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Winners' Report

About A-Team
Innovation Awards 2025

The winners of A-Team Group's Innovation Awards 2025 have been announced and congratulations are in order for each of the victorious companies.

The recipients of these awards, now in their fifth year, impressed the judges for their groundbreaking solutions and services, making the awards a celebration of innovative projects and teams across vendor and practitioner communities. These awards recognise new and emerging technologies that deliver high-value solutions for financial institutions in capital markets with a focus on data management, trading technology, RegTech and ESG.

Finding a winner in more than 40 categories across A-Team Group's Data Management Insight, TradingTech Insight and RegTech Insight channels was a daunting task considering the high quality of solutions on offer in the past 12 months.

Winner categories included Most Innovative Implementation of Knowledge Graph Technologies, Most Innovative use of Generative AI, Most Innovative use of Generative AI and Most Innovative Use of Alternative Data in Regulatory Compliance.

We at A-Team Group would like to thank all the practitioners and vendors that entered their ground-breaking solutions and services, and to our 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.

Are you a solution provider with an innovation that can transform the world of financial data, technology and regulatory reporting? Click **here** to be alerted when A-Team Group announces entries for the 2026 awards.

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

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Winner: Most Innovative Implementation of Knowledge Graph Technologies

Cognaize leverages purpose-built AI to drive better decisions, new revenue streams, and efficiency for the financial industry. Our innovative knowledge graph approach addresses the inherent complexity of unstructured financial documents, from credit agreements to ESG reports, while seamlessly integrating each bank's distinct definitions and ontologies. By structuring information in one-to-one-node relationships, knowledge graphs enable reproducible, traceable logic that reduces errors and hallucinations commonly found in chunk-based large language model approaches. They also add essential explainability, fulfilling the demands of a highly regulated sector.

Through Knowledge Graph Augmented Generation (KAG), we go beyond conventional retrieval methods, using graph-based reasoning to ensure superior accuracy and deeper insights for complex financial scenarios. This structured, schema-aware approach not only mitigates risk but also provides a scalable foundation for advanced automation, delivering efficient outcomes for clients worldwide. Cognaize's unique blend of AI-driven capabilities and domain expertise stands at the forefront of data extraction, transformation, and analysis, empowering institutions to harness the power of their unstructured data with confidence. By bridging the gap between textual complexity and operational clarity, Cognaize is driving innovation in AI-based financial intelligence.

Vahe Andonians, CEO & Founder

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At Cognaize, we understand that while many financial service companies have embraced automation, significant manual tasks still remain. That's where we excel. Financial service companies deal with large volumes of unstructured data found in financial and ESG reports, credit agreements, and other complex documents. Traditional methods struggle to efficiently extract and utilize data from these diverse, often layout-heavy formats for analysis and downstream processing. Our fast-to-implement AI solutions not only enhance decision-making and reduce operational costs but also unlock new revenue streams.

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S&P Global Market Intelligence

Winner: Most Innovative use of Generative AI

S&P Global Market Intelligence Capital IQ Solutions provides AI-powered research and analysis solutions to drive user efficiency. These Generative AI (GenAI) offerings enable:

Discovery and Exploration:
• S&P Global Marketplace Generative AI Search helps users quickly find information on offerings and surfaces related support documentation, facilitating seamless discovery.

Workflow Simplification:
• Document Intelligence, a GenAI-powered tool for analyzing global company filings, transcripts, and broker research, offers smart document search, earnings call summaries organized by topic and sentiment, key phrase identification highlighting significant topics, and NLP-derived sentiment scores.
• ChatIQ, an AI assistant, lets users ask questions on Capital IQ Pro, offering quick responses, source traceability, and simplified navigation.
• IQ Newsletters deliver daily market summaries and insights directly to inboxes throughout the day.

AI-Ready Data:
• Data is linked and structured, ready for machine readable analysis.
• Kensho LLM-ready API, enables seamless integration of datasets with LLMs (GPT, Gemini, Claude, as well as proprietary models).

Justine Iverson, Global Head of Corporates & AI

About S&P Global Market Intelligence

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Market Intelligence

At S&P Global Market Intelligence, we provide accurate, deep, and insightful information. Our experts deliver unparalleled insights and leading data and technology solutions, partnering with customers to expand their perspective, operate with confidence, and make decisions with conviction. As a division of S&P Global (NYSE: SPGI), we are the world's foremost provider of credit ratings, benchmarks, analytics, and workflow solutions in the global capital, commodity, and automotive markets

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Winner: Most Innovative Client Onboarding and Lifecycle Management Solution

AML Partners

RegTechONE is an all-in-one platform for managing your KYC/AML compliance program. It covers Client Lifecycle Management, pre-configured KYC/CDD/EDD workflows, risk models, and integrates with 40+ data vendors. Features include periodic and perpetual KYC, AML transaction monitoring, global sanctions/PEP/media screening, and real-time payment screening (SWIFT, ACH, IAT). It also screens against FinCEN 314(a) lists and offers a Dynamic Case Manager workflow. Available On-Prem or in the Cloud, RegTechONE provides flexible, comprehensive compliance control.

amlpartners.com

Jonathan Almeida, Co-Founder

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

Canoe Intelligence

Canoe Intelligence is a global fintech firm advancing alternative investment intelligence for asset managers, institutional investors, capital allocators, wealth managers, and asset servicing firms. Canoe has revolutionised alternative investment document and data management by leveraging the capabilities of AI/ML technology to fully automate document collection, data extraction, validation, and normalisation before making the data accessible to clients' reporting systems of choice via the cloud.

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Left to right: Elliot Green, Relationship Manager; Arman Byatt, Data Operations Manager; Christian Mussard, Account Executive

Winner: Most Innovative Financial Technology Executive

MCO MyComplianceOffice

MCO (MyComplianceOffice) provides compliance management software that enables companies around the world to reduce risk and effectively oversee regulatory obligations.
Our singular and powerful platform lets compliance professionals demonstrate they are proactively managing the regulated activities of the company, employees and third parties and provide evidence of regulatory compliance. Available as a unified suite or à la carte, our easy-to-use and extensible SaaS-based solutions get firms up and running quickly and cost-effectively.

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Brian Fahey, CEO

Winner: Most Innovative API Framework/
Microservices Architecture for Trading

Murex

Murex provides enterprise-wide, cross-asset financial technology solutions to sell-side and buy-side capital markets players. With more than 60,000 daily users in 65 countries, its cross-function platform, MX.3, supports trading, treasury, risk, post-trade operations, as well as end-to-end investment management operations for private and public assets. This helps clients better meet regulatory requirements, manage enterprise-wide risk, and control IT costs.

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Remy Annonier, Head of APIs Project Management

Winner: Most Innovative Regulatory Compliance
Monitoring / Management

Saifr

Saifr®, an AI company focusing on AI agents for compliance, was built within Fidelity Labs. Saifr is committed to safeguarding organizations from pervasive AI and regulatory risks. Using intelligent technology that efficiently and effectively navigates complex compliance and regulatory requirements, Saifr helps clients save time, reduce costs, and improve accuracy while protecting their firms. Our advanced, AI-powered risk prevention and management solutions include capabilities for marketing compliance review, adverse media monitoring, and electronic communications surveillance.

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Most Innovative Unstructured Data Management Project
Alkymi

Most Innovative Buy-Side Trading Workflow / STP
Broadridge Financial Solutions

Most Innovative Trade & Transaction Reporting Initiative
ION

Most Innovative Data Quality Initiative
LSEG Data & Analytics

Most Innovative Hosted/Managed Enterprise Data
Management
Rimes

Most Innovative KYC Investigation & Due Diligence
smartKYC

Most Innovative Data Standards Initiative
The Derivatives Service Bureau

Most Innovative Data-Driven Transformation Project
Wolters Kluwer

Most Innovative Project
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Most Innovative Cloud-Based Market Data Delivery
Exegy

Most Innovative Operational Resilience /Business
Continuity Initiative
Fusion Risk Management

Most Innovative Sanctions and PEPs Data Solution
Napier AI

Most Innovative Entity Data Hierarchies Approach
OpenCorporates

Most Innovative Young Persons' Education/
Recruitment ('Academy') Programme
Qomply

Most Innovative Data Governance Initiative
Ataccama

Most Innovative ESG Regulatory Reporting Solution
Auquan

Most Innovative Cloud-Based Trading Analytics Initiative
BMLL

Most Innovative AML / Financial Crime Compliance Initiative
CleverChain

Most Innovative AI in Regulatory Compliance Initiative
CleverChain

Most Innovative ESG Data Solution
Corlytics

Most Innovative Alternative Data Solution
ExtractAlpha

Most Innovative Professional Development Initiative
First Derivative

Most Innovative Smart Trader Desktops & Workflows
interop.io

Most Innovative Regulatory Reporting Solution
Kaizen

Most Innovative Supply Chain Risk Management /
Know Your Vendor Initiative
KYB Hub

Most Innovative Trade Surveillance Solution
LeapXpert

Most Innovative Cyber Security Initiative
NordStellar

Most Innovative Use of Alternative Data in Regulatory
Compliance
QuantCube

Most Innovative Market Data Solution
Quincy Data powered by McKay Brothers

Most Innovative Team
Rapid Addition

Most Innovative Data Orchestration for Regulatory Reporting
ReGnosys

Most Innovative Use of Open Source/Cloud Technologies
SIGMA Financial Trading

Most Innovative Solution for Front-Office/Trading
smartTrade Technologies

Most Innovative Data Lineage Solution
Theta Lake

Most Innovative Alternative Data Solution for Trading & Analytics
Wall Street Horizon

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