

## Press Release

### **Amadeus wins “Best Technology Provider” Award at Buying Business Travel Diamond Awards 2007**

**Madrid, 31 January 2007:** Amadeus, a global leader in technology and distribution solutions for the travel and tourism industry, has been awarded ‘best technology provider’ in this year’s Buying Business Travel Diamond Awards.

The Buying Business Travel Diamond Awards, which take place annually, seek to honour excellence in the travel industry and are voted by the magazine’s readership of business travel buyers, managers and arrangers. The award recognises Amadeus’ commitment to the business travel sector as well as its success in working in partnership with the travel industry.

This year’s Awards and Christmas Ball took place on 6 December at London’s exclusive Hurlingham Club.

Ian Wheeler, Vice President, Amadeus said: “We are delighted to have won this award for our technology solutions for the business travel sector. As a company we are continually investing in technology that reflects the ongoing developments in the market in order to help our clients optimise their IT investments.”

“In 2006 we invested €300 million in travel technology R&D to ensure we continued to lead the way and we are delighted that this has been recognised by one of the most highly regarded awards in the industry,” he added.

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### Notes to the editors

**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 & Consulting**.

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 owned by WAM Acquisition, whose shareholders are BC Partners, Cinven, Air France, Iberia and Lufthansa. Amadeus employs over 7,160 employees worldwide, representing 95 nationalities. Amadeus' revenue for the six months year ended 30 June was €1,381.6m.

More information about Amadeus is available at: [www.amadeus.com](http://www.amadeus.com)

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