



Fortinet's FortiGate Multi-Threat Security Solutions Receive Positive Technology Audit From Ovum

Market Research Firm Recognizes Fortinet's FortiGate Product Family as a Strong Answer to Today's Enterprise Network Security Challenges

SUNNYVALE, CA, May 25, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Fortinet(R) (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a leading network security provider and worldwide leader of unified threat management (UTM) solutions -- today announced that leading market research firm Ovum, a Datamonitor company, has published a positive Technology Audit on Fortinet's FortiGate(R) family of multi-threat network security appliances. The research firm recognizes FortiGate's strong integrated and centrally managed network security capabilities, which are particularly suited for large enterprises and service providers.

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"Many enterprises today are reconsidering their deployment strategy of stand-alone network security solutions, which makes management an expensive and resource-intensive task," said Graham Titterington, senior research analyst at Ovum. "Fortinet offers, through its FortiGate product line, a fully integrated range of security services designed to provide clean communications pipes to help protect customers from an increasingly sophisticated range of malicious threats security. Its technical independence makes it a strong partner of choice for companies looking for comprehensive and robust security at a low cost of ownership."

Ovum made the following observations about the FortiGate product line in its Technology Audit:

- FortiGate's strength lies in its ability to maintain business continuity and sustain normal processing speeds while maintaining an effective defense against network and application threats,
- FortiGate enables real-time analysis of network content and speeds up routines for rigorous content protection through its high-performance security ASIC processor (FortiASIC) and its Content Pattern Recognition Language (CPRL),
- FortiGate's Complete Content Protection (CCP) capability provides deep content inspection beyond application control, allowing the detection of a variety of threats, including inappropriate web content, email spam, spyware, and phishing attacks,
- FortiGate includes a functionally complete stateful-inspection firewall that delivers strong protection while maintaining enterprise-level throughput performance and scalability,
- Fortinet's dynamic approach to virtualization supports the management of multiple domains and brings with it scalability and performance capable of supporting thousands of virtual networks,
- Unlike most of its competitors, Fortinet's technical independence enables it to tailor its services to its clients' needs,
- The FortiGate product suite is suitable for enterprises of all sizes, and Fortinet is making significant traction in large enterprises, financial services verticals, telecoms and the public sector.

"The FortiGate product line was built on the idea that single point solutions could not address the growing sophistication of blended attacks and meet the requirements of IT security departments in terms of flexibility, scalability and TCO," said Patrick Bedwell, vice president of product marketing. "I'm pleased that Ovum's Technology Audit echoes that vision by considering integrated network security strategy as an essential and effective approach to provide cost-effective protection for any types of businesses, including large enterprises and service providers."

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but also the technology that organizations must support. Ovum is part of the Datamonitor group.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com) 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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