

News Item – February 2006:

Aareon UK Limited Joins Microsoft's ISV Programme and Announces Microsoft Certification

Aareon UK Limited today announced it has earned certified status in Microsoft's Partner Program, which recognizes Aareon UK Limited's expertise and impact in the technology marketplace. As a Certified Partner, Aareon UK Limited has demonstrated expertise with Microsoft technologies and proven ability to meet customer needs. Microsoft Certified Partners receive a rich set of benefits, including access, training and support that give them a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

"Only companies that have demonstrated high levels of customer service, proved their experience and attained advanced certification receive the designation of Microsoft Certified Partner,"

said Allison Watson, vice president of the Worldwide Partner Sales and Marketing Group at Microsoft Corp.

"Today, Microsoft recognizes Aareon UK Limited for its skills and expertise in providing customer satisfaction with Microsoft products and technology."

In addition to earning certified status, Aareon UK Limited has declared a Microsoft Competency. Microsoft Competencies are designed to help differentiate a partner's capabilities with specific Microsoft technologies to customers looking for a particular type of solution. Each competency has a unique set of requirements and benefits, formulated to accurately represent the specific skills and services that partners bring to the technology industry.

Microsoft's Empowerment Program for ISV partners is designed to assist Independent Software Vendors in the development of software products based on Microsoft technologies. The QL solution, from Aareon UK Limited, is based on the Microsoft SQL Server database platform, and employs other Microsoft technologies such as Microsoft Reporting Services, whilst also offering Windows-standard user interface and tight integration with Microsoft Office products.

Commenting on the achievement, UK Director of Operations Geraint Griffiths said:

"This is a new achievement for Aareon and demonstrates our continuing close co-operation with Microsoft and the Microsoft standard for development, which we believe continues to benefit our customers. The QL software was submitted for testing and passed the necessary tests as a client on Windows XP and for SQL Server."

The QL Housing Management system is in use by over 60 organisations in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. For more details, please contact us via our web site, or using the details shown below.



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