Data Solutions Architect

We are seeking a **Data Solutions Architect** to provide architectural oversight and establish standards, governance, and frameworks for Azure-based data solutions. The role will involve working closely with internal stakeholders, development teams (both internal and offshore), and enterprise cloud services to ensure all solutions are aligned to strategic data principles.

This is a delivery-focused role, responsible for shaping architectural practices, embedding standards, and enabling teams to deliver high-quality data and integration solutions.

Key Responsibilities

Define and Document Azure Development Standards

- Develop standards and guidelines covering integration patterns, naming conventions, security, deployment practices, and monitoring.
- Ensure accessibility and alignment with enterprise-wide architecture principles.

Establish Governance Framework

- Create a lightweight solution architecture review and approval process for data projects.
- Collaborate with Cloud and Enterprise Architecture teams to align governance practices.

Provide Architectural Oversight

- Ensure ongoing and new developments are aligned with strategic principles such as reusability, modularity, data quality, and scalability.
- Participate in planning and review sessions to maintain architectural consistency.

Develop Reusable Architecture Assets

Build and maintain a library of architecture templates, solution blueprints, and decision records for wider reuse.

Support Development Teams

- Act as a point of contact for architecture-related queries.
- Provide guidance to internal and offshore teams during sprint planning and technical design phases.

Contribute to Team Scaling

Support onboarding of new staff and contractors by embedding architectural standards and frameworks.

Knowledge Sharing & Enablement

Lead knowledge-sharing sessions or walkthroughs for the wider data solutions team to embed consistent architectural practices.

Contribute to Planning Activities

Provide architectural input into programme increment planning and align with broader delivery priorities.

Candidate Profile

The ideal candidate will have:

- Proven experience as a **Data / Solutions Architect** in large, complex enterprise environments.

- Strong expertise in **Microsoft Azure**, including integration services (Logic Apps, Event Grid/Event Bus, Data Factory, Service Bus).

- Experience defining **enterprise-grade standards, patterns, and governance frameworks**.

- Strong understanding of **data integration, data quality, and master data management principles**.

- Ability to provide guidance and oversight to **development teams** (internal and offshore).

- Excellent communication and stakeholder engagement skills, with the ability to influence and drive consistency.