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## **GFT achieves the Mainframe Modernization Expertise status with Google Cloud**

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- Expertise status reinforces GFTs' experience as a Google Cloud Global Mainframe Modernization Partner

**Stuttgart, 25 March, 2021 – GFT has achieved the Mainframe Modernization Expertise status in Google Cloud's Partner Advantage Program. By partnering with Google Cloud, GFT is able to provide enterprise clients an alternative platform strategy to maximize the value of their mainframe-based applications and existing systems. Optimized mainframes help accelerate sales and development initiatives while providing clients with more choices and agility.**

Mainframes are still used to run core business functions and are estimated to be used by over 70% of Fortune 500 companies. Modernizing mainframes and migrating to Google Cloud helps businesses reduce costs, increase productivity, and create greater agility and innovation opportunities.

GFT's Mainframe Modernization solution is designed to address all sectors, including banking, finance, health care, insurance, utilities, telecom, energy, and government. By achieving this Expertise status, GFT's offering provides value by enabling its clients to extend and exploit their IT enterprise asset portfolio and embrace modern Cloud computing.

"We're excited that GFT has achieved the Mainframe Modernization Expertise," said Paul Ikin, Global Partner Engagement Manager for Google Cloud's Legacy Modernization Enterprise Transformation Practice. "This achievement reflects GFT's significant experience in mainframe modernization and dedication to providing customers with the ability to innovate and embrace cloud technologies."

Soheil Negahbani, GFT's US Executive Director and Head of Google Cloud Business Unit, comments: "Our offering combines GFT's long-standing mainframe expertise with Google Cloud's vision, and enterprise capabilities. As GFT is one of the early adopters of Google's G4 platform and were included in the first wave of partners to be trained, GFT and Google Cloud are especially well-equipped to deliver a highly practical, effective, and comprehensive mainframe modernization journey and experience."

Marco Santos, Group Chief Executive & Region Manager USA and Latin America adds, "The Google Cloud Mainframe Modernization Expertise designation serves as external validation of GFT's capability to deliver turnkey solutions, covering all phases of the project from assessment to design, execution, testing, and support, ultimately creating room for innovation for clients in all sectors. Being among just a few partners to hold this designation is a great testament to the effort we've been putting into building our cloud expertise."

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**About GFT:**

GFT is driving the digital transformation of the world's leading companies in the financial and insurance sectors, as well as in the manufacturing industry. As an IT services and software engineering provider, GFT offers strong consulting and development skills across all aspects of pioneering technologies, such as cloud engineering, artificial intelligence, mainframe modernisation and the Internet of Things for Industry 4.0.

With its in-depth technological expertise, profound market know-how and strong partnerships, GFT implements scalable IT solutions to increase productivity. This provides clients with faster access to new IT applications and innovative business models, while also reducing risk.

Founded in 1987 and located in more than 15 markets to ensure close proximity to its clients, GFT employs over 6,000 experts. GFT provides them with career opportunities in all areas of software engineering and innovation. The GFT Technologies SE share is listed in the Prime Standard segment of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (ticker: GFT-XE).

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