

Press Release

Amadeus strengthens hotel distribution business with appointment of Jean de Durfort

Madrid, Spain, 13 December 2007: Amadeus, a global leader in technology and distribution solutions for the travel and tourism industry, today announces the appointment of Jean De Durfort to Head of Hotel Distribution, Amadeus. The appointment is part of Amadeus' global expansion of its hotel technology business.

In his new role, Mr de Durfort is responsible for promoting and delivering Amadeus distribution products and services to hotels around the world, and working with travel agencies to boost Amadeus hotel bookings. He will continue to drive Amadeus' increase in hotel content – travel agents can now book over 75,000 hotels in Amadeus.

Mr de Durfort previously managed Amadeus' relationships with third party technology providers and with major travel management companies selling Amadeus e-Travel Management, Amadeus' advanced online self-booking tool for corporations. Prior to this, Mr de Durfort held a variety of sales and marketing positions at American Express, lastly Director of Multinational Sales. He has worked in France, the UK and Germany and is currently based at the Amadeus Headquarters in Spain.

“Jean's experience working with travel management companies and corporations to streamline their booking processes and his e-commerce knowledge will prove invaluable as more and more hotels are booked online, whether through a corporate self-booking tool and online travel agency or a supplier's website,” says Antoine Medawar, Managing Director, Amadeus Hospitality Business Group, “And I am delighted to welcome him to the growing number of professionals Amadeus is committing to the hotel industry.”

Mr de Durfort is a graduate of the Institut d'Etudes Politiques of Paris and holds an MBA from INSEAD.

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Notes to the editors

Amadeus

Amadeus offers a full range of technology and distribution solutions to the hotel industry. Over 1,000 properties in 35 countries increase their revenue by 4 – 8% using Amadeus Revenue Management System. 6,700 hotel properties in 75 countries use Amadeus Property Management System and more than 75,000 hotels distribute their rooms to a global travel-buying market through Amadeus' distribution solutions. 400+ Amadeus hotel specialists are dedicated to serving hotels across the globe.

Amadeus is the chosen technology partner for providers, sellers, and buyers of travel. The company provides distribution, IT and point-of-sale solutions to help its customers adapt, grow and succeed in the fast changing travel industry. Customer groups include travel providers (airlines, hotels, car rental companies, railway companies, ferry lines, cruise lines, insurance companies and tour operators), travel sellers (travel agencies) and travel buyers (corporations and travellers). Solutions are grouped in four solution categories – Distribution & Content, Sales & e-Commerce, Business Management and Services & Consultancy.

Amadeus has central sites in Madrid (corporate headquarters & marketing), Nice (development) and Erding (Operations – data processing centre) and regional offices in Miami, Buenos Aires and Bangkok. At market level, Amadeus maintains customer operations in 76 countries covering more than 215 markets. The company is majority owned by WAM Acquisition, whose shareholders are BC Partners, Cinven, Air France, Iberia and Lufthansa. Amadeus employs over 7,600 employees worldwide, representing 95 nationalities. Amadeus' revenue for the six months year ended 30 June 2007 was EUR 1,534.1 million.

More information about Amadeus hospitality solutions are available at: www.amadeus.com/hotels

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