

Press release

## **Sopra Steria earns Microsoft Azure Expert Managed Service Provider (MSP) designation**

**Paris, July 8, 2021 – Sopra Steria, a European leader in consulting, digital services and software publishing, today announced that it has achieved Microsoft Azure Expert Managed Service Provider. This is a recognition of the full scope of Azure services offered by the Group. Sopra Steria has the ability to deliver the most relevant business solutions, cloud infrastructures and technical professional consulting to support customers in their digital transformation and to manage a full customer cloud engagement lifecycle.**

Azure Expert MSP reinforces Sopra Steria's collaboration with Microsoft and confirms the Group's deep knowledge and expertise required to provide cutting-edge Azure cloud services to its customers.

**Azure Expert MSP is a program** designed to ensure that customers and Microsoft field personnel can connect with **the most capable Azure managed service providers** to meet specific business needs, with the following goals:

- Make the most relevant and capable managed services partners discoverable to customers.
- Recognize partners' **proven capabilities and specialization** in harnessing Azure services in tandem with their service management expertise to deliver business solutions for their customers.
- Differentiate MSPs who have passed a rigorous onsite audit of their IT service management capabilities (across **people, process and technology**), and have demonstrated an ability to deliver **consistent, repeatable high-fidelity** managed services on Azure.

The services offered by Sopra Steria follow an agile customer-driven design, and mixes consultancy, migration and management to evolve a customer from a "Design, Build, Operate" process to a dynamic "**Design, Optimize, Transform**" cycle. Focus is on creating end-user value through business value metrics, SLAs, resiliency, and continual optimization to drive outcomes for customers.

Delivered by an independent third-party audit company, Azure Expert MSP partners are a highly evolved form of managed services partners and must offer repeatable, highly automated solutions to enable and support hyper-scale cloud implementations.

*« We are glad to be recognized as Microsoft Azure Expert Managed Service Provider. This confirms the capabilities of Sopra Steria Cloud Center of Excellence Teams to guide our customers into all the aspects of their Cloud Transformation Journey. Our skilled teams have indeed demonstrated their expertise in Azure-related services, processes, integration and management technologies in the most complex environments. It's an important milestone with Microsoft to help our customers meet their digital transformation goals by fully using the*

*potential of the Cloud* » **said Xavier Pecquet, EXCOM Member at Sopra Steria in charge of Key Accounts & Partnerships.**

*"Microsoft is pleased to welcome Sopra Steria as an Azure Expert MSP. Their comprehensive expertise across data center, hybrid, and multi-cloud environments and their commitment in Sovereign Cloud provides a great asset for enabling European organisations to embrace Cloud with confidence* » **said Rodney Clark, Corporate Vice President, Global Partner Solutions, Channel Sales and Channel Chief at Microsoft.**

**About Sopra Steria**

Sopra Steria, a European leader in consulting, digital services and software development, helps its clients drive their digital transformation to obtain tangible and sustainable benefits. It provides end-to-end solutions to make large companies and organisations more competitive by combining in-depth knowledge of a wide range of business sectors and innovative technologies with a fully collaborative approach. Sopra Steria places people at the heart of everything it does and is committed to making the most of digital technology to build a positive future for its clients. With 46,000 employees in 25 countries, the Group generated revenue of €4.3 billion in 2020.

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