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Fortinet's Bryan Wood Named Top 50 Midmarket IT Vendor Executive for 2014 by Midsize Enterprise Summit

Wood Is Recognized by The Channel Company for His Leadership That Has Helped Drive Sales, Increase Profitability and Expand Footprint With Midmarket Enterprise Customers

SUNNYVALE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 09/17/14 -- Fortinet® (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a global leader in high-performance network security, announced today that Bryan Wood has been named to this year's Top 50 Midmarket IT Vendor Executive list, featuring the industry's most influential vendor executives who serve midmarket and midsize customers. The list shines a spotlight on the professionals driving one of the most important customer segments in the industry today.

Since stepping up to his role in 2013, Wood has been instrumental in expanding company presence in the midmarket and making new inroads with midsize customers. In July, Wood helped oversee Fortinet's continued midmarket push with the launch of two new next-generation firewall platforms -- the FortiGate-300D and FortiGate-500D -- which provided mid-enterprises with five times next-generation performance, as well as advanced threat protection capabilities and easy to manage functionality at an affordable price point. Fortinet also forged new paths in the midmarket under Wood's leadership again in August 2014, when the company unveiled six new products under the moniker of "Connected UTM," incorporating FortiGate Unified Threat Management (UTM), FortiWiFi and FortiPresence analytics solutions, which catered to midmarket branch offices, retail and other distributed enterprises.

"I am honored to be included in the Channel Company's Top 50 Midmarket IT Vendor Executive list," said Bryan Wood, vice president of US channels and mid-enterprise sales for Fortinet. "This recognition speaks to Fortinet's ongoing demonstrated commitment to the midsize enterprise and midmarket customers. Midmarket organizations constantly face a balancing act between quality, high-performance solutions and affordability. Fortinet fulfills both needs. We're continuing our efforts to expand our presence in this dynamic and evolving space by offering high-performance, enterprise-class products coupled with competitive pricing, so customers can continue to be protected against today's advanced threats."

"The executives named and the companies they represent serve the midmarket with unwavering commitment, and are dedicated to creating solutions that meet the unique needs of this market," said Robert C. DeMarzo, senior vice president of strategic content, XChange Events. "Our Midsize Enterprise Summit is an ideal venue to honor these deserving leaders, and we congratulate each executive on their success."

The Top 50 Midmarket IT Vendor Executive list was unveiled at the <u>Midsize Enterprise Summit</u> (MES), September 14-16 at the Gaylord Texan Resort in Dallas, TX. In addition, the list of executives is featured in a slideshow on <u>CRN.com</u>, a leading source for IT industry news. Visit <u>http://www.xchange-events.com/mes50</u> for access to the slideshow.

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