



**Avanquest Software teams with Sun Microsystems  
to produce and publish two of Sun Microsystems flagship products  
in the whole of Europe:  
Sun's xVM VirtualBox, one of the industry's most popular cross-platform  
virtualization software and StarOffice 9, the latest version of Sun's award-  
winning office suite**

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**Avanquest Software**, a leading developer and publisher of business and consumer software for the global PC market, today announced that it will produce and publish two of **Sun Microsystems'** most popular software programs – StarOffice and Sun xVM VirtualBox.

StarOffice 9 is the latest version of the highly acclaimed, easy-to-use and affordable office suite alternative and is compatible not only with Windows and Linux platforms, but also with Mac OS X (10.4 or higher).

Sun xVM VirtualBox is a high-performance desktop virtualization solution that supports all major host operating systems (OS), including Mac OS X, Linux, Windows, Solaris™ and OpenSolaris™. It will be sold by Avanquest as a stand-alone product as well as in a bundle with OpenSolaris and StarOffice 8.

From October 2008, Avanquest will market these products via retail outlets, the web and corporate and SMB channels across Europe.

Sun Microsystems is an established market leader in virtualization technology and desktop office suites. The agreements are in keeping with Avanquest's strategy to publish the most innovative technologies and offer customers – from single users up to corporations – greater choice.

“Andy Goldstein, European Chief Operating Officer at Avanquest Software, added: “The trust shown by Sun is a great source of satisfaction for Avanquest. It is our goal to establish long-term business relationships with our partners. The outstanding reputation of the solutions developed by Sun, combined with our expertise in software publishing, will enable us to successfully launch these new products in Europe.”

Two perfectly designed versions for all channels and scenarios: xVM VirtualBox

A mere 35MB download, Sun xVM VirtualBox is an incredibly compact and efficient desktop virtualization solution. It installs in less than five minutes and enables users to create “virtual machines” into which they can install their operating system of choice and therefore access their favourite applications. In addition, users benefit from having the ability to easily build, test and run cross-platform, multi-tier applications on a single laptop or desktop computer. With a very simple user interface, consumers and developers will be able to operate in various work environments and move, for example, from Windows to Mac OS X to OpenSolaris with just the click of a mouse.

When consumers purchase the Sun xVM VirtualBox, they can decide between the stand-alone product and the more comprehensive version - a bundle that contains OpenSolaris OS and StarOffice 8 beside xVM VirtualBox; this allows users to immediately use the powerful StarOffice 8 Suite and OpenSolaris regardless of their installed platform. Based on Sun's Solaris kernel and created through community collaboration, the OpenSolaris OS delivers an unrivalled development and deployment environment offering the right mix of rapid innovation, platform stability and support to meet business and development needs. As a result, developers are able to quickly develop, test, trouble-shoot and deploy their new web services,

HPC and network applications.

#### 1500 new features for continuing the success story: StarOffice 9

StarOffice 9 is the latest version of Sun's office suite, compatible with Microsoft Office and now Mac platforms. It includes powerful components, including: word processor, spreadsheet and database programs, presentation tool, graphic editor and a PDF converter. Compared to the previous version, which has been successfully marketed by Avanquest since 2005, StarOffice 9 boasts more than 1500 new features and improvements.

Avanquest will be able to deliver StarOffice 9 and xVM VirtualBox accompanied by a comprehensive printed manual in a choice of English, German or French. Free technical support for end-users of xVM VirtualBox is also included in the purchase price.

Available in English, German, French, Spanish, Italian and Dutch, VirtualBox and StarOffice9 will be launched in the European market beginning in October 2008.

#### **About Avanquest Software**

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