

ALI INTRODUCES THIRD INTEGRATED CHIP SET

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Acer Laboratories (ALi) has announced its third distinct chip set to integrate graphics acceleration. The CyberBlade Aladdin i1 is aimed at laptop systems. The new chip set was developed in conjunction with Trident and is based on Trident's CyberBlade 3D core. Trident

thus becomes the third graphics-chip maker to partner with ALi on an integrated chip set, following NVIDIA (creating the Aladdin TNT2—see *MPR 10/6/99-msb*, "NVIDIA Allies With ALi on Integrated Chip Set") and ArtX (with the Aladdin 7—see *MPR 12/6/99-msb*, "Acer, ArtX Announce Core Logic With Graphics").

The chip set includes a P6-bus north bridge jointly developed by ALi and Trident, along with ALi's M1535

south bridge, which is also used in the other two integrated chip sets. Both companies will help market and support the Aladdin i1, which ALi will manufacture and Trident will sell. The CyberBlade Aladdin i1 will sell for \$40 in volume. For more information, contact ALi (www.acerlabs.com) or Trident (www.tridentmicro.com). ♦

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