

## Biography



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**Alain Labat**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
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Alain J-P. Labat has accumulated a wide variety of expertise in the EDA sector, originally focusing on international operations during the 1980's at Xerox Engineering Systems Division and followed by employment at Valid Logic Systems where, as vice president of international operations, he was responsible for over half of the company's revenue in 1989. From there he was recruited to join the fledgling Synopsys, Inc. in 1990, where he implemented international growth from start up mode through IPO in 1992 and, as senior vice president of worldwide sales and marketing, expansion to over \$600M in 1997, when he left the company. This reflected the establishment of Synopsys' global business and market leadership and a record market share and revenue growth among EDA companies within that period.

From 1998–2002, he served as founder, president and CEO of Sequence Design, merging three companies (Frequency, Sente, Sapphire) to become Sequence. He was featured on the cover of Fortune magazine (Spring 1999) as heading up a "hot company of the year" – the only EDA company featured in the middle of the dot-com boom. Labat built the business to \$20M by 2000.

Labat was brought by Menlo Ventures investors in 2000 to restructure Tera Systems, assuming the role of President and CEO from September 2002 to November 2004.

An entrepreneur partner with Menlo Ventures from 1998, he has served as advisor/consultant to numerous EDA related "start-ups". Currently, he is a board member at Jasper Design Automation and has held previous board memberships at Xpedion Technologies (acquired by Agilent in 2006), Sequence Design (Chairman) and Tera Systems.

A strong advocate of education, he was a founder and serves as chairman emeritus of the board of the French American School of Silicon Valley.

A wine enthusiast, Labat enjoys sharing pinot noir, the fruit of his labors from his personal vineyard growing on a Los Gatos hillside.

He has a lifelong passion for playing sports (formerly rugby and soccer) and is an avid squash player, continuing to learn from world-class squash professional Jon Perry at the Decathlon Club.