

Macadamian's combination of software development and related services accelerates annual growth to 52%

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Fast facts

Corporate profile

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Why Ottawa

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Business advantage

Macadamian helps software development managers attain the mix of skill, speed, quality and cost needed to successfully deliver on their commitments. Macadamian allows companies to leverage the cost savings of offshore outsourcing without the usual coordination headaches while accelerating a product's time to market.

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Macadamian serves the Desktop Application, Device Driver, Instrumentation Software, Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP), Web Application, Healthcare and Wireless Application markets with clients that include Nortel, FileMaker, Corel, Espial and Cognos.

Macadamian saw a 52% increase in sales to \$10.2 million in 2007. With headquarters in Ottawa, and offices in the US, India, Romania, and Armenia, the company employs 130 people.

In 2006 and 2007, Macadamian appeared on the 25th annual Software Magazine's Software 500 ranking of the world's largest software and service providers and received an Employer of Distinction Award from the Ottawa Business Journal for the second year in a row.

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Frédéric Boulanger, President of Macadamian, came to Ottawa from the University of Sherbrooke in eastern Quebec for a co-op placement at Corel in 1993, with bigger plans of building a career in the US. Upon discovering the many benefits and career opportunities Ottawa had to offer, Boulanger decided to stay and raise a family. Boulanger worked at Corel until 1997 when he and three partners created Macadamian Technologies Inc.

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For support in the areas of business development and networking, Macadamian takes advantage of the Ottawa Centre of Research and Innovation's (OCRI) events; the Zone5ive technology marketing forum; SPIN (Software Process Improvement Network), a forum to promote and exchange experiences and ideas in software process improvement; and the Technology Executive Breakfast (TEB), a senior management forum. The company also acknowledges the Ottawa Software Cluster (OSC), an industry-sponsored association whose purpose is to help founders, owners and executives of local software companies to build great businesses in the Ottawa community.



Business advantage

Integrated Ventures' Communicator is a browser toolbar that provides search capability, streaming news, and links to related web sites to users of Microsoft Internet Explorer. Integrated Ventures had a conceptual design of the new product, and asked Macadamian to help commercialize it. Rob Penna, CEO at Integrated Ventures states that Macadamian's team of local software managers and global engineers allowed his company to leverage the cost savings of offshore outsourcing without the usual coordination headaches, and accelerate the release of its product.

ImaSight Inc., is a developer and supplier of innovative digital radiography solutions for human and animal healthcare. The company was founded in 2002 to respond to the need for an all-digital x-ray system that delivered "hospital quality" images at an affordable price for any size healthcare practice. ImaSight called upon Macadamian to design and engineer a user-friendly interface for the product. ImaSight's ImaRay product is a vast improvement over traditional x-ray technology, eliminating the wait time for x-ray film to develop and letting users manipulate digital images.

Cognos' Upfront product is a software portal that lets users access other Cognos BI applications, interface with data and organize it meaningfully. Macadamian engineers developed the Cognos Upfront 7.0 Upgrade Tool, which converts Cognos Upfront 6.0 data to the 7.0 format. This allowed the Cognos team to focus on developing the rest of the application knowing that the Upgrade Tool would be delivered on time, on budget, and to specifications.

Future growth plans

Macadamian believes the next wave of the software industry is in the area of design. The company wants to continue on a path of 30-40% growth with plans to acquire/merge with other companies that compliment Macadamian's services. The company is also looking to extend its footprint in European markets and possibly China in the coming years.

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