

# Avocent's LANDesk Positioned as a Visionary in 2009 Endpoint Protection Platforms Magic Quadrant

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Evaluation based on Completeness of Vision and Ability to Execute

SALT LAKE CITY, UT, May 12, 2009 - Avocent Corporation (NASDAQ: AVCT), a global leader in IT operations management, today announced that LANDesk division has been positioned by Gartner, Inc. in the Visionaries Quadrant in the 2009 Endpoint Protection Platforms Magic Quadrant\* report.

Gartner's Magic Quadrant for Endpoint Protection Platforms is based on an assessment of a company's ability to execute and completeness of vision. Gartner evaluated the LANDesk Endpoint Security Management solution as part of this report.

"We are very pleased to be placed in the Visionaries Quadrant and we see this as a validation of our focus on a layered security approach to endpoint protection, said Steve Daly, Executive VP and General Manager of LANDesk. "We have focused on integrating the critical endpoint protection technologies including vulnerability identification and remediation, AV, spyware detection and removal, application blocking, data protection, port blocking, white listing and blacklisting, and many more critical endpoint protection technologies. LANDesk/Avocent will continue to change the game by enabling security of any system anywhere with only an Internet connection."

\* Gartner Research "Magic Quadrant for Endpoint Protection Platforms, 2008" by P. Firstbrook, A. Hallawell, J. Girard and N. MacDonald. May 4, 2009.

## About the Magic Quadrant

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Avocent delivers IT operations management solutions that reduce operating costs, simplify management, and increase the availability of critical IT environments 24/7 via integrated, centralized software. LANDesk delivers cost-effective systems, security, and process management solutions that help IT teams automate and simplify the management of desktops, servers, and mobile devices. With long-standing partner relationships and solutions successfully deployed at leading enterprises worldwide, LANDesk continues to deliver rapid innovation and time to value to help organizations achieve their business objectives. Additional information is available at [www.landesk.com](http://www.landesk.com).

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