FUTURE DATACENTRES & CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT 2019

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Summit Agenda

Day 1 - 8th April 2019

🕐 **08:00 - 09:30**
REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

🕐 **09:30 - 09:45**

MC OPENS

🕐 **09:45 - 09:50**

Welcome Address by the Guest of Honor

🕐 **09:50 - 10:00**

Welcome remarks by Premium Sponsor

🕐 **10:00 - 10:20**

The Future of Datacentres: Delivering IT Infrastructure for the Digital Age in the Middle East

- A sneak peek into the datacentres of the future & how the future starts with datacentres
- How has customer demand driven the acceptance of datacentres in the region and what's being done to house valuable customer data locally
- Other deciding factors in building modern datacentres & shaping IT networks of the future

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Going Hybrid – Developing Facilities of the future

- Embracing the hybrid generation and how hybrid infrastructures can help organizations transform
- Is your organization ready to adopt a hybrid cloud strategy?
- Modernising the datacentre – bridging legacy & cloud

Noor Al Noman, Director, Sharjah eGovernment

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Green Data Centers - Turning to Clean Energy Sources

- Achieving energy efficient Datacentres, addressing energy consumption and enabling CIO's to deliver cost effective business solutions
- Use of renewable energy: minimizing environmental impact & preferred ways of going green & sustainable
- Challenges of adopting green Datacentres

Ahmad Mohd Darwish Al Emadi, Chief Information Officer, Dubai Municipality

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Transforming the Data Center Infrastructure: Enter Blockchain Technology

- Value add or is it more hype?
- Blockchain and Cloud – changing the datacentre architecture fundamentally
- What does datacentre Integration & blockchain mean? Who's seen the benefits & drawbacks?

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NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK & VISIT TO NETWORKING LOUNGE

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Advancing Datacentre Innovation

- Let's start with the edge – how edge computing & IoT is gaining immense popularity?
- Self-Managing Datacentres and the future of AI in Datacentres
- Other emerging technologies and innovations that drive Datacentre modernization

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Panel Discussion: CIO's debate – Next Generation Datacentres & getting ready for the future of IT

- The New Role of the CIO and its Impact on Datacentre Operations
- Challenges CIO's face when selecting the right type of cloud infrastructure and provider
- Future of Green IT – A CIO's take

Abdul Rahman Jaroudi, Chief Technology Officer, Ajman Bank
Binoo Joseph, Chief Information Officer, EMAAR Group
Dr. Jassim Haji, Director - Gulf Air, President - Artificial Intelligence Society Bahrain and GCC
Eman Mohamed Al Khayyal, Chief Information Officer, Sharjah Electricity and Water Authority
Hashim Saeed, Head of Information Technology, AZIZI Group
Kumar Prasoon, Group Chief Information Officer (CIO), Safeer Group – Century Malls

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In a Competitive Environment how can one identify the right Datacentre Provider?

- A company's goodwill helps create business value. What are the other factors that matter while selecting a datacentre provider?
- Effects of a strong datacentre infrastructure on companies operations.
- What are the challenges associated with selecting the right datacentre provider?

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Protecting Datacentre in the Cybersecurity Age

- Securing beyond the physical perimeter of the datacentre
- What should organizations do to protect themselves and their data against cyber-attacks?
- How important is it to design datacentres with cyber security prevention right from the planning stages?

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NETWORKING LUNCH & VISIT TO NETWORKING LOUNGE

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Panel Discussion: Future proofing your Data Center – Mapping out a game plan for IT professionals to help them navigate for a better tomorrow

- Meeting the growing demands within datacentres and protecting the inside out
- Harnessing the power of Software-defined Datacentre
- Power, space and capability – evaluating your Datacentres's expansion capacity

Aftab Hameed Khan, Head of IT Infrastructure & Service Delivery, IMG World of Adventure
Indranil Guha, Head of IT Infrastructure, Operations & Services, Commercial Bank of Dubai
Krishan Kant Srivastava, Head of IT Infrastructure, Operations & Application, Landmark Hospitality
Mazen Mohammed Muzhir, Head of IT Infrastructure, Operations & IT Security, Abu Dhabi City Municipality
Rajendra Srivastava, Head of IT Infrastructure, IFFCO Group of Companies
Safdar Zaman, Head Of IT Strategy and Governance, Nakheel PJSC

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Hyperscale Data Centers – Who can we learn from and why should the region care

- Will the increasing need for cloud and data analytics lead to this development
- Can hyperscale datacentres increase cloud adoption in the region?
- Understanding the importance and what are the business drivers around the growth of hyperscale datacentres

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The Future of Cloud Providers and Vendor Solutions

- Cloud Services are said to be the engine for future developments, what is the involvement of cloud providers in delivering the same?
- Product value creation and Vendor performance, are they the base of differentiation?
- Accelerators, Innovators, Challengers and Emerging Players, how do these parameters help drawing decisions for businesses?

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The Cultural Shift to the Cloud

- What are the barriers and considerations while moving from traditional infrastructure to cloud infrastructure
- How can organizations extract more value when they transform their cultures?
- How does hiring for a cultural fit aggrandize the organization's DNA?

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REFRESHMENTS & VISIT TO NETWORKING LOUNGE

Day 2 - 9th April 2019

🕐 **09:00 - 09:50**
NETWORKING & MORNING REFRESHMENTS

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Latest Advances in Cooling Technologies that could be adopted in the GCC Region for Modern Datacentres

- Reduce costs, space, noise, carbon footprint and improve reliability and performance - Is liquid cooling technology the future?
- Is the switch from air to liquid simple?
- Overcoming barriers to adoption of liquid cooling in datacentres

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Are Colocation Datacentres on the Rise?

- In-House Datacentre Management VS Datacentre Colocation
- Factors IT Directors must consider before moving their data to co-located data facility
- What's Next for Datacentre Colocation

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Need for Speed: 5G and its Impact on Future Datacentres

- Preparation, challenges and potential
- Do CIOs really do need to be planning now?
- A detailed look into the role of the datacentre in the 5G ecosystem

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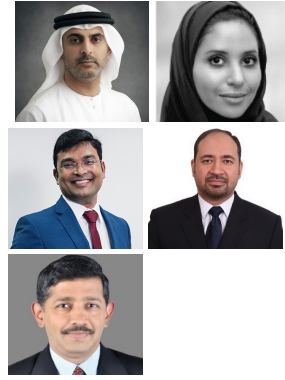**Moving to an All-Flash Data Storage - Far but True**

- IT leaders must consider the cost versus capabilities and the value it delivers
- Are storage customers considering they'll operate an all-flash datacentre within the next five years?
- Meeting the data protection challenges of the All-Flash Datacentre

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Panel Discussion: Will AI and Cloud kill jobs or create new jobs? Fact or Fiction.

- Life after cloud – are companies moving datacentre workloads to cloud?
- Why IT Professionals and datacentre technicians should reskill and skill up to familiarize with cloud products
- Balancing job loss in datacentres due to AI versus meeting the number of increased jobs in the AI industry

Faisal Ali, Group Chief Information Officer, Gargash
Hala Alhashmi , Head of IT, Sharjah National Oil Corporation
Hariprasad Chede, Chief Information Security Officer, National Bank of Fujairah
Hayat Ahmed Al Hammadi, Head of IT Service & Support, Dubai Health Authority
Mohamad Easawy, Digital & IT Strategist, Head of IT Excellence & Innovation, Dubai Customs
Sivakumar Venkatraman, Head of International Technology Operations, First Abu Dhabi Bank

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Cloud Computing or Datacenters – Converging IT and facilities

- With digital transformation driving industries today, what technology supports the industry best to achieve set goals?
- How will Data Centre Infrastructure Management adaption drill down the level of desired granularity?
- How does the Hyper-Converged Infrastructure make like easier for storage controller?
- What are the latest trends driving the adoption of data center infrastructure managements?

Abeer Ali Hussain Bukhalaf, Acting Sr. Manager Infrastructure, DEWA
Ali Mohamed Aljaeedi, Section Head – infrastructure and telecommunication, Department of Transport, Abu Dhabi
Damian O'Gara, Vice President IT, OSN
Jayesh Maganlal , Head of IT Infrastructure, Cloud & Operations, Majid Al Futtaim Properties
Jejin Joseph, Head - IT Infrastructure, Meraas Holding
Satyan Abraham, Director, ICT DXB Entertainments (Dubai Parks and Resorts)

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PRIZE DRAW & MC CLOSES

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