



Jan Baan

Founder and Chairman, Chief Innovation Officer

BIOGRAPHY

Jan Baan has over 25 years of entrepreneurial and business leadership experience in the software industry.

Internationally recognized for his key role in creating the worldwide market for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software, Jan is a self-made serial entrepreneur.

He founded Cordys in 2001, together with Theodoor van Donge; the key architect behind Baan Company's pioneering ERP solution.

The progressive nature of the Cordys technology is strongly reflective of Jan's cumulative experience in software innovation and creation.

Jan's mission with Cordys is to solve the IT implementation and change issues faced by today's extended enterprise by enabling an organization to be more responsive to changing business conditions.

Cordys is unique in that it has designed a platform to bridge four, seemingly disconnected, worlds: Business Process Management, Integration, Composite Application Framework, and the Cloud. This unique combination not only compliments our customer's existing enterprise software but also adds agility to their business operations by delivering process-centric solutions.

Jan founded Baan Company in 1978, after a carrier in financial management. With the development of his first software package in 1979, Jan started what was to become a pioneering career in the ERP industry.

Under Jan's stewardship, Baan Company grew from a \$35 million company in the early 1990s to \$680 million in 1998.

Baan became the number 2 ERP player in the software

Highlights

- *Over 25 years of entrepreneurial and business leadership*
- *Founder of Baan Company, which became a Fortune 500 company*
- *Played a key role in establishing the ERP market*
- *Early investor in on-demand collaborative software company WebEx*
- *Early backer of TopTier, sold to SAP for \$400 million*

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In the late 1990s, Jan became a highly successful venture capitalist by focusing on software innovation. He was an early investor in the on-demand collaborative software company WebEx Communications, recently acquired by Cisco Systems for \$3 billion, as well as an early backer of Top Tier, which was subsequently sold to SAP for \$400 million.