

French pay-TV operator Canal+ Group is a leader in premium and theme channel distribution and programming. Owned by Paris-based Vivendi, Canal+ was the first French operator to launch High Definition (HD) programming via satellite.

Canal+ leads French pay-TV market

- 1984:** Launched premium pay-TV channels.
- 1986:** Reached one million subscribers.
- 1996:** First to launch digital pay-TV in Europe. MediaHighway® middleware launched.
- 2003:** Launched NDS Pilotime Digital Video Recorder (DVR).
- 2006:** Introduced HD broadcasting.
- 2007:** CanalSat merged with TPS.
- 2008:** Attained a total subscription portfolio of 10.5 million.



NDS services used

Strong middleware foundation: NDS MediaHighway® middleware allows Canal+ to manage more than 30 different set-top box (STB) models as well as the latest DVR and HD STBs. We help Canal+ keep a consistent look and feel with the same branding across these many STBs, while prolonging the useful life of legacy equipment.

EPG and interactive applications: NDS facilitates the seamless launch of new services including a variety of customizable Electronic Program Guides (EPGs), churn reducing games, and revenue generating betting services.

Digital Video Recorders: NDS DVR application supports the latest satellite dual tuner HD DVR which enables subscribers to watch one program while recording another. It also features trick modes, live pause, series link, and playing recorded content.

External hard drive support: MediaHighway also enables subscribers to transform their HD STBs into DVRs by connecting selected external hard drives to their STB via a USB port. A new version of MediaHighway software is automatically downloaded to each HD STB to enable DVR functionality. NDS MediaHighway also provides the foundation for catch-up TV services.

Multiroom application: NDS Multiroom enables viewers to enjoy MediaHighway middleware functions on two TVs in the home by allowing secure video distribution from a master (Primary) STB to a slave (secondary) STB. MediaHighway middleware enables the service on both satellite and terrestrial platforms.



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Innovator on all platforms

Canal+ Group is the leader in the French pay-TV market with more than 10 million subscriptions for its Canal, CanalSat, and the former TPS offerings.

Canal+ Le Bouquet is the first multi-channel premium offer in France. It is available via satellite, cable, digital terrestrial television and ADSL networks. Canal+ Le Bouquet features six premium content channels built around Canal+, the leading general interest premium channel.

Canal+ Group produces a range of channels dedicated to subscribers' interests. This includes films (CineCinema), sports (Sport+, Infosport), news (i>Tele), series (Jimmy), documentaries (Planete) and programs for young people (Piwi, Teletoon).

Canal+ Group also distributes CanalSat, a multichannel offer available on satellite, cable, ADSL, DTT through a minipack and adapted for third generation (3G) mobile telephones.

Canal+ Group runs pay-TV operations in Poland and in French-speaking countries around the world via Canal Overseas. Canal+ Group is also a European leader in the financing, acquisition and distribution of feature films through its affiliate StudioCanal.



Partners for leadership

The partnership between Canal+ Group and NDS has led to the development of a wide range of market leading features that have elevated Canal+ into the leading pay-TV operator in Europe.

“MediaHighway® middleware from NDS has helped Canal+, France’s largest and most innovative pay-TV operator, deliver an unprecedented selection of advanced applications on all its platforms.”



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