Verizon Positioned as a Leader in Top Analyst Firm's 2012 Report: 'Magic Quadrant for Managed Security Services Providers, North America'
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BASKING RIDGE, N.J., Nov. 27, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Verizon announced on Tuesday (Nov. 27) that it has been positioned by Gartner Inc. in the Leaders Quadrant in the "2012 Magic Quadrant for Managed Security Services Providers (MSSP), North America" report.

According to Gartner, "Each of the service providers in the Leaders Quadrant has significant mind share among enterprises looking to buy an MSS as a discrete offering. These providers generally receive very positive reports on service and performance from Gartner clients. MSSPs in the Leaders Quadrant are typically appropriate options for enterprises requiring frequent interaction with the MSSP for analyst expertise and advice, portal-based correlation and workflow support, and flexible reporting options."

David Small, chief platform officer for Verizon, said, "Verizon is a leader in the managed security services space with extensive assets and unparalleled visibility into the threat landscape, which puts us in a unique position to stop cyberattacks before they happen. When you couple this with our deep expertise in understanding data breaches, our clients are able to gain peace of mind in protecting their data."

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About the Magic Quadrant

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