Congratulations to the winners of A-Team Group’s 2019 Data Management Insight Awards, and thank you to our readers for nominating and voting for their preferred technology providers. Thank you, too, to the Data Management Insight advisory board for its valuable input to the awards.

This year’s awards were hosted by Andrew Delaney, chief content officer at A-Team, and Sarah Underwood, editor of Data Management Insight, and celebrated during a lively and well-attended festive lunch at Merchant Taylors’ Hall in the City of London. The awards were presented by guest speaker, Mandy Hickson, a former Royal Air Force pilot who shared some fascinating anecdotes from her time spent on the front line, where she completed three tours of duty and 45 combat missions over Iraq.

The Data Management Insight awards, now in their seventh year, recognise leading providers of data management solutions, services and consultancy to capital markets participants. This year, two editor’s recognition awards were also presented. Lorraine Waters, chief data officer, compliance, HSBC, was present with the award for best data management practitioner; and Malavika Solanki, a member of the management team at the Derivatives Service Bureau, with the award for best data management vendor professional.

Once again, thank you to everyone who took part in this year’s awards. We look forward to working with you and celebrating excellence in data management in 2020.

Sarah Underwood
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I’d personally like to thank our advisory board for their time and valuable input.

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Editor’s Recognition Award for Best Data Management Vendor Professional

Malavika Solanki

Malavika Solanki is part of the Management Team at the Derivatives Service Bureau, (DSB), a global numbering agency for OTC derivatives that allocates ISINs, CFI codes and FISNs. The DSB will also provide UPIs, following nomination by the Financial Stability Board. Malavika was previously responsible for the development of LCH.Clearnet’s credit default swap clearing service and has deep experience in launching and scaling new capital markets ventures, including while at Merrill Lynch. Malavika is a graduate of London Business School’s Executive MBA programme and mentors fintech teams.

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