

OT acquires Xantium  
and strengthens its leadership position  
on African Continent

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OT (Oberthur Technologies), a leading global provider of embedded security software products, services and solutions, today announced that it has acquired Xantium Integrated Solutions (Xantium).

Xantium is a renowned South African supplier of cards and personalization services to a wide variety of market segments including Banks, Retailers and Third party payment processors in South Africa and several African countries.

Through this acquisition, OT will grow its footprint in the promising Southern African market and strengthen its base in Johannesburg to address customers across the African continent.

Xantium brings to OT an experienced team which has excelled in providing high levels of service to its broad client base with a focus on quality, speed and flexibility. This has been supported by an innovative approach to card personalization with expertise developed in the fields of card distribution and reporting.

*“OT’s ambition is to strengthen our leading position in Africa by addressing the growing demand for payment, authentication and related services through providing best in-class expertise and state-of-the-art products that meet our clients’ demands. Xantium has built up an impressive customer base across the continent and through this acquisition, OT pursues its strategy of acquiring, targeted companies which enhance our global footprint through a strong local presence”* said Muzaffar Khokhar, Regional President for Russia, Middle-East and Africa at OT.

**ABOUT OBERTHUR TECHNOLOGIES**

OT is a world leader in embedded digital security that protects you when you connect, authenticate or pay.

OT is strategically positioned in high growth markets and offers embedded security software solutions for “end-point” devices as well as associated remote management solutions to a huge portfolio of international clients, including banks and financial institutions, mobile operators, authorities and governments, as well as manufacturers of connected objects and equipment.

OT employs over 6 500 employees worldwide, including almost 700 R&D people. With a global footprint of 4 regional secure manufacturing hubs and 39 secure service centers, OT’s international network serves clients in 169 countries. For more information: [www.oberthur.com](http://www.oberthur.com)

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