



## Autodesk Named One of Institutional Investor's Most Shareholder-Friendly Companies

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SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Feb. 17 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Autodesk, Inc. (Nasdaq: ADSK) today announced that it has been named by Institutional Investor magazine as one of "America's Most Shareholder-Friendly Companies" in their first annual survey. Ranked as one of the top four technology companies in the software sector, Autodesk was selected by more than a thousand portfolio managers and analysts worldwide for the high quality of the company's corporate governance and investor relations practice.

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"It's an honor to be recognized for our achievements to make Autodesk one of the most shareholder-friendly companies in the country," said Sue Pirri, vice president of Investor Relations at Autodesk, Inc. "Autodesk strives to provide its shareholders with clear and consistent communications. We understand the importance of corporate governance and we continue to evolve our practices in both areas to meet the needs of our shareholders."

To select "America's Most Shareholder-Friendly Companies" Institutional Investor surveyed more than 841 portfolio managers and analysts at more than 392 asset management firms in the United States and abroad. Analysts were asked to name the companies in their areas of expertise that are the most attentive to shareholders, while taking the quality of the companies' governance and investor relations practices into consideration.

### About Autodesk

Autodesk, Inc. is wholly focused on ensuring that great ideas are turned into reality. With seven million users, Autodesk is the world's leading software and services company for the manufacturing, infrastructure, building, digital media and wireless data services fields. Autodesk's solutions help customers create, manage and share their data and digital assets more effectively. As a result, customers turn ideas into competitive advantage by becoming more productive, streamlining project efficiency and maximizing profits. Founded in 1982, Autodesk is headquartered in San Rafael, California. For additional information about Autodesk, please visit [www.autodesk.com](http://www.autodesk.com).

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