



A-Team Innovation Awards 2024 Winners' Report

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About A-Team Innovation Awards 2024

Congratulations to the winners of A-Team Group's Innovation Awards 2024. Now in their 4th year these annual awards celebrate innovative projects and teams across vendor and practitioner communities that make use of new and emerging technologies to deliver high-value solutions for financial institutions in capital markets with a focus on data management, trading technology, RegTech or ESG. The winners of the awards were announced on 30 April 2024.

This year's Innovation Awards 2024 included over 40 categories across A-Team Group's Data Management Insight, TradingTech Insight, RegTech Insight and ESG Insight news channels.

They ranged from Most Innovative Smart Trader Desktops and Workflows to Most Innovative Data Standards Initiative, Most Innovative ESG Data Solution, Most Innovative AI in Regulatory Compliance Initiative, Most Innovative Data-Driven Transformation Project, Most Innovative Financial Technology Executive, Most Innovative Professional Development Initiative, and more.

Thank you to all the practitioners and vendors that entered their groundbreaking solutions and services, and to A-Team Group's independent, expert advisory board that worked in collaboration with our editorial team to select the winners.

Finally, our compliments to all the Innovation Award winners, who should be deservedly proud of their achievement in a popular and competitive contest.

If you would like your company to be considered for future A-Team Group Innovation Awards, click [here](#), where you can add your details and be notified when we open for entries.



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President & Chief Content Officer
A-Team Group

I'd personally like to thank our advisory board for their time and valuable input.

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Digital Project Director / Innovation & Watch Leader
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Co-Author of 'Data Driven Transformation'

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Connecting regulators and the regulated to drive financial stability and a sustainable future

Our regulatory reporting solutions cover



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Regnology

Winner: Most Innovative Regulatory Reporting Solution

Regnology is a leading technology firm on a mission to bring safety and stability to the financial markets. With an exclusive focus on regulatory reporting and more than 35,000 financial institutions, 70 regulators, international organizations and tax authorities relying on our solutions to process their regulatory reporting data, we're uniquely positioned to bring greater data quality, efficiency, and cost savings to all market participants. With over 900 employees in 17 countries and a unified data ingestion model powering our work, our clients can quickly implement and derive value from our solutions and easily keep pace with ongoing regulatory changes.

Regnology was formed in 2021 when BearingPoint RegTech, a former business unit of BearingPoint Group, joined forces with Vizor Software, a global leader in regulatory and supervisory technology. The company is on a continued organic and external growth path, building up as one of the most recognized regulatory reporting powerhouses in the world.

Regnology Reporting Hub provides financial institutions with an automated regulatory data and reporting platform that streamlines all steps of the reporting cycle. The intelligent SaaS platform designed with user journey in mind, digitally transforms your regulatory reporting with a holistic view of your entire process, so that you can efficiently manage all your operations in one platform

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Interop.io

Winner: Most Innovative Smart Trader Desktops & Workflows

Buy- and sell-sides choose interop.io to automate investment management, research, and trading activities between apps, delivering streamlined workflows for increased productivity and fewer errors.

Connect everything, from market-data to spreadsheets, research systems, O/EMS and your own in-house applications. Manage the user-experience and share data between them in real-time such that they all behave as one.

Achieve one-click access to pricing and liquidity by syncing ticker information between apps. Push order or quote details directly from OMS to your preferred chat system, eliminating re-keying errors and operational risk. Incorporate legacy tech seamlessly with new web technologies.

What sets interop.io apart?

- A zero-install platform, enabling "interop everywhere" across desktop, mobile, web, and PWAs.
- An extensive library of pre-built **adapters** for key applications relied on within the industry, such as Bloomberg and Fidessa.
- Real-time capture of behavior analytics (**io.Insights**) enabling clients to understand and optimize user workflows.
- A dedicated Client Success Officer who spearheads our team of engineers and support staff to help clients innovate.

One client has calculated a 50% increase in revenue and 20% increase in productivity. Another reported interop.io has saved traders ten minutes per trade.



Dan Schleifer, Co-founder and President

About Interop.io



interop.io was formed in June 2023 through the merger of Finsemble and Glue42 to create the global powerhouse driving application interoperability in capital markets and beyond. Leveraging FDC3 and workflow automation, interop.io allows clients to create Straight-Through Workflow and benefit from unparalleled levels of business agility, a more productive workforce and better operational control. The firm holds global presence in New York, Charlottesville, London and Sofia

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Quod Financial

Winner: Most Innovative AI in Trading Initiative

At Quod Financial, we provide a comprehensive multi-asset order and execution management system tailored for both buy-side and sell-side institutions globally. Our long-standing commitment to innovation has seen us integrate machine learning to refine trading strategies, enhancing operations with predictive volume curves, instrument clustering, and advanced trading algorithms.

Our recent pioneering use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) has marked a significant milestone, earning us the accolade for the Most Innovative AI in Trading Initiative. This evolution in AI application transcends traditional execution, influencing every facet of our business—from development processes to client service enhancements. The integration of GAI into our operations has allowed us to accelerate the deployment of new features and updates, significantly reducing the time from development to delivery.

At Quod Financial, we address the greatest challenge in our industry—the speed at which safe and effective production changes can be implemented. By leveraging GAI for market simulations and automated testing, we have revolutionised how quickly we can respond to client needs and market changes.

Our leadership in applying AI technologies extends to our proactive stance on Enterprise GAI, focusing on creating a robust, efficient, and future-ready platform. This approach ensures that Quod Financial not only keeps pace with technological advancements but drives them, providing our clients with an agile and innovative trading environment.



Medan Gabbay, CRO

About Quod Financial



Quod Financial offers a true multi-asset Front to Middle Trading solution for Equities, FX, and Derivatives for Sell-Sides and Buy-Sides. As a global OMS/EMS trading technology provider, focused on automation and innovation, Quod specialises in software and services such as algorithmic trading, smart order routing, and internalisation of liquidity. Quod Financial leverages a data driven architecture to continually fuel AI/ML enhanced trading automation for liquidity venues, exchanges, retail brokers, buy-side and sell-side institutions.

www.quodfinancial.com



S&P Global Market Intelligence

Winner: Most Innovative Alternative Data Solution for Trading & Analytics

Company Connections: Detailed Estimates (CCDE), a new dataset from S&P Global Market Intelligence, is a pioneering approach to understanding the interconnectedness of companies within the financial landscape.

When new information becomes publicly available, it spreads from company to company in a predictable way; through the connections in the network. The CCDE dataset utilizes S&P Capital IQ Detailed Estimates data to describe and quantify the relationships between companies as implied from sell-side analyst coverage. While most firms only have transparency with the brokers they have a relationship with, S&P has complete visibility into all the estimates we collect and so we can provide the network to clients to enable them to capitalize on this lead/lag information flow.

The innovative methodology behind CCDE has earned S&P Global Market Intelligence the A-Team's Most Innovative Alternative Data Solution award, underscoring their commitment to delivering cutting-edge solutions to clients that drive informed investment strategies.

S&P Global Market Intelligence is a leading provider of information services and solutions to global markets, and delivers unrivaled insights and cutting-edge data and technology solutions, partnering with customers to expand their perspective, operate with confidence, and make decisions with conviction.



Liam Hynes, Head of New Product Development for Public Markets & Aditya Sharma, Director, Product Management, Alpha Signals

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SmartStream Technologies

Winner: Most Innovative Hosted / Managed Enterprise Data Management

SmartStream solutions enable organisations to unlock the value of their data. Industry-leading reconciliations solutions automate and standardise processing to enhance match rates and operational insight. They incorporate comprehensive exception management, essential for the identification, prioritisation, allocation and audit of issues identified by reconciliations. In addition, SmartStream's cloud-native, AI-based solutions are creating a revolution in the way firms study data, allowing large sets of data to be compared within seconds, regardless of format and complexity.

We're also leading the way with our reference data services, ensuring that even companies with the most complex requirements can access the high quality, reliable data they need to trade successfully and meet reporting obligations accurately.

Our technology allows customers to create flexible, agile data strategies for their digital and cloud-based operating models. By working with our Innovation Lab, they are achieving best practice implementation for AI and machine learning.

Powered by sophisticated analytics, our solutions help establish strong data management foundations, lifting operational efficiency, enhancing customer experience, improving regulatory compliance, and facilitating digital transformation. Our technology can be flexibly deployed and consumed through the cloud, as microservices, on-premise or via managed services.



Nick Smith, Head of Client Experience and Delivery

About SmartStream Technologies



SmartStream is a recognised leader in financial transaction management solutions that enable firms to improve operational control, reduce costs, build new revenue streams, mitigate risk and comply accurately with the regulators. By helping its customers through their transformative digital strategies, SmartStream provides a range of solutions for the transaction lifecycle with AI and machine learning technologies embedded. As a result, the majority of the world's top 100 banks, rely on SmartStream's solutions to deliver greater efficiency to their operations.

www.smartstream-stp.com

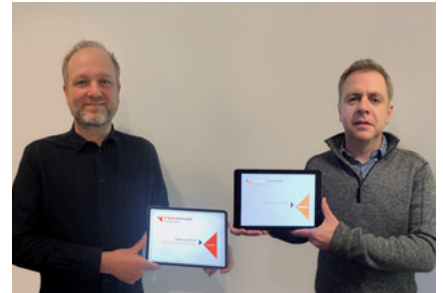


Winner: Most Innovative Data Standards Initiative

ANNA and DTIF

Created in 1992, ANNA is the central membership organisation for global national numbering agencies (NNAs). ANNA serves as the established identification and registration authority for the ISIN and FISN standards, under appointment by ISO. The DTIF, created in 2021 provides ISO standard identifiers for digital assets based on open data principles-The ANNA/DTIF partnership has a combined mandate to bring more transparency and efficiencies to new and evolving digital markets.

www.anna-web.org



Left: Stephan Dreyer, Managing Director, Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA); Right: Denis Dounaev, Product Owner, Digital Token Identifier Foundation (DTIF)



Winner: Most Innovative Data Governance Initiative

Arcesium

Modern sell-side institutions need scalable, cutting-edge technology to handle increasing financial market data volumes effectively. Arcesium's cloud-based SaaS technology provides robust data connectivity, models, and self-service tools to support various aspects of capital market firm's operations, deal structuring, and transactional services. By streamlining data ingestion, validation, harmonization, and distribution, our capabilities empower organizations to improve oversight and gain valuable insights to transform their operations and decision-making processes using synchronized data.

www.arcesium.com



Ted O'Connor, SVP, Business Development



Winner: Most Innovative Data Quality Initiative

Axoni

Axoni is a real-time data replication technology company serving the world's largest financial institutions. Axoni's platform enables rapid, reliable deployment of critical financial networks and automated, real-time data replication across market participants. Founded in 2017, the company serves banks, asset managers, hedge funds, and financial market infrastructure firms across the globe from offices in New York and London.

axoni.com



Diane Levich, Director of Marketing Communications



Winner: Most Innovative ESG Data Solution

Bloomberg Data Management Services

ESG Manager is a component of Bloomberg's Data License Plus (DL+) solution, which acquires, aggregates, organizes and links licensed Bloomberg data from multiple delivery channels into a Unified Data Model. DL+ ESG Manager connects multi-vendor ESG data to the full power of Bloomberg's transparent, consistent and comparable ESG data covering 15,000+ companies with 5,400+ data fields, as well as its reference, pricing and research datasets, resulting in greater data coverage and usability within customers' workflows.

www.bloomberg.com



Winner: Most Innovative Use of AI in an Enterprise Data Management Initiative

Canoe Intelligence

Canoe Intelligence ("Canoe") is a financial technology company dedicated to advancing alternative investment intelligence for institutional investors, capital allocators, wealth managers, and asset servicing firms. Canoe empowers clients with technology, data, and insights to manage alternative assets more efficiently, accurately, and confidently. With a commitment to innovation and excellence, Canoe is redefining the future of alternative investment data management.

canoeintelligence.com



Winner: Most Innovative Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy

CJC

CJC is the leading market data technology consultancy and service provider for global financial markets. CJC provides multi-award-winning consultancy, technical managed services, cloud solutions, and professional services for mission-critical market data systems. CJC is vendor-neutral and ISO 27001 certified, enabling partners the freedom to focus on their core business.

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Glen Grimaldi, Product Manager



Jason Eiswerth, CEO with key team members



Gina Wee - Chief Information Officer



Winner: Most Innovative Conduct Risk Project

DbCom / EQube

DbCom has 30 years of experience in providing cutting-edge financial regulatory technology solutions to global institutions. Its SaaS solution suite, EQube, is designed to meet the financial regulatory compliance needs of Broker Dealers and Investment Advisors. It offers a range of modules, such as Employee Disclosures, Written Supervisory Procedures (WSP), Operations Checklists, AML/KYC, and Reg-BI. EQube streamlines compliance processes and helps firms ensure adherence to regulatory requirements in a rapidly changing financial regulatory environment.

www.equbecompliance.com



Pravin Khanolkar, CEO



Winner: Most Innovative Professional Development Initiative

Exactpro

Exactpro is an independent provider of AI-enabled software testing services for trading and post-trade infrastructures, banks and financial technology vendors across 20+ countries. With 14+ years of domain expertise, Exactpro supports industry's major technology transformations and drives knowledge-sharing efforts in efficient quality evaluation. Are you interested in gaining a deeper understanding of your system, reducing costs, accelerating time to market, while maintaining operational resiliency and regulatory compliance? Reach out to us via our website.

exactpro.com



Iosif Itkin, CEO and Co-Founder



Winner: Most Innovative Market Data Solution

Exegy

Exegy is a global leader in intelligent market data, advanced trading and execution systems and future-proof technology and infrastructure. Backed by Marlin Equity Partners, Exegy serves as a strategic partner to the complete ecosystem of the buy side, sell side, exchanges, and ISV/technology firms around the globe.

www.exegy.com



Winner: Most Innovative API Framework /
Microservices Architecture for Trading

FXSpotStream

FXSpotStream provides a multibank FX streaming and RFS service, supporting pricing in FX Spot, Forwards, Swaps, NDF/NDS and Precious Metals. FXSpotStream eliminates the costs of execution for price takers and offers banks and clients the ability to interact bilaterally and in a fully transparent manner. Clients can access a GUI or single API from co-location sites in New York, London and Tokyo to communicate with all Liquidity Providers connected to FXSpotStream.

www.fxspotstream.com



Jeff Ward, CEO



Winner: Most Innovative Use of Open Source /
Cloud Technologies

GoldenSource

Effective data management has never been more critical for today's financial services industry. GoldenSource is the leading independent provider of E-/MDM[1] software and cloud-based EDM[2] services. For 40 years, we've exclusively served financial institutions seeking to achieve data mastery and rapidly hydrate cloud data warehouses.

www.thegoldensource.com



Jeremy Katzeff, Vice President, Head of Buy Side Solutions



Winner: Most Innovative Financial Technology Executive

Neil Vernon Chief Technology Officer, Gresham Technologies

A highly experienced financial services technologist with a commercial orientation, specialising in delivering innovative software solutions to the financial sector. With expertise deeply rooted in wholesale financial services software, comprehensive experience across Product Direction, Strategy, Program and Development Management, Implementation, Product Rollout, Business Development, and Pre-Sales Consultancy. Currently Chief Product and Innovation Officer at Gresham Tech overseeing data integrity portfolio of products and services. Previously, Senior Product Manager at SmartStream Technologies, setting the strategic direction for TLM Reconciliations, TLM Control, and related offerings.

www.greshamtech.com



Neil Vernon, Chief Technology Officer



Winner: Most Innovative Trade Surveillance Solution

ION

ION provides mission-critical trading and workflow automation software, high-value analytics and insights, and strategic consulting to financial institutions, central banks, governments, and corporations. Our solutions simplify complex processes, boost efficiency, and enable better decision-making. We build long-term client partnerships, helping transform their businesses through continuous innovation. ION-owned LIST provides financial technology trading venues, market makers, brokers, asset managers, risk managers, and compliance officers. LIST is renowned for its unique, reliable real-time and data analytics capabilities.

iongroup.com



Marco Frangi, Product Manager



Winner: Most Innovative Team

IPC Systems

IPC is a technology and service leader powering the global financial markets. We leverage 50 years of experience in delivering specialized communications solutions, helping clients anticipate, change and solve problems, setting the standard with industry expertise, exceptional service, and comprehensive technology. With a customer-first mentality, IPC brings together one of the largest and most diverse global financial ecosystems spanning all asset classes and market participants. As the enabler of this ecosystem, IPC empowers the community to interact, transact and react to market changes and challenges, and we collaborate with our customers to make them secure, productive, compliant, and connected.

www.ipc.com



Winner: Most Innovative Entity Data Hierarchies Approach

MCO (MyComplianceOffice)

MCO provides powerful compliance management software that companies around the world use to reduce the risk of misconduct and effectively oversee regulatory obligations. It is the only fully integrated compliance management platform that uses a global company and security master dataset to identify conflicts across firm transactions (deals, research, and trades), employees, and third parties and provide evidence of regulatory compliance.

www.mycomplianceoffice.com



Brian Fahey, CEO



Winner: Most Innovative Data Orchestration for Regulatory Reporting

Nasdaq

Nasdaq (Nasdaq: NDAQ) is a leading global technology company serving corporate clients, investment managers, banks, brokers, and exchange operators as they navigate and interact with the global capital markets and the broader financial system. We aspire to deliver world-leading platforms that improve the liquidity, transparency, and integrity of the global economy. Our diverse offering of data, analytics, software, exchange capabilities, and client-centric services enables clients to optimize and execute their business vision with confidence.

www.nasdaq.com



Winner: Most Innovative Client Onboarding and Lifecycle Management Solution

NICE Actimize

NICE Actimize's award-winning X-Sight Onboard offers comprehensive onboarding and Client Lifecycle Management (CLM) for regulated institutions. This solution fully automates the client onboarding process which enhances client experience while maintaining regulatory compliance. The solution's straight-through processing and advanced analytics, automated workflows, and enforced regulatory compliance based on client type, product and jurisdiction results in accelerated client onboarding times, significantly increased team efficiencies and the elimination of backlogs. A smooth onboarding experience is the lifeblood for any financial institution.

www.niceactimize.com



Cenk Ipekci, General Manager, Cloud and KYC Solutions



Winner: Most Innovative Cloud-Based Trading Analytics Initiative

oneZero

oneZero has been a leading innovator in multi-asset class enterprise trading technology for over a decade. oneZero's Hub, EcoSystem and Data Source provide a complete solution for execution, distribution and analytics. Through reliable connectivity, infrastructure and market access, oneZero empowers financial institutions and brokers to compete in the financial markets through a compliant, liquidity-neutral solution. oneZero is certified to standards of ISO 27001 information security management systems, with operations in Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America.

www.onezero.com



Andrew Ralich, CEO & Co-Founder



Winner: Most Innovative Solution for Front-Office / Trading

Overbond

Overbond is an AI quantitative analytics provider for institutional fixed income capital markets. Overbond provides data aggregation solutions and a comprehensive suite of AI algorithms for bond trading automation, pricing and liquidity discovery, pre-trade signals and market surveillance.

www.overbond.com



Vuk Magdelinic, CEO



Winner: Most Innovative Regulatory Compliance Monitoring / Management

S&P Global Market Intelligence Cappitech

S&P Global Market Intelligence Cappitech provides regulatory reporting, best execution analysis and business intelligence solutions that meet the fast-evolving needs of the largest and most complex financial and non-financial institutions. Our cloud-based, cross-regulation SaaS platform fully automates the reporting process and provides a comprehensive view on a single, intuitive dashboard for reporting regimes such as EMIR, MiFID, SFTR, FinfraG, SEC, CFTC, Canadian reporting, ASIC, MAS, JFSA, HKMA and others.

www.cappitech.com



Struan Lloyd - Managing Director - Head of Cappitech

Cappitech
S&P Global
Market Intelligence

Winner: Most Innovative AI in Regulatory Compliance Initiative

Saifr

Saifr, a RegTech incubated in Fidelity Labs, uses advanced artificial intelligence to help organizations efficiently and effectively navigate compliance and regulatory requirements. Saifr's product suite includes solutions for marketing compliance review and adverse media screening and monitoring. These solutions help save time, reduce costs, and improve accuracy while mitigating regulatory and reputational risks.

saifr.ai



Vall Herard, CEO



Winner: Most Innovative Supply Chain Risk Management / Know Your Vendor Initiative

smartKYC

smartKYC's technology drives faster, better and more cost-effective KYC at every stage of the relationship – liberating human effort to focus on decision-making rather than laborious research. smartKYC fuses artificial intelligence with linguistic and cultural sensitivity and deep domain knowledge to set new standards for KYC quality, whilst transforming productivity and hardwiring compliance conformance.

smartkyc.com



Binh Dang, Business Development Executive



Winner: Most Innovative Data-Driven Transformation Project

Xceptor

Xceptor is the intelligent data automation platform for financial markets, providing data ingestion, standardization, normalization, and validation services. Catering to thousands of unique use cases, its highly configurable and enterprise-grade platform offers pre-built solutions that deliver trusted data for tax, reconciliations, confirmations, client onboarding, and allocations workflows. Since 2003, Xceptor has been empowering businesses worldwide to trust their data and digitize their end-to-end processes.

www.xceptor.com



Michel Verhoeven, CEO



More A-Team Innovation Awards 2024 winners

Most Innovative Buy-Side Trading Workflow / STP
Appital

Most Innovative Operational Resilience / Business
Continuity Initiative
Imandra

Most Innovative Sanctions and PEPs Data Solution
Moody's

Most Innovative Digital Rights Management &
Licensing Compliance Solution
TRG Screen

Most Innovative Project
Aquis Exchange PLC

Most Innovative AML / Financial Crime Compliance
Initiative
Arctic Intelligence

Most Innovative Cloud-Based Market Data Delivery
BMLL

Most Innovative use of Generative AI

Bridgewise

Most Innovative Cyber Security Initiative

Coincover

Most Innovative Implementation of Knowledge Graph Technologies

Estimand

Most Innovative Use of Alternative Data in Regulatory Compliance

Evidology Systems

Most Innovative KYC Investigation & Due Diligence

KYC Hub

Most Innovative Use of Distributed Ledger Technology / Blockchain

R3

Most Innovative Alternative Data Solution

SentiStocks

Most Innovative Data Lineage Solution

Solidatus

Most Innovative Trade & Transaction Reporting Initiative

Trade iQ

Most Innovative ESG Regulatory Reporting Solution

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