

Press Release

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Cortix strengthens its position as a competitive company

By winning 1st place in the *Deloitte Technology Fast 50* awards for the Grand Ouest

Grand Ouest awards on Thursday 15 November 2007 in Nantes / National awards on 19/11 in Paris

Cortix has strengthened its position as a competitive and innovative company: on 15 November, it won the best-performing company Grand Ouest award as part of the Deloitte Technology Fast 50, 2007. For the second year running, this SME from Bordeaux, which specialises in website design, and has 12,000 clients, appears among the top 50 best-performing companies in France. These awards, organised by Deloitte in conjunction with NYSE-Euronext, OSEO, Polytech'Nantes, Atlanpole, La Tribune and BFM, aim to promote companies who show their capacity to develop at a sustainable rate in an ever-changing technological environment.

A competitive company: a few assessment criteria

23 companies took part in the seventh Technology Fast 50 in the Grand Ouest region. Cortix is one of these and took first place. This was thanks to a great 2007 for the company, already well underway.

New agencies in France

Cortix has opened 4 new agencies in France since January 2007: Clermont-Ferrand in March, Dijon, Caen and Paris this summer. This brings the total number of regional commercial offices to 14. By opening offices in new regions, Cortix aims to be the main partner for growth for very small businesses and SME on the Internet and to develop its influence both at a national and international level. When you consider that only **56 % of SME and very small businesses have Internet access, and only 15% of those have a website*** there is still great room for growth!

4 European agencies

Cortix continues its International growth and is becoming a Europe-wide concern with 4 new agencies opening in Brussels, Geneva, Munich and Valencia. In a few months' time, England, Ireland and Holland will see new Cortix agencies. The company will use this momentum to open 57 new European agencies by 2010.

Increasing recruitment, new offices, new services

Cortix has taken possession of new offices in October for its HQ, which are more spacious and better adapted, and that will allow it **to take on new staff and to strengthen several departments:** accounting and administrative services, human resources and International development have directly benefited from this project. **Creating more than 100 jobs per year in France**, the company's staff is constantly growing to respond to customer demand: new site templates for different business areas, personalised referencing, etc

The offices will also be home to the 2H Technologies group, which Cortix belongs to, adding the complementary essential skills of its sister companies.

With 235 collaborators to date, a turnover of €14,060,000 in 2007 (from 9 million in 2006), Cortix, the "little SME from Bordeaux" is confirming its position as market sector leader!

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