## Schneider Electric Offers Exclusive First In-Store Experience for Wiser Air Wi-Fi Smart Thermostats in Microsoft Stores

Microsoft Azure Cloud Platform and Windows 10 enable new levels of security and reliability for Schneider Electric's customers

Andover, MA. – July 12, 2016 – Schneider Electric, a global specialist in energy management and automation, today announced the availability of Wiser Air Wi-Fi smart thermostats in select Microsoft Stores across the U.S. and on microsoftstore.com. The Wi-Fi connected thermostat brings the power of Microsoft Azure and Windows 10 to Wiser Air™ smart thermostats to provide improved security, scalability, reliability and energy efficiency. This extension of Schneider Electric's collaboration with Microsoft, launched in 2015, brings Wiser Air to life in Microsoft Stores through an exclusive in-store experience for the connected home and energy management.

As the Internet of Things (IoT) becomes an integral part of life, homeowners are increasingly adopting new technology and engaging in new ways to monitor energy use. Yet increased connectivity brings a growing concern about how to keep data safe and secure. With the availability of Wiser Air in Microsoft stores, homeowners now have a resource to bridge the gap between security concerns and adoption of smart home technology by engaging with experts and walking through one of the only Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat applications specifically designed for Windows 10 devices. Wiser Air helps homeowners meet energy efficiency needs while engaging in a meaningful way. Through this collaboration with Microsoft, consumers can trust Wiser Air will protect their data while offering simple on-the-go home control and greater energy management opportunities.

"Protection of information is always top of mind as Schneider Electric creates more sophisticated home energy management solutions. Thanks to the security features created by Microsoft, homeowners who use Wiser Air know they have access to the latest data security technology," said Yann Kulp, Vice President of SmartSpace, Schneider Electric. "This alliance gives homeowners peace of mind."

Azure is trusted by organizations both big and small to help protect sensitive organization and customer data. The platform's scalability features allow customers to quickly scale their data up and down and doing so is no longer an expensive part of data collection, but a tool that seamlessly reacts to the amount of use on the system. Azure has been a preferred provider for Schneider Electric's software applications since 2013.

"Microsoft has invested in delivering a cloud platform that provides the foundation for digital transformation, whether for consumers or enterprises, and we are excited to extend our work with Schneider Electric," said Caglayan Arkan, GM, Microsoft Worldwide Manufacturing and Resources Sector. "The Microsoft Azure cloud platform provides industry-leading security features along with the performance and scalability Schneider needs to provide real-time, actionable insights for the many consumers who will be using Wiser Air, making their homes smarter."

Building on Schneider Electric's more than 100-year history in energy management and patented HVAC Technology, Wiser Air maximizes energy savings without sacrificing design or advanced functionality. Wiser Air provides a powerful engagement experience that gives homeowners the ability to easily manage their energy usage. Available on multiple platforms, Wiser Air's mobile application is one of the

only Wi-Fi Smart Thermostat applications specifically designed for Windows 10 devices. The easy-to-use design offers a consistent, user-friendly experience across devices, top-ranked accurate weather information, and quick comfort features like Comfort Boost designed to quickly match the preferred temperature and increase comfort.

As a leader in connected devices with hundreds of utility customers and 1,300 field service engineers across the U.S., Schneider Electric provides intelligent home energy management solutions to drive greater energy efficiency and enhance engagement. Wiser Air was launched to consumers November 2015 and is now running on Azure for all customers. To learn more, visit, www.wiserair.com

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Schneider Electric is the global specialist in energy management and automation. With revenues of ~€27 billion in FY2015, our 160,000+ employees serve customers in over 100 countries, helping them to manage their energy and process in ways that are safe, reliable, efficient and sustainable. From the simplest of switches to complex operational systems, our technology, software and services improve the way our customers manage and automate their operations. Our connected technologies reshape industries, transform cities and enrich lives. At Schneider Electric, we call this Life Is On.

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