

## Inside the 2025 Microsoft Partner Playbook: Maven Collective Reveals Growth Strategies from Global Benchmarking Report

Exclusive insights from Maven Collective's 2025 Microsoft Partner Report reveal what top-performing Partners do differently - and why it works.

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, July 10, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- What sets highgrowth Microsoft Partners apart in today's competitive landscape? A newly released global report from Maven Collective Marketing, the multi-awardwinning B2B agency dedicated to



Microsoft Partners, uncovers the strategies driving standout growth and the critical oversights that are holding others back.

Drawing on insights from over 200 Microsoft Partners across four continents and analyzing more

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than 50,000 data points, the newly released <u>2025 Microsoft</u> <u>Partner Benchmarking & Strategic Insights Report</u> identifies the strategic patterns behind top-tier performance, while also revealing the missed opportunities and missteps that hinder growth for others in the Microsoft ecosystem.

"Microsoft Partners want to know what actually works, and we set out to deliver those answers with data, not

guesswork," said Erica Hakonson, CEO of Maven Collective Marketing. "This Report cuts through the noise to reveal the proven strategies that drive real, scalable growth."

Marketplace Listings Fuel 3X More Leads for High-Performing Partners

One of the Report's most compelling findings highlights the growing impact of Microsoft

Marketplace listings. Eighty-nine percent of surveyed Partners are listed on at least one Microsoft Marketplace, and for top performers, nearly half of their highest-quality leads (46%) originate from those listings.

"Marketplace listings are no longer optional; they've become a critical growth channel within the Microsoft ecosystem," Ms. Hakonson noted. "Survey responses revealed that many successful Partners view Marketplace as essential, not just for lead generation, but for building stronger alignment with Microsoft."

Key Growth Drivers from the 2025 Microsoft Partner Report

Beyond expected best practices, the Report uncovers powerful, but often overlooked, strategies that set high-performing Microsoft Partners apart:

—Microsoft Designations Open the Door to Funding: 93% of Partners hold at least one Microsoft designation, and of those, 86% receive funding through programs like MDF, ECIF, or PoC credits, accelerating go-to-market momentum.

—Community Participation Builds Strategic Influence: 85% of Partners actively engage in Microsoft-aligned communities, with the majority attending two or more conferences annually, to expand visibility, build connections, and deepen their relationships within the ecosystem.

—Marketing Investment Correlates with Conversion Success: 87% of Partners invest over 2% of their annual revenue in marketing. Those allocating 11-15% report the highest lead-to-close conversion rates—ranging from 51% to 75%—demonstrating a clear link between investment and results.

"Many Partners still misunderstand what Microsoft truly prioritizes," emphasized Ms. Hakonson. "Technical expertise is just the starting point. What Microsoft really values are solutions that are repeatable, scalable, and tightly aligned to their go-to-market strategy."

Read the full Maven Collective <u>2025 Microsoft Partner Benchmarking & Insights Report</u> to explore the strategies shaping Partner success in the Microsoft ecosystem.

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services, such as: GTM Microsoft Marketplace listing, Microsoft Marketplace Co-Sell Readiness Packages, ISV Partner Program Development, and proprietary Microsoft Partner Self-Audit products.

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