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MaxLinear Panther Storage Accelerator Wins FMS 2026 Best of Show Award in Servers & Networking Category

- *Panther also recognized as an AI Infrastructure Award finalist, highlighting its broad impact across AI and data center infrastructure*

CARLSBAD, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- MaxLinear, Inc. (NASDAQ: MXL), a leader in high-performance connectivity and data movement solutions, today announced that its Panther™ Storage Accelerator has been named the winner of the **FMS 2026 Best of Show Award in the Servers & Networking category**. Panther was also recognized as a finalist in the **AI Infrastructure Award** category, underscoring its ability to improve performance and efficiency across both AI and data center environments.

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Panther Storage Accelerator was named the winner of the FMS 2026 Best of Show Award in the Servers & Networking category.

The FMS Best of Show Awards recognize innovative technologies advancing the future of memory, storage, AI, and data center infrastructure. Panther earned top honors in the Servers & Networking category for its ability to improve server efficiency, reduce CPU bottlenecks, and accelerate high-performance data movement across modern data center architectures. Its AI Infrastructure finalist recognition reflects Panther's ability to help organizations scale AI inference, retrieval-augmented generation (RAG), vector database and KV cache workloads.

The recognition comes as the AI inference market continues to expand rapidly, with sustained double-digit growth projected into the early 2030s, increasing demand for technologies that address data movement and infrastructure bottlenecks impacting AI and data center performance.

"As AI workloads continue to grow, organizations need more efficient ways to move, protect, and process data across their infrastructure," said Vikas Choudhary, Executive Vice President of Connectivity & Storage at MaxLinear. "This recognition validates Panther's ability to accelerate the storage data path and help customers improve performance, efficiency, and resource utilization across both AI and data center environments."

Panther is a hardware-accelerated storage and data movement platform designed to improve how data is stored, moved, protected, and processed across enterprise, hyperscale, AI, and high-performance computing environments. The platform combines hardware-accelerated compression, decompression, encryption, data protection, verification, and high-speed data movement in a single accelerator solution. By offloading these data-intensive services from host CPUs, Panther helps organizations improve infrastructure utilization, increase effective storage performance, expand usable storage capacity, reduce power consumption, and lower overall infrastructure costs.

Recent demonstrations and deployments have highlighted Panther's ability to accelerate AI data movement, support large-scale AI inference workloads, improve storage efficiency, and enable hardware-accelerated OpenZFS implementations for enterprise and high-performance computing environments. In collaboration with Los Alamos National Laboratory, Panther-enabled OpenZFS implementations demonstrated approximately 39x faster write performance and 7x faster read performance while maintaining OpenZFS data protection capabilities.

The dual recognition received at FMS 2026 highlights Panther's growing impact across AI and data center infrastructure, reflecting its ability to address critical data movement and storage bottlenecks across a wide range of workloads.

For more information about Panther Storage Accelerators, visit MaxLinear at FMS 2026 booth 513 or visit https://www.maxlinear.com/panther.

About MaxLinear, Inc.

MaxLinear, Inc. (Nasdaq: MXL) is a leading provider of radio frequency (RF), analog, digital, and mixed-signal integrated circuits for access and connectivity, wired and wireless infrastructure, and industrial and multimarket applications. MaxLinear is headquartered in Carlsbad, California. For more information, please visit https://www.maxlinear.com/.

Cautionary Note About Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements include, among others, statements relating to MaxLinear’s Panther Storage Accelerator (Panther) and the functionality, performance and benefits of such product, statements about the potential market opportunity for Panther, including to the growth of the AI inference market; and statements by MaxLinear’s SVP & GM, Connectivity and Storage Business Unit. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause actual results to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements and our future financial performance and operating results forecasts generally. Forward-looking statements are based on management’s current, preliminary expectations and are subject to various risks and uncertainties. In particular, our future operating results are substantially dependent on our assumptions about market trends and conditions. Additional risks and uncertainties affecting our business, future operating results and financial condition include, without limitation; risks relating to: the development, testing, and commercial introduction of new products and product functionalities, including Panther; risks related to the market opportunity for Panther not developing or MaxLinear not being able to capture share of the market; risks related to the AI inference market not growing; the capabilities of our technology; our terminated merger with Silicon Motion and related arbitration and class action complaint and the risks related to potential payment of damages; the effect of intense and increasing competition; increased tariffs, export controls or imposition of additional trade barriers; impacts of global economic conditions; the cyclical nature of the semiconductor industry; a significant variance in our operating results and impact on volatility in our stock price, and our ability to sustain our current level of revenue, which has previously declined, and/or manage future growth effectively, and the impact of excess inventory in the channel on our customers' expected demand for certain of our products and on our revenue; escalating trade wars, military conflicts and other geopolitical and economic tensions among the countries in which we conduct business; international geopolitical and military conflicts; our ability to obtain or retain government authorization to export certain of our products or technology; the loss of, or a significant reduction in orders from major customers; legal proceedings or potential violations of regulations; information technology failures; a decrease in the average selling prices of our products; failure to penetrate new applications and markets; development delays and consolidation trends in our industry; inability to make substantial and productive research and development investments; delays or expenses caused by undetected defects or bugs in our products; substantial quarterly and annual fluctuations in our revenue and operating results; failure to timely develop and introduce new or enhanced products; order and shipment uncertainties and differences between our estimates of customer demand and product mix and our actual results; failure to accurately predict our future revenue and appropriately budget expenses; lengthy and expensive customer qualification processes; customer product plan cancellations; failure to maintain compliance with government regulations; failure to attract and retain qualified personnel; any adverse impact of rising interest rates on us, our customers, and our distributors and related demand; risks related to compliance with privacy, data protection and cybersecurity laws and regulations; risks related to conforming our products to industry standards; risks related to business acquisitions and investments; claims of intellectual property infringement; our ability to protect our intellectual property; security vulnerabilities of our products; use of open source software in our products; failure to manage our relationships with, or negative impacts from, third parties; and future decisions relating to our stock repurchase program.

In addition to these risks and uncertainties, investors should review the risks and uncertainties contained in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Current Reports on Form 8-K, as well as the information to be set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in MaxLinear's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2026. All forward-looking statements are based on the estimates, projections and assumptions of management as of the date of this press release, and MaxLinear is under no obligation (and expressly disclaims any such obligation) to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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