



## MEDIA RELEASE

Ajilon France, the professional services division of Adecco Group in France, acquired Sydelis, a French IT consulting company

**CHESEREX, SWITZERLAND - November 5, 2004:** Ajilon France, the professional staffing and managed services subsidiary of Adecco SA, the world's largest HR Solutions provider, acquired yesterday Sydelis, a Paris-based IT consulting company. Sydelis will be integrated into the IT services division of Ajilon France. The acquisition is expected to double the size of Ajilon France's current IT business, with combined sales of more than EUR 40 million in 2003.

Sydelis provides IT consulting services in applications development, applications maintenance, and systems maintenance.

Jérôme Caille, CEO of Adecco SA said: "Sydelis is a well run profitable business, which will significantly contribute to the success of Ajilon IT in the French market, allowing us to achieve new levels of service for our clients".

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## About Sydelis

Founded in 1981 by Gérard Mocquant, the Sydelis Group employs 250 people company and had a turnover of €17.8 million in 2003.

Sydelis is an IT services company based in France. It has an extensive service offering (consulting, time and materials services, project development) and works on different technological platforms and applications (mainframe, client-server, internet, J2E/.net...). It successfully develops projects for large accounts in the following areas: IT systems for business management (specific applications, software based applications, ERP...), technical infrastructures and architecture, scientific/technical and embedded software. Amongst their clients are large banks and insurance companies together with some of the most important industrial and services groups.

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