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The FY27 Guide Skipped the One Desk That Needed It

Three hundred pages of FY27 terms landed this week. Somebody forwarded them to whoever manages the Microsoft relationship. Nobody forwarded them to the person who sets this year's plan.

That's the pattern that costs partners the most, and it repeats every fiscal year. Microsoft doesn't publish incentive terms as an operations memo. It publishes them as a statement of how it wants to work with partners this year, and that statement rarely reaches the desk of the person who's supposed to act on it.

This year the statement is louder than usual. Microsoft put a hard ceiling on concurrent engagement volume. It set a minimum performance bar to stay eligible for new investment. It widened Copilot Studio Platform eligibility across three solution areas instead of one. None of those changes explain themselves, and none of them show up in a growth plan that got finalized before anyone read past the summary email.

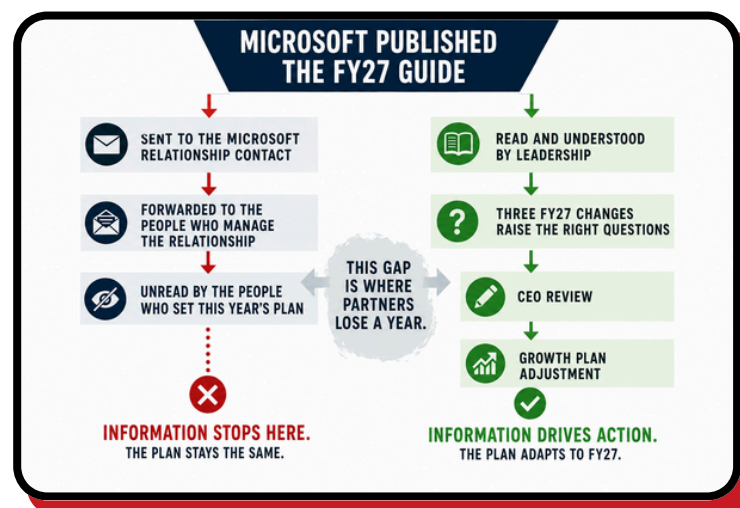
What does a claim-volume ceiling mean if this year's plan assumes scaling co-selling? What does a results-based eligibility bar mean for which engagements are worth pursuing versus which ones just look active? What does rewarding breadth across solution areas mean for a partner who spent three years narrowing to one? Those are CEO questions. They don't have generic answers, and RYZE isn't going to hand you one that fits a partner it hasn't looked at.

What changes for a partner running a system isn't having these answers by August. It's that the CEO is the one asking the questions, working from the actual document and Microsoft's own FY27 briefing, not a secondhand summary discovered mid-year when a number stops matching expectations.

"Microsoft published its FY27 terms. The question is whether you read them, or waited for someone to summarize them."



Rob Fegan



RYZER Tips

- **A hard ceiling on concurrent claims is a capacity constraint** on this year's growth plan, not an operations detail to hand off.
- **A minimum performance bar to stay eligible for new investment** means Microsoft is now underwriting partners on demonstrated results, not claimed activity.
- **Widening Copilot Studio Platform eligibility across three solution areas** is Microsoft rewarding breadth, which is a positioning call, not a technical one.

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“Does the new performance bar change which engagements are worth pursuing?”

Yes. Activity alone no longer earns future investment. Prioritize engagements your team can complete successfully, then use your own Partner Center performance data to decide where to scale.

“Should only our Microsoft lead attend MCAPS Start for Partners?”

No. Microsoft will outline where FY27 investment is going. If the people setting your growth strategy aren't hearing that message firsthand, they're planning with secondhand information.

WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

1

DOWNLOAD THE FY27 COMMERCIAL PARTNER INCENTIVES GUIDE



Read it yourself before anyone summarizes it for you.

2

REGISTER FOR MCAPS START FOR PARTNERS — JULY 22



Register your leadership team, not just whoever owns the Microsoft relationship.

3

BLOCK TIME AFTER JULY 22 TO REVISIT THIS YEAR'S GROWTH PLAN



This is where most partners stop and don't — don't be most partners.

THIS STEP IS WHERE MOST PARTNERS STOP AND DON'T.



READ. ATTEND. REVIEW. THEN ADJUST YOUR PLAN.

What's New for Partners: July 2026

[AI Business Solutions FY27 Partner Investments Community Call: July 8](#)

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RYZER Feedback

We want to hear from you!

This week's question: *Have you read what changed in FY27 yourself, or are you waiting for someone to tell you what it means for your plan?*

Send your reply to ryzeup@ryze-partners.com. We'll feature a few partner perspectives in an upcoming issue of the RYZE Report.

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