

IBM Named a Leader in Gartner's Magic Quadrant for its Flash Storage Solutions Wide portfolio of storage solutions addresses clients of all sizes, industries

ARMONK, N.Y., July 24, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- IBM (NYSE:[IBM](#)) has been recognized as a Leader in the Gartner Magic Quadrant for Solid-State Arrays (SSA) for the fourth year in a row.¹

According to Gartner, "Vendors in the Leaders quadrant have the highest scores for their Ability to Execute and Completeness of Vision. A vendor in the Leaders quadrant has the market share, credibility, and marketing and sales capabilities needed to drive the acceptance of new technologies. These vendors demonstrate a clear understanding of market needs; they are innovators and thought leaders; and they have well-articulated plans that customers and prospects can use when designing their storage infrastructures and strategies. In addition, they have a presence in all four major geographical regions, consistent financial performance and broad platform support."

IBM's position as a leader comes after it announced its [development of Non-Volatile Memory Express \(NVMe\) solutions](#) to provide clients the ability to significantly lower latencies in an effort to speed data to and from storage solutions and systems as well as [new hybrid-cloud, all-flash family of storage solutions](#) for mainframe users, which helps automate the movement of data to and from the cloud.

Clients rely on these technologies to quickly access the mounting volumes. For example, [Sidra](#), a groundbreaking hospital, biomedical research and educational institution, chose IBM solutions to manage and store clinical genome sequencing data as well as to provide the organization's biomedical informatics technology infrastructure capabilities that will serve as a national resource. The IBM platform is used for data management and storage, bioinformatics and High Performance Computing (HPC).

A number of IBM solutions underpin Sidra's analytics and data architecture, including:

- [IBM Flash Storage systems](#) to accelerate access to critical meta data by the Sidra community;
- [IBM Software defined infrastructure](#) as a workload and resource manager, to ease the management of big data analytics, and to scale up capabilities to manage HPC analytics involving hundreds of thousands of jobs and vast amounts of data.

"Client deployments, such as Sidra, demonstrate IBM's differentiation with our wide range of storage solutions – both all flash and Software defined storage - that bring clear advantage to client environments from medical and research facilities to in retail organizations," said Ed Walsh, general manager, IBM Storage and Software Defined Infrastructure. "These clients drive our commitment to continually develop innovative solutions – for example NVMe - that will provide increased business value from our clients' oceans of data, be that on premises or part of a hybrid cloud environment."

For more information about IBM Flash Storage, visit www.ibm.com/storage/flash and follow us on Twitter @IBMStorage.

¹ Gartner, Magic Quadrant for Solid-State Arrays, 13 July 2017

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