



WatchGuard Positioned in 'Leaders' Quadrant by Leading Industry Analyst Firm

UTM Leader WatchGuard Recognized in Magic Quadrant for SMB Multifunction Firewalls

July 15 2009: WatchGuard Technologies, a global leader in extensible network security and connectivity solutions, has announced that Gartner, the leading provider of research and analysis on the global IT industry, positioned WatchGuard Technologies in the "Leaders" quadrant of its SMB Multifunction Firewalls Magic Quadrant(i).

"Since 1996, WatchGuard has been a stalwart leader of firewall technology, and today we are proud to be acknowledged by Gartner - the authority on network security - as a leader of multifunction firewalls," said Joe Wang, CEO, WatchGuard Technologies. "For all sizes and types of businesses, WatchGuard provides formidable, yet easy to use, network security solutions that integrate firewall, anti-virus, intrusion prevention, web filtering, spam blocking, and remote connectivity."

According to Gartner, "The Leaders quadrant contains vendors at the forefront of making and selling multifunction firewall products that are built for SMB requirements. The requirements necessary for leadership include a wide range of models to cover SMB use cases, support for multiple features and a management and reporting capability that's designed for ease of use. Vendors in this quadrant lead the market in offering new safeguarding features and in enabling customers to deploy them inexpensively without crippling network performance. 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."

Wang concludes, "WatchGuard exhibits the leadership qualities that directly speak to the pragmatic business owner and network administrator. WatchGuard's vision is to provide dynamic network security solutions that can be added to, or extended, thus addressing new

types of threats, new types of working environments and new types of information, application and network technologies."

More information about WatchGuard security solutions is at: <http://www.watchguard.com/>.

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Since 1996, WatchGuard(R) Technologies, Inc. has been the advanced technology leader of network security solutions, providing mission-critical security to hundreds of thousands of businesses worldwide. The WatchGuard family of wired and wireless unified threat management appliances and WatchGuard SSL VPN remote access solutions provide extensible network security, unparalleled network visibility, management and control. WatchGuard products are backed by WatchGuard LiveSecurity(R) Service, an innovative support, maintenance, and education program. WatchGuard is headquartered in Seattle and has offices serving North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, and Latin America. To learn more, visit <http://www.watchguard.com/>.

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- (i) Gartner Inc. "Magic Quadrant for SMB Multifunction Firewalls" by Adam Hils and Greg Young, July 10, 2009

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