

Accenture named a Leader in SAP Implementation by Independent Research Firm

LONDON; March. 12th, 2008 – Accenture has been named a leader in an independent evaluation of the SAP implementation market by Forrester, a leading independent research firm. "The Forrester™ Wave: SAP Implementation Providers, Q4 2007" (December 2007) is Forrester's first evaluation of SAP implementation providers, with an assessment of 16 systems integrators across 108 criteria.

Accenture received the highest number of top scores across the evaluation criteria, as well as the highest score for its current offering, a category that accounts for overall value, business expertise, vertical expertise and implementation and post-implementation capability, as well as low-cost and remote global delivery. Accenture also earned the top scores for overall vision, thought leadership, commitment to SAP, and market presence.

Forrester examined each service provider's financial statements and evaluated each provider's client base, engagements and number of staff dedicated to SAP implementation. Forrester also contacted the service providers' clients, which, according to the report, "...gave Accenture the highest marks possible for customer satisfaction."

The report recognized Accenture for its strong end-to-end implementation capabilities across a variety of industries and described Accenture as "one of the only providers that excel across the implementation life cycle, capable of providing everything from strategic front-end business process consulting expertise through low-cost technical implementation work."

Forrester noted that Accenture has more than 21,700 SAP resources worldwide, making Accenture "...one of the only providers capable of staffing a global project without requiring partner firms or contract workers." Reflective of the international nature of Accenture's SAP business, the company also received the highest marks for global presence.

"We strive to help our clients take a value-driven approach to enterprise systems by combining innovative solutions with sound strategies," said Patrick Puechbroussou, managing director of Accenture's SAP business. "This is how we undertake complex, large-scale transformation, as well as solution enhancements, for clients. We are pleased to receive this recognition from Forrester."

About Accenture

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