From business process automation and data mining to mobile data access and cloud applications, today’s technology trends promise to streamline activities for knowledge workers while improving access to information across an organization. But these technologies all rely on one thing: accurate data capture. That’s why scanning and processing paper documents is integral to many organizations. Continuing to build on the success of their impressive portfolio of products, Kodak Alaris Information Management has once again earned the coveted Scanner Line of the Year award from the analysts at Buyers Lab (BLI). Given once a year, this award acknowledges the manufacturer whose line of devices is complete enough to meet varied customer needs and whose current portfolio has fared best overall in BLI’s rigorous lab-based evaluations.

“The breadth of Kodak Alaris’ scanner portfolio is indisputable,” said Jamie Bsales, Director, Office Workflow Solutions Analysis at BLI. “The

- Wide portfolio of devices to satisfy just about every capture need
- Outstanding reliability across all devices tested
- Consistently strong ratings in the most important categories BLI evaluates
- Strong value proposition across the entire line
- Impressive innovations such as the EasySetup feature, Perfect Page, and Intelligent Document Protection technology
company offers products in each speed range important to business buyers, from 20 page-per-minute workgroup scanners to high-volume production scanners capable of scanning 420 images per minute, so customers are sure to find the right scanner for their application. Moreover, the quality and robustness of those offerings is second to none. In fact, Kodak Alaris is the only major scanner manufacturer to have all current products tested by BLI—that’s 18 in all—carry a rating of ‘Highly Recommended’ in our lab test reports.”

Exceptional Portfolio

Kodak Alaris has not only among the widest array of scanners in its arsenal, it also offers a number of award-winning devices and features...

- **Kodak i5650 Scanner**: Outstanding High-Volume Production Scanner, Winter 2017
- **EasySetup feature**: Outstanding Achievement in Innovation, Winter 2017
- **Kodak i1190 Series**: Outstanding A4 Large Workgroup Scanner, Summer 2016
- **Kodak i4850 Scanner**: Outstanding Budget-Friendly A3 High-Volume Production Scanner, Summer 2016
- **Kodak i2900 Scanner**: Outstanding A4 Flatbed Departmental Scanner, Summer 2013
- **Plus 15 more BLI Pick award winners**
In addition to those “Highly Recommended” overall ratings, the models tested by BLI consistently turned in impressive results in the test batteries that examine specific attributes, such as reliability, image quality, OCR accuracy, and productivity. “Kodak Alaris scanners typically earn a rating of ‘Excellent’ on our rigorous reliability tests, which means they exhibit few if any misfeeds when we run the machine to its maximum rated daily volume,” noted U.S. Lab manager Joe Ellerman. “The drivers and utilities delivered with each scanner are also strong across the board, which enhances ease of use and helps to improve productivity of scan operators.”

Several Kodak Alaris innovations add to the appeal of the product line. For example, many models feature Kodak Perfect Page technology that improves the

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Pick award wins out of any scanner manufac-
turer tested by BLI, and winning the Scanner Line of the Year award two years in a row is a significant achievement,” said Siddhartha Bhattacharya, Vice President of Global Marketing for Kodak Alaris’ Information Management division. “This recognition validates our commitment to providing an unmatched portfolio of information management solutions that enable customers to achieve digital transformation. The combination of our science, technology and partnerships acts as a force multiplier and provides the ecosystem required for companies large and small to use data to drive business efficiency, profitability, and growth.”

Siddhartha Bhattacharya
Vice President of Global Marketing, Kodak Alaris Information Management
quality of scanned images on the fly, which reduces processing time and power required on the host PC. The company’s Intelligent Document Protection technology detects staples, paper clips or other blockages that can damage documents and the scanner before they are fed into the machine. And the EasySetup feature—unique among scanners BLI has tested—greatly reduces the time it takes to get the device configured. The administrator simply enters the desired settings information, prints the configuration page, and scans it at the supported scanner to enter the settings.

About BLI’s Line of the Year Awards

Once a year in conjunction with its Winter Pick awards, BLI gives special recognition to the OEMs whose product lines stand above the rest in the various document imaging arenas BLI’s experts cover on the company’s bliQ subscription service: MFPs, Printers, Scanners and Software.

To determine the Scanner Line of the Year award recipient, BLI’s experienced staff of analysts considers the breadth of each manufacturer’s portfolio, as well as the quality of the devices. For the former, BLI analysts take into account current scanners in the OEM’s line that have been submitted to BLI’s lab for testing. To judge the overall quality of the line, the analysts look at the overall rating a scanner received after testing, as well as the ratings in key categories such as Reliability, Productivity, Media Handling, Image Quality, Ease of Setup, Drivers/Utilities, OCR Performance, and Value.