



## 14th Annual Asian Business Conference Speakers

### Technology Panel

#### **Pam Lopker**

CEO, QAD



**P**amela Lopker is founder, chairman of the board and president of QAD, Inc., a leading provider of enterprise applications for manufacturers. With more than 20 years experience in business and software development, Lopker is responsible for shaping the vision and strategic direction of QAD and directing the company's global research and development efforts.

Lopker founded QAD in 1979 while looking for a way to more efficiently manage her husband's growing shoe business. Leveraging her interests in mathematics and computer programming, Lopker developed one of the original integrated manufacturing, accounting and planning software solutions. Today, with over 2,500 customers and a diversified product line, the Carpinteria, California-based company has grown its revenue to more than \$200 million QAD has more than 1,200 employees in 26 countries and counts Avon, General Electric, Black & Decker and Johnson Controls among its customers.

Today Lopker is recognized as a manufacturing visionary, having been called "The Hero of U.S. Manufacturing" and "The Queen of Elegant Software" by Fortune Magazine. Manufacturing Systems has named Lopker "A Legend of Manufacturing." And Lopker has also earned a place on START Magazine's prestigious list of manufacturing industry visionaries.

A frequent industry spokeswoman and advocate for women in technology, Lopker has received numerous industry accolades for her entrepreneurialism and leadership in the advancement in manufacturing software. She was named Entrepreneur of the Year in 1998 by the Lloyd Grief Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara and received Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year award for the Greater Los Angeles area in 1996.

Lopker holds Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics from the University of California at Santa Barbara and is certified in Production and Inventory Management from the American Production and Inventory Control Society (APICS).