



Press Release

IDEA® Grabs Top Honors in *Internal Auditor Survey*

IDEA rated significantly better than closest competitor in ALL MAJOR categories – Extraction, Analysis, Fraud Detection/Prevention and Continuous Monitoring – for Overall Satisfaction, Effectiveness, User Friendliness and Cross Platform Performance.

The results are in, and IDEA is the clear winner in all the major audit software categories in *Internal Auditor's* Audit Software Usage Survey, published in the August 2002 issue. IDEA consistently outscored its competition by margins of up to 25% (4.4 out of 5 for user friendliness vs. 3.5 for the next closest product). IDEA's overall satisfaction rating of 4.5 in the Extraction category was even higher than its best in class rating from last year.

"It's great to see that our users are positively responding to the significant investment we've made in IDEA since its acquisition by CaseWare in April, 2000", said Bob Cuthbertson, Chief Operating Officer of CaseWare IDEA Inc. "We set out to build the global leader in audit analysis and reporting, and our users are telling us that we have succeeded."

In addition to outscoring its rivals, IDEA easily bested generic software like Excel and Access, as well as internally developed software.

According to David Salierno, Senior Editor, *Internal Auditor*, survey participants were mostly from the United States and Canada although responses came from all over the world, representing a wide range of industries and company size. *Internal Auditor* is a publication of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

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