



## Press Release

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### **Fortinet Founder/CEO Ken Xie Appearing on ‘Security Showdown’ Panel at ETRE**

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Oct. 16, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – today announced that Fortinet founder, president and CEO Ken Xie will appear on the “Security Showdown” panel at the European Technology Roundtable Exhibition (ETRE), which takes place Oct. 15-18, 2003 in Berlin.

The Security Showdown panel, moderated by David Kirkpatrick of *Fortune* magazine, will occur Oct. 17, 17:50-18:50, and include Philippe Courtot, Chairman & CEO, Qualys Inc., and Robert Thomas, President & CEO, NetScreen Technologies Inc. Xie will also make a company presentation to the ETRE audience on Oct. 17th, 12:00-12:15.

ETRE attracts 1,000 technology CEOs from more than 40 countries to discuss a wide array of topics. ETRE is the technology industry's premiere international event, giving key newsmakers, venture capitalists, promising entrepreneurs and leaders of the world's biggest IT companies a unique opportunity to meet and exchange ideas. For more information, visit <http://conference.dasar.com/OQ/etre2003.nsf>

#### **About Fortinet ([www.fortinet.com](http://www.fortinet.com))**

Fortinet's award-winning FortiGate™ series of ASIC-accelerated antivirus firewalls, winner of the 2003 Networking Industry Awards Firewall Product of the Year, are the new generation of real-time network protection systems. They detect and eliminate the

most damaging, content-based threats from email and Web traffic such as viruses, worms, intrusions, inappropriate Web content and more in real time – without degrading network performance. FortiGate systems, the only ICSA quadruple-certified security products (antivirus, firewall, IPSec, NIDS), also deliver a full range of network-level services – including firewall, VPN and traffic shaping – in addition application-level services in integrated, easily managed platforms. Fortinet, named to the “Visionaries” category in the 2003 Gartner Enterprise Firewall Magic Quadrant, is privately held and based in Santa Clara, California.

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