

## IDC MarketScape

# IDC MarketScape: Worldwide Know-Your-Customer Solutions in Financial Services 2018 Vendor Assessment

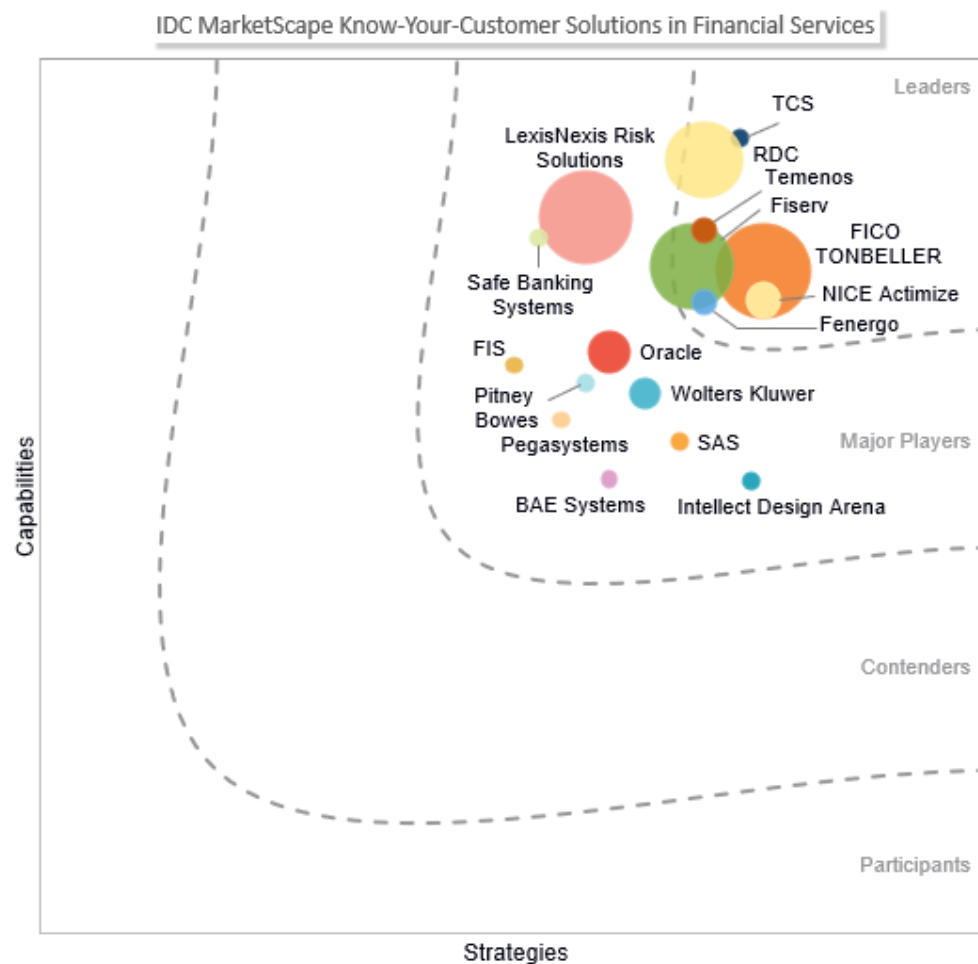
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### IDC MARKETSCAPE FIGURE

FIGURE 1

## IDC MarketScape Worldwide Know-Your-Customer Solutions in Financial Services Vendor Assessment



Source: IDC, 2018

Please see the Appendix for detailed methodology, market definition, and scoring criteria.

## IN THIS EXCERPT

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The content for this excerpt was taken directly from IDC MarketScape: Worldwide Know-Your-Customer Solutions in Financial Services 2018 Vendor Assessment (Doc # US44292018). All or parts of the following sections are included in this excerpt: IDC Opinion, IDC MarketScape Vendor Inclusion Criteria, Essential Guidance, Vendor Summary Profile, Appendix and Learn More. Also included is Figure 1.

## IDC OPINION

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This IDC study presents a 2018 vendor assessment of worldwide know-your-customer (KYC) technology providers using the IDC MarketScape model. This research quantitatively and qualitatively assesses multiple characteristics that help explain a vendor's success and position in the marketplace relative to its peers.

This IDC MarketScape covers vendors that provide KYC software to the worldwide financial services market. This evaluation is based on a standardized set of parameters from which IDC can produce a comparative analysis of KYC software vendors.

The technology vendors provided an in-depth assessment of their current capabilities and strategies, and their reference clients were interviewed to assess the vendor's ability to meet the financial institution's (FI's) strategic needs and current requirements. For the purposes of this study, IDC defines KYC as inclusive of complete customer onboarding including customer identification, customer due diligence (CDD) (including beneficial owner), enhanced customer due diligence, watchlist/sanction screening, and ongoing customer risk-based assessments.

Key findings from this research include:

- Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) are becoming increasingly important to KYC efficacy and customer experience, and savvy KYC providers have already incorporated AI/ML into their solutions and road map.
- Advanced analytics in KYC that incorporate AI/ML significantly improve the KYC screening process, resulting in potentially better outcome prediction accuracy.
- Buyer references placed importance on customer service in terms of the KYC vendor's ability to address technical concerns in a timely manner, as well as transparency and the ability to keep pace with regulatory requirements in the product enhancement, update, and strategic directions.
- As an institution's specific objectives and requirements play a critical role in determining which providers should be considered as potential KYC solution candidates, this evaluation should be considered as a guide to selection and not as an endorsement of a specific vendor for any specific engagements.

## IDC MARKETSCOPE VENDOR INCLUSION CRITERIA

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This research includes 17 worldwide providers of KYC software. The vendors included in this research are all substantial competitors within the KYC software market. While many of these vendors provide end-to-end anti-money laundering (AML) and know-your-customer solutions, the focus of this research was solely on KYC and customer due diligence (CDD). AML transaction monitoring solutions are being evaluated under a separate IDC MarketScope product. To be included within this study, vendors must sell their solution in multiple worldwide regions and have at least five active customers in at least two regions (North America, EMEA, Latin America, and Asia/Pacific). Many other vendors were considered for inclusion in this assessment but were not included as the result of not meeting the evaluation criteria or being out of scope for other extenuating circumstances.

## ADVICE FOR TECHNOLOGY BUYERS

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KYC has become an arduous concern for most financial institutions. KYC and its cousin anti-money laundering have been refined over the years. In its simplest form, KYC mandates the financial institutions verify customers are who they say they are. However, regulations have not been prescriptive in how, and with what, institutions should evaluate customers. The result is considerable expense for the institution for the technology and human resources to stay ahead of regulators and out of the headlines. Indeed, IDC Financial Insights estimates that financial institutions will spend US\$8 billion on financial crime management in 2018.

IDC Financial Insights offers the following guidance for financial institutions selecting a KYC partner to address evolving customer due diligence requirements and schemes:

- **Determine a strategy to manage constantly changing information.** Customer data is constantly changing, and inconsistencies can appear across multiple sources and forms of identification. Work with vendors that understand the data challenges, especially any challenges that may be unique to your institution or region.
- **Use this IDC MarketScope to assist with vendor selection.** This study is not meant to provide guidance on the best KYC solution for your strategic direction, as it provides our assessment of KYC vendors as of the time of this analysis. Financial institutions can use this IDC MarketScope to evaluate KYC solutions, along with vendor proposals, presentations, and demonstrations. Because this analysis shows that the breadth and depth of solutions offered are strong for most providers, financial institutions should make sure to understand where these players are truly differentiating and determine what is important to their selection.
- **Learn from the experience of institutions that have gone before you.** In speaking with customer references, IDC Financial Insights found that many end users that IDC Financial Insights spoke with provided lessons learned that had they been aware of or planned for in the earlier stages would have better set them up for success. Lessons learned include planning for the customer experience particularly in account opening and other processes involving customer identification, particularly in siloed institutions, and allowing ample time for testing.

## VENDOR SUMMARY PROFILES

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This section briefly explains IDC's key observations resulting in a vendor's position in the IDC MarketScope. While every vendor is evaluated against each of the criteria outlined in the Appendix, the description here provides a summary of each vendor's strengths and challenges.

## Regulatory DataCorp

Regulatory DataCorp (RDC) is positioned as a Leader in this IDC MarketScape for worldwide KYC solutions in financial services.

RDC prevents criminal infiltration of the world's financial systems by delivering automated, intelligent customer screening and decision-ready intelligence. RDC supports more than 35,000 compliance professionals across more than 100 countries in strengthening their KYC/AML, fraud and politically exposed persons protection, ensuring sanctions and watchlist compliance, protecting their brand and reputation, and managing supply chain and vendor risks. RDC uniquely combines the world's largest risk-relevant database together with an advanced machine learning-driven, SaaS-based screening platform, capable of supporting the largest and most complex global organizations.

RDC provides a SaaS-based platform that provides integrated customer screening for politically exposed persons, sanctions, watchlists, and adverse media. The screening engine leverages machine learning and natural language processing (NLP) to provide accurate filtering and name matching, improving operational efficiency and reducing false positives.

### Strengths

- Extensive expertise is based on over 1 trillion screens against the largest curated risk database with over 9 million risk profiles and data from more than 200,000 sources.
- Advanced AI and machine learning algorithms support its patent-pending name-matching technology.
- Automated daily portfolio monitoring eliminates the need for periodic reviews.
- Customer references noted adverse media capabilities that are comprehensive and provide fit-for-purpose data that enhances and standardizes the risk management process.

### Challenges

- RDC focuses its efforts on risk screening and does not provide workflow tool capabilities. However, it has an extensive partner ecosystem to work with its customers to provide these capabilities.
- Customer references noted the frequency of product updates and additional features as potential concerns.

### Consider RDC When

RDC is geared toward larger banks looking for a SaaS solution with advanced screening risk monitoring capabilities.

## APPENDIX

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### Reading an IDC MarketScape Graph

For the purposes of this analysis, IDC divided potential key measures for success into two primary categories: capabilities and strategies.

Positioning on the y-axis reflects the vendor's current capabilities and menu of services and how well aligned the vendor is to customer needs. The capabilities category focuses on the capabilities of the company and product today, here and now. Under this category, IDC analysts will look at how well a vendor is building/delivering capabilities that enable it to execute its chosen strategy in the market.

Positioning on the x-axis, or strategies axis, indicates how well the vendor's future strategy aligns with what customers will require in three to five years. The strategies category focuses on high-level decisions and underlying assumptions about offerings, customer segments, and business and go-to-market plans for the next three to five years.

The size of the individual vendor markers in the IDC MarketScape represents the market share of each individual vendor within the specific market segment being assessed.

## IDC MarketScape Methodology

IDC MarketScape criteria selection, weightings, and vendor ratings represent well-researched IDC judgment about the market and specific vendors. IDC analysts tailor the range of standard characteristics by which vendors are measured through structured discussions, surveys, and interviews with market leaders, participants, and end users. Market weightings are based on user interviews, buyer surveys, and the input of IDC experts in each market. IDC analysts base individual vendor scores, and ultimately vendor positions on the IDC MarketScape, on detailed surveys and interviews with the vendors, publicly available information, and end-user experiences in an effort to provide an accurate and consistent assessment of each vendor's characteristics, behavior, and capability.

## Market Definition

This IDC MarketScape is focused on vendors providing software solutions to financial institutions for mandatory know-your-customer and customer due diligence activities, including customer risk scoring. For this study, IDC Financial Insights is not including anti-money laundering transaction monitoring as capabilities for vendors in this space are assessed under a separate IDC MarketScape to be published on or around the same date as this publication.

## LEARN MORE

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### Related Research

- *Compliance, Fraud, and Risk Analytics: What's Ahead for 2018* (IDC #US44235718, August 2018)
- *IDC's Worldwide Digital Transformation Use Case Taxonomy, 2018: Banking* (IDC #US44092518, August 2018)
- *IDC Innovators: Identity Proofing Solutions to Prevent New Account Fraud and Enhance KYC Compliance, 2018* (IDC #US43054918, June 2018)
- *IDC Financial Insights' Worldwide Financial Services Risk Taxonomy, 2018* (IDC #US43438218, June 2018)
- *Pivot Table: Worldwide IT Spending 2016-2021 - Worldwide Financial Services Risk IT Spending Guide, Version 2, CY 2Q18* (IDC #US41396718, June 2018)
- *IDC MarketScape: Worldwide Banking Transformation Systems Integration Services 2018 Vendor Assessment* (IDC #US43575318, February 2018)
- *The Use of Industry Clouds for KYC Compliance* (IDC #US41799817, February 2018)
- *IDC FutureScape: Worldwide Financial Services 2018 Predictions* (IDC #US41796017, October 2017)

## Synopsis

This IDC study uses the IDC MarketScape model to provide an assessment of vendors providing know-your-customer (KYC) software solutions in the worldwide financial services market. This IDC MarketScape is an evaluation based on a comprehensive framework and a set of parameters that assesses providers relative to one another and to those factors expected to be most conducive to success in this market over both the short term and the long term.

"To reduce operating expenses and risk, financial institutions should consider KYC solutions that apply advanced analytics to improve customer life-cycle management," says Steven D'Alfonso, research director, IDC Financial Insights.

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