

JOURNEY TO THE CLOUD

A global real estate firm needed to reduce their overall IT spend and their data center footprint, adopt additional cloud services and gain robust collaboration capabilities. Our **Global Cloud Hosting Strategy** helped them achieve what they were looking for.

COMPANY PROFILE

This leading global real estate organization provides commercial real estate services globally. It offers integrated facilities management, project and development, portfolio administration, transaction management, and property management services.

SUPPORT

As this real estate and property management organization continued to expand through strategic mergers and acquisitions (M&A), their data center footprint also inflated. Their core infrastructure became much more complex, and through the natural M&A process, they also lost key staff with critical corporate infrastructure knowledge.

The client prioritized a consolidation and standardization of their data center facilities and a migration to a cloud-hosted environment. By moving to the cloud, the business hoped to achieve several key objectives, including adding computer and storage capacity, and reducing overall dependencies on homegrown data centers.

TUV Rheinland entered the picture in 2015 when the client initially identified cloud providers who could help consolidate applications and improve global operational efficiencies.

Over the course of four years, the client and TUV Rheinland collaborated on a cloud migration that resulted in the decommissioning of six data center facilities and re-hosting for four strategic regions -- EMEA, ANZ, China, and USA. In addition, the TUV Rheinland cloud team implemented cloud disaster recovery and capacity where appropriate.

TUV Rheinland put together an assessment and migration plan geared to do the following:

- Reduce cost by consolidating infrastructure and implementing a cloud-first strategy
- Reduce application portfolios through rationalization
- Provide Azure direct connection for O365, backup, and to host disaster recovery infrastructure
- Provide legacy applications with improved disaster recovery capabilities
- Utilize cloud exchange for high-speed, low latency cloud access
- Align infrastructure with CIO essentials and other known compliance deficiencies
- Build a platform that will enable shifting CapEx to OpEx

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