

**Press Release**

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**Sopra Group finalises its acquisition project of  
Business Architects International**

*Sopra Group and Business Architects International (BAI) finalised today the acquisition by Sopra Group of BAI's activities in Europe. This acquisition reinforces the Group's European positioning in the financial services sector.*

Sopra Group has finalised the acquisition, in cash, of 100% of the share capital of Business Architects International NV. The company will be consolidated in the Group's financial statements as of 1 October 2007.

BAI's geographic positioning and professional expertise in the "solutions for loans" domain complements Sopra Group's own offering and, in particular, permits the Group to continue to develop its European positioning as well as reinforce its financial solutions software suite, Evolan™.

The financial terms of this transaction have not been disclosed.

**About Business Architects International**

Business Architects International is a highly-reputed European software company focused on solutions for the financial marketplace. The company offers financial institutions software packages, components, solutions and analytical models for the loans and credit business in Europe. Business Architects was founded in December 1997 and has branches in Mechelen, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt and London. The shares of Business Architects are privately held by venture capital companies (GIMV being the reference shareholder), management and personnel.

**About Sopra Group**

A leader in the European consulting and IT services market, Sopra Group generated revenue of €897.7 million in 2006 and has a human and intellectual resource potential of over 10,000 people. Thanks to a longstanding culture of excellence and strong sector-specific, functional and technological know-how, the Group offers its clients an end to end approach based on a well-honed business model. Sopra Group's ambition is to allow its clients to focus on transformation projects that will give them a competitive edge and help them drive growth. Sopra Group's savoir-faire encompasses prior strategic reflection through to the supervision and implementation of major systems integration and application outsourcing projects. The Group also pursues the worldwide deployment of its activities in both application integration and business process management through its subsidiary Axway, the world's leading provider of Collaborative Business Solutions, with a complete range of solutions and services. For more information, please go to our website [www.sopragroup.com](http://www.sopragroup.com).

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