



## 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 500 financial institutions and more than 70 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.



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

**Dialog:** In addition to periodic special interest group meetings, the Council has STAC Summits twice per year in New York, London, Chicago and Asia to discuss the latest technical solutions for the business challenges facing financial firms. STAC Summits cover much more than benchmarks and attract the highest caliber attendees in the industry.

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