

## FIS HORIZON Recognized With XCelent Award for Advanced Technology, Empowering Community Banks to Compete

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## **Key Facts**

- FIS' HORIZON core banking platform has been recognized by Celent in its latest North American retail banking core systems report, having won the Advanced Technology Category of the report's underlying XCelent Awards.
- HORIZON was also deemed a "Luminary" within Celent's Technical Capability Matrix.
- These wins continue the awards momentum for FIS' core banking platforms, with FIS winning three XCelent Awards last year.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 12, 2024-- FIS® (NYSE: FIS), a global leader in financial technology, has announced today that its community banking core banking platform HORIZON has been recognized by Celent in its annual XCelent Awards program. The solution won the Advanced Technology category, a testament to how FIS drives deposit growth and wallet share for its clients through core platforms of unparalleled agility, customizability, and scalability.

As part of Celent's new North American retail banking core systems report, The Advanced Technology category recognizes top-performing platforms based on Celent's proprietary ABC scoring methodology, measuring for (A)dvanced technology, (B)readth of functionality and (C)lient base and service. FIS HORIZON was also deemed a "Luminary" within Celent's Technical Capability Matrix, which is given to platforms that combine strong technology architecture with a high breadth of functionality, complemented by significant customer base and support capabilities.

"We are thrilled that our clients and third-party industry experts such as Celent are recognizing HORIZON as a best-in-class solution for North American institutions," said Melissa Cullen, Head of Core Banking Solutions at FIS. "With our continued modernization investments in HORIZON, FIS seeks to redefine core banking, placing it at the center of a fully connected financial ecosystem. This allows financial institutions to unlock opportunities across the money lifecycle from a single platform, creating a more streamlined and agile environment, and elevating the full banking experience for their clients."

FIS HORIZON is a core banking platform geared for community banks, helping them to optimize the customer relationships that they thrive and depend on. With intuitive and customer-centric design, HORIZON combines banking functionality with a modern user experience that can be navigated on phone or tablet. It provides comprehensive security and has an open, flexible, and scalable architecture that allows a community banking institution to adapt rapidly to modern consumer needs.

"We're excited to shine a spotlight on FIS and its standout core banking platform in this year's XCelent Awards," said Craig Focardi, Principal Analyst at Celent. "HORIZON remains a reliable and popular choice for community banks and specialty finance institutions. In fact, it's added more clients than any other core system since our last community bank report. Despite the consolidation in the community banking sector, we expect HORIZON to continue attracting new customers."

The recognition builds on FIS' successes from last year when the company received three XCelent awards for its core banking platforms.

For the full report from Celent, download it here.

## **About FIS**

FIS is a financial technology company providing solutions to financial institutions, businesses, and developers. We unlock financial technology to the world across the money lifecycle underpinning the world's financial system. Our people are dedicated to advancing the way the world pays, banks and invests, by helping our clients to confidently run, grow, and protect their businesses. Our expertise comes from decades of experience helping financial institutions and businesses of all sizes adapt to meet the needs of their customers by harnessing where reliability meets innovation in financial technology. Headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida, FIS is a member of the Fortune 500® and the Standard & Poor's 500® Index. To learn more, visit FISglobal.com. Follow FIS on LinkedIn, Facebook and X.

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