers and positions IT providers according to their focus area. As a result, ISG differentiates them, if necessary, into two client target groups that are defined as follows:

- **Midmarket:** Companies with 100 to 4,999 employees or revenues between \$20 million and \$999 million with central headquarters in the respective country, usually privately owned.

- **Large Accounts:** Multinational companies with 5,000 or more employees or revenue above \$1 billion, with activities worldwide and globally distributed decision-making structures.

Segmentation into Midmarket and Large accounts was not conducted for Australia due to the smaller scale of the market.

The ISG Provider Lens™ quadrants are created using an evaluation matrix containing four segments (Leader, Product Challenger, Market Challenger and Contender), and the providers are positioned accordingly. Each ISG Provider Lens™ quadrant may include a service provider(s) which ISG believes has strong potential to move into the Leader quadrant. This type of provider can be classified as a Rising Star.

Number of providers in each quadrant: ISG rates and positions the most relevant providers according to the scope of the report for each quadrant and limits the maximum of providers per quadrant to 25 (exceptions are possible).





Provider Classifications: Quadrant Key

Product Challengers offer a product and service portfolio that reflect excellent service and technology stacks. These providers and vendors deliver an unmatched broad and deep range of capabilities. They show evidence of investing to enhance their market presence and competitive strengths.

Contenders offer services and products meeting the evaluation criteria that qualifies them to be included in the IPL quadrant. These promising service providers or vendors show evidence of rapidly investing in products/ services and a follow sensible market approach with a goal of becoming a Product or Market Challenger within 12 to 18 months.

Leaders have a comprehensive product and service offering, a strong market presence and established competitive position. The product portfolios and competitive strategies of Leaders are strongly positioned to win business in the markets covered by the study. The Leaders also represent innovative strength and competitive stability.

Market Challengers have a strong presence in the market and offer a significant edge over other vendors and providers based on competitive strength. Often, Market Challengers are the established and well-known vendors in the regions or vertical markets covered in the study.

★ **Rising Stars** have promising portfolios or the market experience to become a Leader, including the required roadmap and adequate focus on key market trends and customer requirements. Rising Stars also have excellent management and understanding of the local market in the studied region. These vendors and service providers give evidence of significant progress toward their goals in the last 12 months. ISG expects Rising Stars to reach the Leader quadrant within the next 12 to 24 months if they continue their delivery of above-average market impact and strength of innovation.

Not in means the service provider or vendor was not included in this quadrant. Among the possible reasons for this designation: ISG could not obtain enough information to position the company; the company does not provide the relevant service or solution as defined for each quadrant of a study; or the company did not meet the eligibility criteria for the study quadrant. Omission from the quadrant does not imply that the service provider or vendor does not offer or plan to offer this service or solution.





Power Platform Services

Who Should Read This Section

This quadrant report is relevant to enterprises in Australia that are evaluating providers of Power Platform services. This quadrant report highlights the current market positioning of these providers and addresses key challenges enterprises in this region face.

Cloud adoption and digital workforce growth show no signs of slowing down in Australia. Therefore, Power BI solutions must have well-defined governance in terms of usage, standards, and security across all their citizen developers.

In line with ESG awareness, Dynamics 365, coupled with Microsoft Power Platform components enable enterprises to drive sustainability goals across facilities by managing data collection, reviewing teams and stakeholders, and leveraging paperless and prebuilt configurable templates.

Power Platform services have seen a healthy demand from critical industries such as healthcare, geriatric care, government, hospitality retail, and manufacturing. These have enabled users to forecast work demand and automated workflows from individual user tasks to enterprise-wide processes, while ensuring adherence to security and compliance standards.



Technology professionals should read this report to better understand the relative strengths and weaknesses of Power Platform service providers.

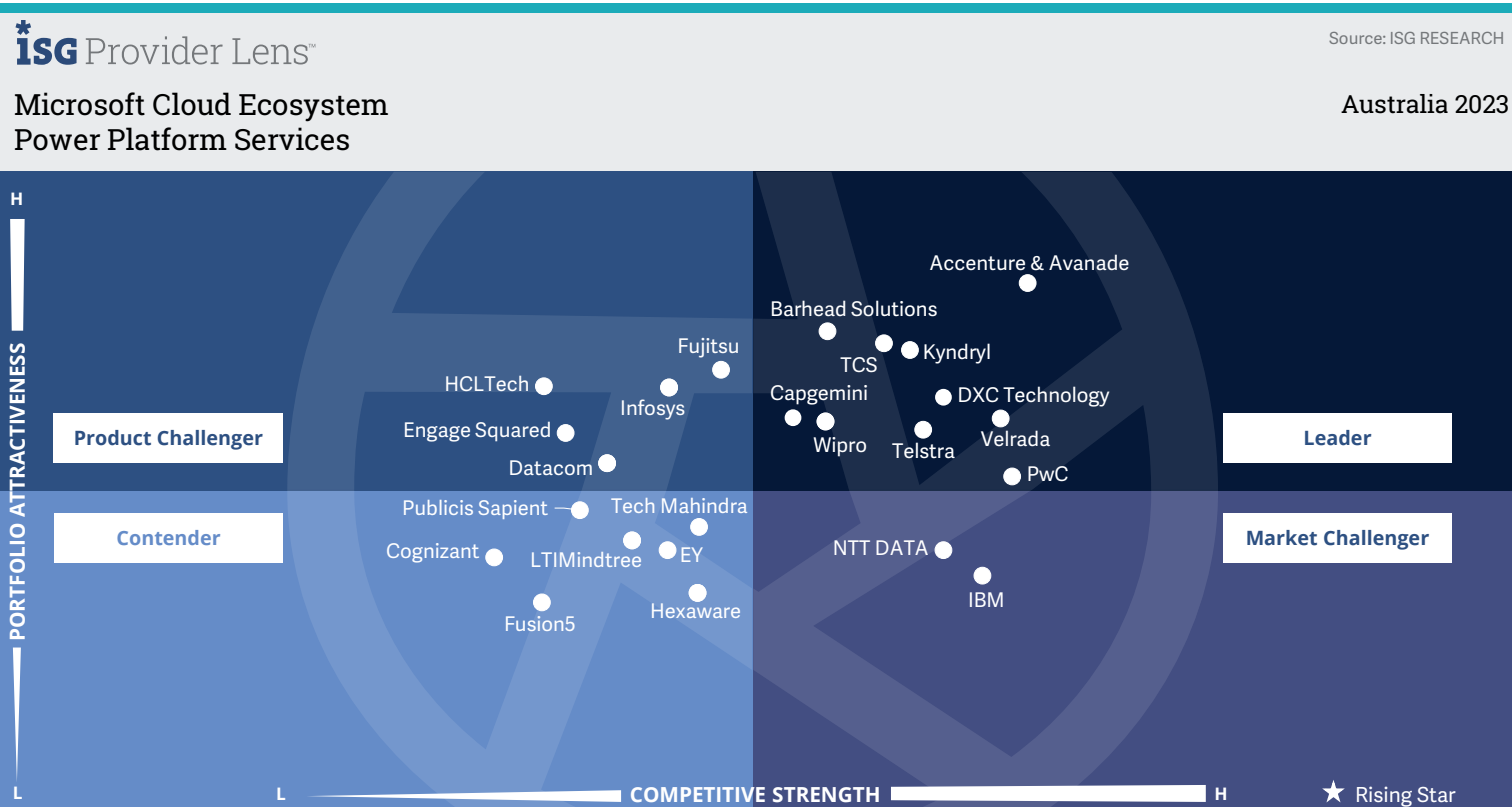


Workplace technology professionals should read this report to understand how service providers can help with the adoption of Microsoft low-code/no-code and virtual assistant technologies.



Procurement professionals should read this report to understand the provider ecosystem for Microsoft Power Platform services and gain knowledge about how providers can be compared to one another.





This quadrant assesses providers that offer services and related advanced training for **enterprise-wide implementation of the Microsoft Power Platform**. Providers in this space ace the **integration of Microsoft and other business apps**.

Craig Baty



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Definition

This quadrant assesses providers that offer services for the enterprise-wide implementation of Microsoft Power Platform, support services and related advanced training. Enterprise clients utilise the services offered by providers to create new and sophisticated software applications for digital transformation, obtain new insights on business operations and optimise business processes in a sophisticated manner. The services offered by these providers not only leverage the capabilities of Power Platform but also educate enterprises on the best practices for apps and solutions development. Providers in this space ace the integration with a variety of Microsoft apps and other business apps, for example, Office 365, Dynamics 365 and Azure, plus advanced concepts such as DevOps, DataOps or MLOps.

The trending concept of citizen development shows a huge demand for service and support to govern and embed apps created by users using low-code and no-code development tools

within and/or on Power Platform. Third-party tools integration or migration is also important. Furthermore, Power Platform's analytics, process management, IT management and process automation capabilities should be supported by the providers evaluated in this quadrant.

The providers in this quadrant understand a client's objectives and use their data literacy and skills to provide the necessary guidance. With an eye for detail, these providers also take a holistic approach to drive client business performance.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Services that **support enterprises'** adoption of all **Power Platform solutions—Power BI, Power Apps, Power Automate and Power Virtual Assistant**
2. Structured offerings and IP that enable **easy adoption of Power Platform solutions** and **streamline the ongoing operation** of the software
3. **Technical support capabilities** that assist enterprises with the adoption and management of platform solutions
4. Clear **business benefits** tied to the **use of platform solutions**



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Observations

This quadrant assesses providers that offer services towards an enterprise-wide implementation of the Microsoft Power Platform, support services, and related advanced training. Enterprise clients utilise the services offered by the providers to create new and sophisticated software applications for digital transformation, obtain new insights on business operations, and optimise business processes. The services offered by the providers here not only leverage the capabilities of the Power Platform, but also educate enterprises on the best practices for development.

Power Platform Services integrate with a variety of Microsoft and other business apps, for example, Office 365, the Dynamics 365, and Azure, as well as advanced concepts such as DevOps, DataOps, or MLOps.

Some significant changes took place in the market in 2022, and these are reflected in the quadrant. Of particular note is the successful spin off of Kyndryl from IBM; the former now appears in a similar (but slightly lower) position compared with IBM's position last year. IBM has,

as a result, moved to the Market Challenger position. Capgemini acquired an Australian service provider, Empired, which has moved it to the Rising Star position this year. Similarly, NRI, a multinational technology and consulting firm that includes companies such as SMS and ASG, acquired Velrada, thereby strengthening its local offerings. Local provider, Barhead Solutions, increased its competitive strength with a Microsoft award for its significant contributions to the Australian community. Wipro also strengthened its competitive positioning by winning a Microsoft Global Power BI Partner award.

From the 175 companies assessed for this study, 23 have qualified for this quadrant, with 10 being Leaders.



Accenture & Avanade are leading providers of innovative digital and cloud services, business solutions, and design-led experiences in the Microsoft ecosystem. Avanade has 65,000 dedicated resources on Microsoft technologies.



Capgemini, is headquartered in France and operates across 50 countries. It recently acquired Australia-based MSP Empired, thus significantly strengthening its Australian presence. Post COVID-19, it is more focussed on providing solutions related to remote working, while maintaining productivity and EX.

Barhead Solutions

Barhead Solutions is an Australia-based consulting firm that specialises in Microsoft Dynamics 365 and Power Platform business applications. It won the 2022 Microsoft Community Response award for developing scalable low-code solutions to address pandemic-related issues.

DXC Technology

DXC Technology provides a range of services in Australia, including consulting, advisory, transformation, integration, and operational management. It has partnerships with large energy companies to improve their systems to achieve sustainability goals.

Kyndryl

Kyndryl is the new name for IBM's managed infrastructure services business, which spun off as a separate company in 2021. It claims to be the world's largest IT infrastructure services provider. Kyndryl has a highly differentiated Power Platform offering and an innovative citizen development offering.



PwC is a network of firms in 152 countries (688 cities) with nearly 328,000 people who are committed to delivering quality in assurance, advisory and tax services and has a strong and growing presence in Australia.



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TCS is one of the world's leading global IT services, consulting, and business solutions companies, headquartered in India. It offers innovative sustainability-related services and solutions and has a strong roadmap for expanding its suite of Power Platform services.



Telstra is Australia's largest telecommunications provider and offers Microsoft services via its Telstra Purple division. Telstra Purple has strong capabilities in the Power Platform space and an advanced related governance framework.

Velrada

Velrada is a private Australia-based, global Microsoft business and technology integrator, headquartered in Perth, Australia. It is a member of the Power Platform Partners Advisory Council by invitation.



Wipro is a global IT, consulting, and business process services provider, headquartered in India, that has had a relationship with Microsoft for more than two decades. Wipro and Microsoft are partnering to create integrated solutions layered with Microsoft's Power Platform to enable business growth.



PwC



Leader

“PwC has over 2,500 Microsoft technology certifications and more than 2,500 related consulting resources, and has served over 780 clients, globally, on Microsoft engagements.”

Craig Baty

Overview

PwC is a network of firms in 152 countries (688 cities) with nearly 328,000 people who are committed to delivering quality in assurance, advisory and tax services. In FY22, the company generated \$50.3billion in revenue, with Assurance as its largest segment. PwC has a strong presence in Australia with strong skills in the Power Platforms market.

Strengths

Highly experienced Australian Microsoft practice: Working in close collaboration, PwC and Microsoft help clients by aligning PwC's transformation experience with Microsoft's proven technologies and applications. PwC has more than 1,000 digital transformation practice experts in Australia.

Significant investments in Microsoft practice over next three years: PwC will extend its alliance ecosystem with Microsoft via closer collaboration to win large projects with service partners and industry solution providers. It will invest in people, skills, and well-being, aligning its offerings with the Microsoft Industry Cloud and sales initiatives to leverage pre-sale and post-sale investment programs in areas such as sustainability, healthcare, education, and retail.

Comprehensive range of new Microsoft assets and accelerators:

PwC is investing in industry solutions and accelerators, built on Microsoft platforms and industry clouds, enabling rapid time to market and aligning with Microsoft's GTM initiatives. Its Future of Auditing Digital Solutions team integrates ML, digital product design, and software engineering capabilities into its Assurance business. It won the Microsoft Special Award for the best IP-based Solution of the Year in 2022 for developing Power Brain – a modular cloud platform built to deliver big data analytics as a service.

Caution

PwC has moved from the Market Challenger position last year to that of a Leader in the Power Platform Services quadrant for Australia this year, and has an increased focus on Microsoft offerings in APAC. However, significant M&A locally in 2022 has changed the competitive landscape and PwC may need to increase its focus on specific offerings to handle this competition.





Appendix

The ISG Provider Lens™ 2023 – Microsoft Cloud Ecosystem report analyzes the relevant software vendors/service providers in the Australian market, based on a multi-phased research and analysis process, and positions these providers based on the ISG Research methodology.

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All revenue references are in U.S. dollars (\$US) unless noted.

The study was divided into the following steps:

1. Definition of Microsoft Cloud Ecosystem market
2. Use of questionnaire-based surveys of service providers/vendor across all trend topics
3. Interactive discussions with service providers/vendors on capabilities & use cases
4. Leverage ISG's internal databases & advisor knowledge & experience (wherever applicable)
5. Use of Star of Excellence CX-Data
6. Detailed analysis & evaluation of services & service documentation based on the facts & figures received from providers & other sources.
7. Use of the following key evaluation criteria:
 - * Strategy & vision
 - * Tech Innovation
 - * Brand awareness and presence in the market
 - * Sales and partner landscape
 - * Breadth and depth of portfolio of services offered
 - * CX and Recommendation



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