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César Cernuda, President at NetApp, Receives Prestigious HITEC 100 Recognition for 2026

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SAN JOSE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- NetApp® (NASDAQ: NTAP), the Intelligent Data Infrastructure company, today announced the inclusion of César Cernuda, President at NetApp, in the esteemed 2026 HITEC 100 list honoring 100 technology leaders of all backgrounds whose leadership and innovation are shaping the future of the global technology ecosystem. The list recognizes executives whose impact extends beyond their organizations and advances opportunity by embracing underleveraged, forward-thinking talent.

As part of its ongoing commitment to growth, excellence, and measurable impact, HITEC also announced a strategic evolution of the HITEC Awards program. The HITEC 100 award will continue to embody the organization's Architects of Growth ethos by celebrating exceptional industry leaders whose influence extends beyond their organizations. These honorees are setting industry direction, driving innovation at scale, and expanding opportunity through inclusive leadership.

"At NetApp, I have had the opportunity to transform the technology industry by enabling enterprises to build Intelligent Data Infrastructure that unlocks the full value of their data," said César Cernuda, President at NetApp. "Being recognized as a 2026 HITEC 100 honoree reflects how our approach is helping lead the industry into the AI era. I hope that my work at NetApp inspires the next generation of technology leaders to take an active role in shaping the future of the industry."

The 2026 HITEC 100 honorees include some of the most respected technology leaders from Fortune 100 and global enterprises, spanning roles such as CEOs, CIOs, CTOs, and senior technology executives across diverse disciplines. This year's class reflects the breadth and strength of the technology ecosystem, with leaders representing multiple industries, geographies, and organizations.

"I am so proud of the 2026 HITEC 100 honorees—they are at the top of their game and demonstrating what it means to be an Architect of Growth in a global, technology-driven world," said Miriam Hernandez-Kakol, Chair of the HITEC Board of Directors. "They create collaborative networks rooted in shared values and a culture of excellence. Their leadership shows what it takes to create enduring value across a broader ecosystem."

The HITEC 100 reflects a rigorous and comprehensive recognition process designed to honor the most impactful technology leaders across the global ecosystem. Honorees are selected based on leadership impact, scope and scale of influence, contributions to innovation and technology, and a demonstrated commitment to developing

future leaders.

To view the complete HITEC 100 list, please [click here](#). For more information about NetApp, visit: <https://www.netapp.com/>

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About NetApp

For more than three decades, NetApp has helped the world's leading organizations navigate change – from the rise of enterprise storage to the intelligent era defined by data and AI. Today, NetApp is the Intelligent Data Infrastructure company, helping customers turn data into a catalyst for innovation, resilience, and growth.

At the heart of that infrastructure is the NetApp data platform – the unified, enterprise-grade, intelligent foundation that connects, protects, and activates data across every cloud, workload, and environment. Built on the proven power of NetApp ONTAP, our leading data management software and OS, and enhanced by automation through the AI Data Engine and AFX, it delivers observability, resilience, and intelligence at scale.

Disaggregated by design, the NetApp data platform separates storage, services, and control so enterprises can modernize faster, scale efficiently, and innovate without lock-in. As the only enterprise storage platform natively embedded in the world's largest clouds, it gives organizations the freedom to run any workload anywhere with consistent performance, governance, and protection.

With NetApp, data is always ready – ready to defend against threats, ready to power AI, and ready to drive the next breakthrough. That's why the world's most forward-thinking enterprises trust NetApp to turn intelligence into advantage.

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