An Introduction to the STAC Benchmark Council

The STAC Benchmark™ Council consists of the individuals who set the direction for high-performance technology in finance. Leaders from over 200 financial institutions and more than 50 vendor organizations (listed on the following pages) contribute to the Council's two primary missions:

1. To develop and promote the use of standard technology benchmarks based on workloads strategically important to financial organizations (typically analyzing the entire solution "stack").

2. To facilitate substantive dialog among end-user organizations and vendors about important engineering challenges and the latest solutions for them.

Since 2007, the Council has taken on a range of big-data, big-compute, and low-latency workloads. Users and vendors collaborate to develop STAC Benchmarks, but only the user firms can vote. This keeps benchmarks focused on real business needs and accelerates the test-specification process.

Benchmark tools are developed in a community-source model, with a fee for access to the community. STAC uses these benchmark standards to provide STAC Reports™ on the latest solution stacks. Some reports are free to the public, while others are reserved for community members. Time has shown that STAC Benchmarks significantly accelerate technology selection at user firms while shortening the sales cycle for vendors.

The Council has several special interest groups and benchmark working groups that meet mostly by teleconference, as well as general meetings called STAC Summits twice per year in New York, London, and Chicago.

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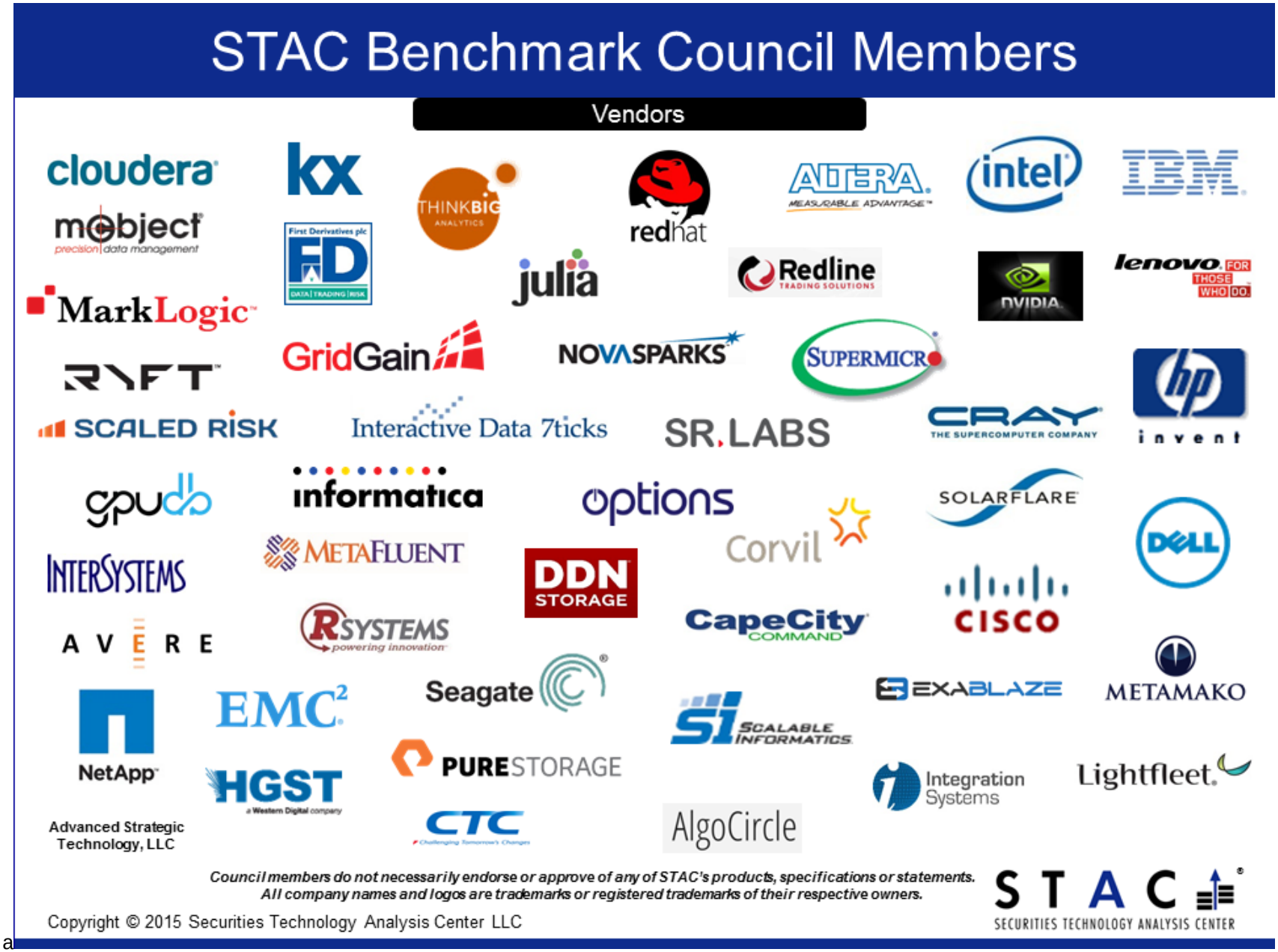

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