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Graphisoft to acquire Abvent French and Swiss Archicad business units from AV-Tech Group

Architects and engineers in two of Europe's leading markets will significantly benefit from Graphisoft's global expertise, best practices, and solutions.

BUDAPEST, November 3, 2022 — Graphisoft, the leading Building Information Modeling (BIM) software solutions developer for architecture and engineering, announced today that it has signed a Sale and Purchase Agreement with AV-Tech Group to acquire Abvent's Archicad business units in France and French-speaking Switzerland. The acquisition is another milestone in Graphisoft's journey as a leading global player in the AEC

industry by investing in the growth of two of Europe's most influential markets.

Abvent has been Graphisoft's valued distributor in [France](#) since 1985 and in French-speaking [Switzerland](#) since 1991 and has built successful businesses in both countries, offering award-winning software solutions and high-quality support and training to thousands of architects.

"Abvent has built an impressive business based on local market knowledge and deep relationships with users by offering outstanding service and support," said Huw Roberts, Graphisoft CEO. "This acquisition strengthens our position in these already highly successful French-speaking markets by integrating Abvent's many years of deep local experience with Graphisoft's global go-to-market expertise and best practices to add even more value for architects in the region," he added.

"This is exciting news for both companies," said Xavier Soule, AV-Tech Group CEO. "We are proud of the work we have done in France and Switzerland to grow the use of BIM and are confident that our customers will greatly benefit from Graphisoft's hands-on approach to support, services, and long-term vision and mission in the AEC industry."

The deal is expected to close in the next several weeks when Abvent's Archicad business units — including market relationships, employees, and assets — will become part of Graphisoft. The non-Archicad Abvent businesses will be moved into a separate legal entity. Artlantis, BIMoffice, Linkioo, and Render[in] are not part of the transaction, and these software solutions will continue uninterrupted from AV-Tech.

"Graphisoft is committed to delivering the highest quality solutions, services, and support for all our customers worldwide. This acquisition will enable us to deliver on our commitment to our French-speaking customers and best serve these important markets in the future," Roberts added.

About AV-Tech Group

Founded in 1985 by architects, AV-Tech is the holding company of the Abvent Group ([Abvent](#), SB2, [Agence VU](#), and [Galerie VU](#)). AV-Tech is a leader in Open BIM digital technologies and services dedicated to architects,

construction, design, and urban planning professionals.

The company develops and publishes [Artlantis](#) (quick and easy creation of high-quality 3D renderings) and [Render\[ing\]](#) (a fully integrated, real-time radiosity engine for SketchUp users).

From design to operation, AV-Tech also develops and publishes [BIMoffice](#) and [Linkioo](#), unique solutions linked to prominent CAD modelers dedicated to architecture practices and project management.

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About Graphisoft

[Graphisoft](#)® empowers teams to create great architecture, through award-winning software solutions, learning programs, and professional services for the Architecture, Engineering, and Construction industry. **Archicad**®, the architects' BIM software of choice, offers a complete end-to-end design and documentation workflow for architectural and integrated architectural and engineering practices of any size. **BIMx**®, the most popular mobile and web BIM app, extends the BIM experience to include all stakeholders in the building design, delivery, and operations lifecycle. **BIMcloud**®, the AEC industry's first and most advanced cloud-based team collaboration solution,

makes real-time collaboration possible across the globe regardless of the size of the project and the speed or quality of the team members' network connection. **DDScad's** intelligent Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing (MEP) design tools, integrated calculations, and comprehensive documentation solutions combine great architecture with peak building performance. Graphisoft is part of the Nemetschek Group. To learn more visit www.graphisoft.com

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