

# Cisco Announces Strategic Partnership

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**\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\*** **Cisco Announces Partnership with Microsoft to Enhance Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) Solutions** SAN JOSE, CA – October 26, 2023 – Cisco today announced a strategic partnership with Microsoft to integrate Cisco's industry-leading Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) architecture with Microsoft Azure Active Directory and Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps. This collaboration will provide organizations with a simplified, more secure, and integrated approach to connecting and protecting their hybrid workforce. The partnership addresses the growing need for comprehensive security solutions as businesses increasingly adopt cloud-based applications and remote work models. By tightly integrating Cisco's SASE components, including Cisco Umbrella and SD-WAN, with Microsoft's identity and access management and cloud application security offerings, organizations can achieve enhanced visibility, improved threat protection, and streamlined management across their entire network. The integration will enable zero-trust network access, ensuring that only authorized users and devices can access sensitive resources, regardless of their location. This collaboration empowers businesses to confidently embrace digital transformation while mitigating the inherent risks associated with modern work environments. The integration will provide unified policy enforcement across Cisco and Microsoft security products, enabling security teams to respond faster and more effectively to potential threats. Joint customers will benefit from simplified deployment and management through a single pane of glass, reducing operational complexity and improving overall security posture. A phased rollout of integrated features is planned, starting with enhanced identity-based access control and cloud application visibility. "We are committed to delivering the most comprehensive and effective security solutions to our customers," said Jeetu Patel, Executive Vice President and General Manager, Security and Collaboration at Cisco. "Our partnership with Microsoft allows us to seamlessly integrate our industry-leading SASE capabilities with Microsoft's robust identity and cloud security offerings, providing organizations with the integrated and agile security they need to thrive in today's dynamic threat landscape." **About Cisco** Cisco (NASDAQ: CSCO) is the worldwide technology leader that securely connects everything to make anything possible. Our purpose is to power an inclusive future for all by helping our customers reimagine their applications, secure their data, transform their infrastructure, and empower their teams for a global and inclusive future. Discover more at [newsroom.cisco.com](http://newsroom.cisco.com) and follow us on Twitter at @Cisco.

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