

The Linley Group Names Annual Analysts' Choice Awards Winners

Honoring the Best Chips and Technology of the Past Year

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CA – January 25, 2021 – The Linley Group today announced the winners of the prestigious Analysts' Choice Awards. The annual awards recognize the top semiconductor and processor IP offerings of the year in seven distinct categories: PC processors, data-center processors, mobile processors, embedded processors, processor IP, networking chips, and best technology.

"It's a pleasure to recognize these technology innovators with our annual awards. Among the many outstanding semiconductor products we reviewed, we believe these will have the most influence on future designs," said Linley Gwennap, founder and principal analyst at The Linley Group. "The rapid pace of semiconductor industry advancements continued in spite of the pandemic as demonstrated by the exemplary performance of these technology leaders."

The Linley Group's analysts selected the winners based on the merits of those that entered production (or, in the case of IP, released to RTL) during 2020. On the basis of their coverage in Microprocessor Report, the analyst team is well-versed in all the leading technology products and evaluated the contenders based on performance, power, features, and cost of each device in the context of their target application.

Following are the recipients of the 2020 Analysts' Choice Awards:

- Best PC Processor: Apple's M1 processor
- Best Data-Center Processor: Nvidia's A100 processor
- Best Embedded Processor: Synaptics' VideoSmart VS680 processor
- Best Mobile Processor: MediaTek's Dimensity 720 processor
- Best Processor IP: Vsora's AD1028
- Best Networking Chip: Pensando's Capri
- Best Technology: Intel's Omni-Directional Interconnect (ODI) technology

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