

IBM Wins VMware Innovation Award as Global Systems Outsourcer Partners Awarded for Extraordinary Performance and Notable Achievements

ARMONK, N.Y., June 9, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- IBM (NYSE:[IBM](#)) today announced that the company has been honored as the winner of the VMware 2016 Global System's Outsourcer Partner Innovation Award. IBM was recognized at VMware Partner Leadership Summit 2017, held in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.

"VMware is pleased to recognize this year's Global Partner Innovation Award winners, which are given to a select group of partners for their exceptional efforts in 2016," said Ross Brown, senior vice president, Worldwide Partners and Alliances, VMware. "VMware is proud to see IBM win the Global Systems Outsourcer Partner award, and we look forward to our continued collaboration."

"It's an honor to be recognized as a leader in the IT Infrastructure space," said Max Michaels, general manager of IBM, Network Services. "Cloud has taken over computing and storage systems, and cloud-driven networks are now making software-defined infrastructure (SDI) a reality. The transition to SDI requires innovative strategies and security-centered architectures that IBM Global Technology Services offers based on our track record and experience in enterprise transformation."

Recipients of a Global VMware Partner Innovation Award were acknowledged in 21 categories for outstanding performance and distinctive achievements during 2016.

About VMware Partner Leadership Summit

VMware Partner Leadership Summit 2017 offered VMware partners the opportunity to engage with VMware executives and industry peers to explore business opportunities, customer use cases, solution practices and partnering best practices. An invitation-only event, VMware Partner Leadership Summit 2017 provided partners with resources to develop and execute comprehensive go-to-market plans in 2017 and beyond. The event concluded with awards ceremonies recognizing exemplary achievements in the VMware Partner ecosystem.

About IBM Global Technology Services

IBM Global Technology Services offers end-to-end IT consulting and business services supported by an unparalleled global delivery network that is transforming its business to lead in an era of Cognitive and Cloud. As a cloud services integrator, GTS is managing the services and underlying infrastructure in an integrated and unified way. It is modernizing clients' IT environments to help them meet the increasingly complex customer demands. GTS provides clients with innovative technology solutions that help them to improve their business processes and in turn, profitability.

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