

## PERNOD-RICARD optimizes its enterprise applications with ActivNetworks

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ActivNetworks, experts in web traffic acceleration and optimization, have successfully met PERNOD-RICARD's requirements for the accelerated performance and high availability of their enterprise web applications.

PERNOD-RICARD, the world's co-leader in wine and spirits, is a decentralized group with up to 100 subsidiaries and 19,000 employees. For this organization, availability and performance of its Web applications are top priorities within its IT planning. In order to accomplish this, the IT system relied on a solution provided by a competitor, but this, over time, no longer met their needs. PERNOD-RICARD wanted to rely on a unified, reliable and high performance solution that combined stream compression with load balancing.

The new solution has to guarantee high availability and accelerated performance of their key enterprise software applications including those based on Hyperion Financial Management, BEA AquaLogic, PeopleSoft HRMS, supporting 7 key business functions including finance, collaborative intranets, supply chain, human resources and legal.

After having investigated several alternatives and conducted a pilot project, PERNOD-RICARD finally chose the ActivNetworks BoostEdge solution. BoostEdge guarantees availability and fast access of the group's applications. Two BoostEdge are deployed in VRRP mode. The choice was also based on the expertise of the ActivNetworks team in supporting the PERNOD-RICARD system architects during the entire project and in putting forward pragmatic technical solutions in line with operational performance.

Julien GAYET, Architecture Project Manager at PERNOD-RICARD, said: "ActivNetworks was able to meet our needs in terms of the performance optimization and load balancing of our web-based applications. It is rare to be able to rely on specialists with such high skills in regards to the tools that were deployed. Their on going support allowed us to put into place a powerful industrial infrastructure and guarantee the high availability of our strategic applications".

BoostEdge equipment now sits at the heart of the group's Web applications.

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