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**PRESS RELEASE****Waters Technology Readers Vote S3's BLACKLIGHT™ Best Data Analytics Provider**

*Company's BLACKLIGHT platform honored for superior counterparty intel analytics*

**NEW YORK – July 20, 2015** – S3 Partners, the leading provider of financial analytics and services for asset managers, hedge funds and banks, announced today the company's BLACKLIGHT platform has been selected as Best Data Analytics Provider in the Waters Rankings 2015.

The votes of Waters readers, which include more than 10,000 financial technology professionals, were the sole criteria in selecting S3 for the award. S3 beat out 22 other firms that were nominated in its category.

The award is the latest in a string of accolades received by S3 since the launch of the company's software-as-a-service platform BLACKLIGHT last year. BLACKLIGHT won best new product at Waters' 2014 Buy-Side Technology Awards, along with recognition from HFM Week, AI and Wall Street Letter. Utilizing its PIX™ protocol, the firm's data integrity allows users to get one-click clarity for rates, risk, reporting and ROA.

The editors at Waters said S3's win showed how the company continues to show leadership in an important part of the financial industry.

"Data analytics is arguably the most competitive space that we're currently seeing and S3 Partners' BLACKLIGHT offering has proven itself a valuable tool for buy-side firms looking to manage their counterparty costs, risks and relationships," said Anthony Malakian, US Editor, Waters.

"Regulatory change means data complexity," said Bob Sloan, S3 founder. "BLACKLIGHT allows managers to get rate, risk and ROA transparency backed by 13 years of data integrity and market expertise. We see today's award as confirmation that S3 is delivering what asset managers need."

Bob Sloan accepted the award at a ceremony in New York last week. This marks the 13<sup>th</sup> year for the Waters Rankings, which this year included 30 categories across trading services, trading tools, data management, compliance, risk management, the back office, infrastructure and connectivity.

More information about the rankings is available at [events.waterstechnology.com/waters-rankings](http://events.waterstechnology.com/waters-rankings).

**About S3**

Founded in 2003, S3 Partners provides market-leading financial analytics and services to global asset managers, hedge funds and banks. S3 and its BLACKLIGHT SaaS platform continue to be recognized for high tech and high touch service, with awards from Waters, HFM Week, AI and Wall Street Letter. BLACKLIGHT empowers asset managers with one-click clarity for rates, risk, reporting and ROA.