

## Avanquest Software announces the appointment of its President and co-founder, Bruno Vanryb, to the Board of Directors of Euronext Paris

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Bruno Vanryb, president and co-founder of Avanquest Software, was named to the Board of Directors of Euronext Paris on July 12, 2007.

Created in 2000 when Euronext was established, the Board issues opinions on regulatory changes, acceptance or write-off of financial instruments, changes to the management and structure of security ratings, market developments that structure the marketplace, whether technical or commercial, and the approval of new members.

"I'm especially happy to have been chosen to join the Board of Directors of Euronext Paris alongside people who, like me, want to participate in the evolution of the Paris financial marketplace," says Bruno Vanryb. "After having worked with Croissance Plus (Growth Plus) and then with MiddleNext, at the same time as I was heading up Avanquest Software, in order to contribute to the development of growing companies and to defending their interests, I am delighted and honored that Euronext has called on me to hold these new responsibilities and to act in the interest of the financial marketplace, the listed companies, and their shareholders."

A former sound engineer and journalist who is passionate about computers, new technologies and modern art, Bruno Vanryb is the President and co-founder of Avanquest Software, one of the world's leading software publishers.

Bruno Vanryb has been deeply involved in the world of professional associations; between 1998 and 2000, he was one of the founders and the president of Croissance Plus (Growth Plus), an association whose goal is to bring attention to and support upcoming young companies.

Made a Knight of the National Order of Merit in 2001, in June 2002 he was elected President of MiddleNext, a professional association bringing together some 100 companies, including some of the finest securities of the New, Second and First Markets, whose interests he has defended in dealing with the authorities, institutions, the media, and key actors in the financial community. He is still its Honorary President.

Along with his association-related activities, Bruno Vanryb, together with Roger Politis, co-founder of BVRP, today Avanquest Software, has built up one of the greatest French successes in the area of software development and publishing. Since 1984 this small company, which began by developing communication and mobility software, has become one of the leading actors in the world software market.

Present on three continents – North America, Europe and Asia – Avanquest Software targets the general public and professional markets with more than 1,500 software products in its catalogue; today it has 650 employees, including nearly 200 R&D engineers working on tomorrow's software solutions with a shared passion for innovation and excellence.

## **About Avanquest Software**

Avanquest Software is one of the world's leading software publishers, marketing up to 1,500 software titles developed in-house or by developer partners via multiple sales channels on three continents – North America, Europe and Asia. Avanquest Software addresses the general public and small businesses through its Retail, Online and Direct-to-customer channels; enterprises through the Corporate channel; large corporations and governmental organizations through its Avanquest Solutions division; and major players in the mobile telephone and computer industry through licensing partnerships with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). With 650 employees and approximately 200 engineers in Research and Development distributed between France, China and the United States, the company is committed to constant innovation. The Group posted a turnover of €74.3 million in 2006. Listed on Euronext (ISIN FR0004026714) since December 1996, Avanquest Software is part of Eurolist, SBF index 250, and belongs to the NextEconomy segment. For any additional information: http://www.avanquest.com

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