

## Thales extends its collaboration with Microsoft, integrating advanced cybersecurity services with Azure Sentinel as a Microsoft Intelligent Security Association member



Thales announced today the extension of its collaboration with Microsoft. The Group strengthens its security supervision offer by integrating and securing a solution based on Microsoft Azure Sentinel. Thales has also joined the Microsoft Intelligent Security Association (MISA) as a Managed Security Services Provider (MSSP). MISA is an ecosystem of independent software vendors and managed security providers who have integrated their solutions with Microsoft to better defend against a world of increasing threats.

*“Most of our clients are still engaged in their cloud transformation, often leveraging Microsoft’s cloud solutions among others,” said Jean-Marie Letort, Vice-President, Cybersecurity Consulting & Operations, Thales. “The acceleration of the digital transformation usually results in a complex architecture involving private and public cloud, multiple providers, with some key elements remaining on premise, not to mention the IT and OT convergence. At Thales, we manage this complexity from a cybersecurity standpoint, by providing – through our worldwide network of cybersecurity operations centers – adapted and evolutionary solutions tailored for our very demanding clients. As a new member of MISA, we strengthen our relationship with Microsoft to provide MSSP services leveraging the Microsoft security ecosystems for Azure and Microsoft 365”.*

Thales works with the best-in-class cybersecurity providers, while developing some specific solutions to augment detection and response capabilities. The Group’s advanced analytics or intelligence tools combined with Azure and Microsoft 365 bring significant efficiency improvement in detection, investigation and response.

*“This MISA membership complements our extensive collaboration with Microsoft,” said Cecile Assie, Marketing Director, CyberDefence Solutions, Thales. “As an Independent Software Vendor (ISV) since 2019, Thales becomes one of the few MISA partners that is both an ISV and*

*an MSSP member. Thales and Microsoft joint customers can leverage from Thales' managed security services based on Microsoft Azure Sentinel for threat detection and can also increase threat prevention by enforcing Multi-Factor Authentication. Azure customers can benefit from a single-window operation for better security and threat visibility through Thales offers."*

Cybersecurity is part of Thales' DNA and is a pillar for the design of large and critical systems for avionics, ground transportation, space, defence and industrial customers. Thales has the expertise to address IT as well as OT environments using best-of-breed cloud OT technologies as Microsoft 365 Defender for IoT. Azure users will benefit from the combination of Thales longstanding cybersecurity expertise, its robust solutions in threats management process, with market leading Microsoft Cloud security solutions. Managed Security Services of Thales are tailored to each customer's security requirements and business activities. Providing in Azure Sentinel specific detection rules, or automated and human based advanced hunting capabilities enhanced with sectors threat specificities, expand detection efficiency, with a powerful cybersecurity platform.

*"I am pleased to have Thales join us as a partner in the Microsoft Intelligent Security Association (MISA). By including strategic Managed Security Services Providers (MSSPs) in MISA, we enable further collaboration between cybersecurity industry leaders in protecting and supporting our joint customers,"* **Mandana Javaheri, Director of Business Strategy, Microsoft Security Partner Development**

Joining the core ecosystem of security specialists reinforces further the capabilities of Thales' Security Operation Centre, to defend complex IT/OT systems against sophisticated attacks.

## About Thales

Thales (Euronext Paris: HO) is a global leader in advanced technologies, investing in digital and "deep tech" innovations – connectivity, big data, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and quantum computing – to build a confident future crucial for the development of our societies. The Group provides its customers – businesses, organisations and governments – in the defense, aeronautics, space, transport, and digital identity and security domains with solutions, services and products that help them fulfil their critical role, consideration for the individual being the driving force behind all decisions.

Thales has 81,000 employees in 68 countries. In 2020 the Group generated sales of €17 billion.

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