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Fortinet Positioned in the Leaders Quadrant for Unified Threat Management

Magic Quadrant Evaluation Based on Completeness of Vision and Ability to Execute

SUNNYVALE, CA, Oct 28, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Fortinet(R) (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a leading network security provider and the worldwide leader of unified threat management (UTM) solutions -- today announced that it has been positioned by Gartner, Inc. in the leaders quadrant of the "Magic Quadrant for Unified Threat Management" report. Fortinet is recognized for both its "completeness of vision" and "ability to execute" based on evaluation of its FortiGate(R) multi-threat security appliances.

According to the Gartner report, the continued evolution of threats, as well as audit and regulatory demands, will require businesses to move toward the more advanced features of UTM, which include multiple security functions in a single appliance. Quantifying this growth, the Gartner report states that in 2009, the worldwide UTM market was worth approximately \$1.5 billion, representing 25% growth over Gartner's 2007 estimate, with a forecast of 20% to 25% compound annual growth rate through 2012. This market is largely driven by turnkey appliance solutions, although there are pure software UTM solutions available.

Also, as the report's authors state: "Vendors in this quadrant lead the market in offering new safeguarding features, and in enabling customers to deploy them inexpensively without significantly affecting the end-user experience or increasing staffing burdens. These vendors also have a good track record of avoiding vulnerabilities in their security products. Common characteristics include reliability, consistent throughput, and a product that's intuitive to manage and administer."

"Since pioneering the UTM market 10 years ago, Fortinet has helped to address the security needs of more than 100,000 customers worldwide, including the majority of the global Fortune 100 enterprises," said Ken Xie, founder, president and CEO of Fortinet. "We believe that our position as a leader in Gartner's Magic Quadrant for Unified Threat Management is further testament to our steadfast commitment to innovation, as well as meeting the evolving security requirements of all-sized enterprises, telecommunication carriers and service providers."

Fortinet's FortiGate appliances provide a high-performance, consolidated array of security and networking functions including complete content protection against network, content, and application-level threats without degrading network availability and uptime. All FortiGate systems are ASIC-accelerated security appliances that integrate core security and network functionalities including firewall, SSL and IPSec VPN, antivirus, intrusion prevention, Web filtering, antispam, application control, data loss prevention, SSL traffic inspection and WAN optimization. FortiGate's unique approach combines custom FortiASIC(TM) processors with latest generation general CPUs to minimize packet processing while accurately scanning the data for threats. Custom FortiASIC processors enable organizations to detect malicious content- and connection-based threats at multi-Gigabit speeds.

For more information on Fortinet solutions, please visit: www.fortinet.com/products.

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Source: Gartner, Inc., "Magic Quadrant for Unified Threat Management" by John Pescatore and Bob Walder, Oct. 22, 2010.

About Fortinet (<u>www.fortinet.com</u>) Fortinet (NASDAQ: FTNT) is a worldwide provider of network security appliances and the market leader in unified threat management (UTM). Our products and subscription services provide broad, integrated and high-performance protection against dynamic security threats while simplifying the IT security infrastructure. Our customers include enterprises, service providers and government entities worldwide, including the majority of the 2009 Fortune Global 100. Fortinet's flagship FortiGate product delivers ASIC-accelerated performance and integrates multiple layers of security designed to help protect against application and network threats. Fortinet's broad product line goes beyond UTM to help secure the extended enterprise -- from endpoints, to the perimeter and the core, including databases and applications. Fortinet is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif., with offices around the world.

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