



## Press Release

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### **Health and Fitness Leader Gold's Gym Chooses Fortinet For Network Protection Upgrade**

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Feb.4, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – announced today that Gold's Gym International, the largest gym company in the world, has selected the FortiGate™ Antivirus Firewall to improve security and reduce operational costs.

The Fortinet technology will enable Gold's Gym to modernize its network topology for three corporate headquarters (California, Texas and Virginia) that used conventional, legacy firewalls. The Fortinet implementation entails a full nationwide deployment with FortiGate model 100s designed to increase user productivity with integrated, hardware-based antivirus capabilities in addition to high-performance firewall and VPN functions. Gold's will also use Fortinet's Remote VPN Client to provide secure connectivity for mobile workers and remote administration.

"I found that the Fortinet platform met my needs and much more at about what it was going to cost in just engineering services for typical firewall products – and the installation took less than half the time that I'd budgeted," said Kurt Koenig, IT manager for Venice, Calif.-based Gold's Gym. "I was able to connect our three corporate sites, and associated enterprise branch offices, using the VPN capabilities of the FortiGate 100s and give our users a way to collaborate with their counterparts all across the country. I'm also pleased that the FortiGate units will screen our VPNs and our Web traffic for viruses and worms without impacting our network performance – something that no other product we looked at could do."

Fortinet's FortiGate family of antivirus firewalls combines hardware and software in integrated platforms that deliver a full complement of network- and application-level security and productivity services. The ASIC-based content processing engines in the FortiGate units enable real-time analysis of content at the application level, and support perimeter deployment of services –including antivirus protection and content filtering - that have traditionally relied on host- or client-based processing.

"The FortiGate Antivirus Firewall provides the highest price/performance and the lowest total cost of ownership for maximizing network security, providing secure connectivity, and reducing network abuse and misuse harmful to productivity," said Richard Kagan, vice president of marketing at Fortinet. "This integration enables corporate customers like Gold's Gym to remain connected – and competitive – without putting their data resources or their bottom lines at risk."

From its famous members to its famous sportswear, Gold's Gym ([www.goldsgym.com](http://www.goldsgym.com)) has become the largest gym chain in the world. Today there are over 2,500,000 members in 24 countries. It is the gym of preference of amateur and pro athletes as well as the entertainment industry and anyone else who is serious about fitness.

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

Fortinet's award-winning FortiGate series of ASIC-accelerated antivirus firewalls 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. The FortiGate systems deliver a full range of network-level services – firewall, VPN, intrusion detection and traffic shaping – as well as application-level services such as antivirus and content filtering, in dedicated, easily managed platforms. Fortinet is privately held and based in Santa Clara, California.