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### THE FRENCH TECH TOUR 2005: French Tech Community Meeting Global Investors!

Geneva, July 5, 2005 — The European Tech Tour Association (ETT) is pleased to announce its upcoming **French Tech Tour** taking place **November 16-18, 2005**. This is the second visit to France after 2001.

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, an opening dinner has been scheduled in Paris offering the French technology, economic and political community a unique opportunity to welcome and meet with the visiting delegates. Up to 300 people — the “*Who is Who*” of France, are expected to attend.

The *French Tech Tour* will take place over two days starting in Paris and ending on November 18th in Southern France. This invite only event convenes a selected group of sixty international delegates from various sectors in the hi-tech industry (particularly from the corporate business development and strategic partnership roles, in addition to CEO and CTO capacities), venture capital, investment banking, media, as well as certain service providers.

During the two days, about twenty-five companies will be introducing themselves with presentations at selected venues in Paris, Lyon and Cannes Region. The *French Tech Tour* is being organized and chaired by Mr. Jacques Clay and co-presided by Daniel Kahn in conjunction with the ETT and a local selection committee including:

#### *Software & Internet Group:*

Maurizio Arrigo, SGAM	David Chaffetz, IBM	Antoine Colboc, Crédit Agricole
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**For additional information on the French Tech Tour, visit our web site [www.techtour.com](http://www.techtour.com)**

#### **About ETT:**

European Tech Tour Association is an independent, not for profit organization, which aims to provide a platform that allows interactions between the three main groups, ENTREPRENEURS, INSIDERS and VISITORS eventually leading to facilitating or funding local high technology companies looking to expand internationally. It brings together Europe's great-undiscovered technology companies and introduce them to global players. For the past six years, ETT has successfully managed and organized 20 tours in 14 different countries.

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