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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Enterprises opting for a hybrid cloud solution has become the new norm. Most of them have active hybrid cloud initiatives or have already deployed the model in their digital journey. However, the question is if it really addresses their requirements. If not, then the hybrid cloud just becomes an off-premise solution with a significant dollar value attached to it. The hybrid cloud option has been a strong model for several businesses of all sizes and across verticals. The architecture can store sensitive and valuable data in a private environment, while non-critical applications can be moved to the public cloud. Its adoption has grown considerably, as anticipated in ISG's 2019 report. The overall managed data center services market was valued at over \$200 billion last year. It is expected to grow to around \$250 billion, reaching \$500 billion by 2025. North America accounts for the largest market size, especially the U.S. According to the latest 1Q20 ISG Index™, the cloud market in the Americas has grown 9 percent in combined market annual contract value (ACV) since 4Q19, while the as-a-service ACV was up by 11 percent at \$4.2 billion. Also, the IaaS market grew 17 percent to \$2.9 billion and SaaS went up by 1 percent to \$1.3 billion.

However, IT spend is expected to decline for at least the next two quarters due to the current global situation. There are multiple factors affecting the quarterly and full-year forecast. Each industry faces a different level of impact from COVID-19. Travel and transport, as well as retail, are facing the brunt of the wide shutdown. ISG has assessed the need for each industry to request discounts and extended payment terms, including short-term cuts in digital transformation. We expect 60 percent of our clients to delay technology spends for more than 90 days. The managed services industry is predicted

to be down 17 percent in the second quarter and fall 7 percent for the full year. On a positive note, we forecast a 5 percent rise in as-a-service ACV in the second quarter and a 12 percent increase by the end of the year. The impact of the pandemic has mostly been positive on enterprises that have implemented the hybrid cloud model, as it gave them the required flexibility to address several challenges such as business continuity, employee safety and running of critical operations in secure environments. They now want to equip their mobile workforce with a highly secure work-from-home environment. In addition, the implementation of lockdown measures across regions has caused a dearth of on-site IT personnel support. Enterprises have thus moved on to leveraging cloud capabilities to check, maintain and monitor their server and storage installations in data centers.

Managed services providers play a key role: With the cloud infrastructure getting commoditized, enterprises have been increasingly adopting cloud technology into their digital journey, thus driving growth in the cloud sector. However, in the current situation, CTOs and CIOs are seeking rapid cloud adoption and are focused on moving severe to critical workloads to a hybrid cloud environment as quickly as possible. Once the crisis is brought under control and businesses stabilize, they need to think of ways to scale down in order to avoid high capital expenditures and billing from cloud providers. Enterprises should turn towards mature service providers as some hand-holding will be required for such tasks; they need to adopt strategies that will change the way employees work in large, complex siloed enterprises. CIOs and CTOs are concerned about the high costs

incurred from downtime as well as the shrinking IT budget, which is forcing enterprises to leverage managed services providers. These providers play a key role here as they have extensive experience in infrastructure management and are well equipped to support enterprises in their digital journey. They understand the requirement of the enterprise and define a problem statement so that the outputs can be quantified and measured. The deployments are efficient and quick due to the providers' vast experience accumulated over the years, capabilities in leveraging new technologies, and their large workforce.

Challenge of managing large amounts of data is real: Over the past couple of years, there has been an explosive growth of data generation. Data lakes are becoming data oceans. These large volumes of data have to be stored and managed in a secure environment, which posed a major challenge for enterprises. Also, data transfer in petabytes is expensive and should be fast. Providers have been addressing these challenges by developing expertise in managing large amounts of data efficiently, which has spurred growth in managed data center services space. As data sets grow bigger, providers are leveraging various methods to overcome issues involving concentration and distribution of data. Some of these include data thinning, use of new technologies around networking for faster data transfer, and bringing data sources closer to applications instead of centralizing them and then sorting and moving into the destination system.

Managed hosting revitalized: Contrary to the previous year's prediction, the managed hosting market has reversed the trend of losing relevance. This year, ISG observed a growing interest among hosting providers to invest in improving their managed services

and updating their data center facilities. The market has seen several changes due to the exit of some players by selling off their assets or by merging with another hosting provider to combine resources and offer better hosting solutions. Providers have been strictly following compliance and regulations, such as ISO, PCI DSS, HIPAA and GDPR, and are continuously updated as per the new checklists. The requirement of auditing data location, migrating software licenses to the public cloud, hyperconverged systems capacity and affordability, and improved management tools are small yet key aspects that drive the shift of some particular applications to managed hosting as part of a hybrid environment. Also, high density servers that run heavy virtualized workloads involve considerable energy consumption and heat generation. However, it still more efficient to host several clients on this server than on low density units and the cost savings achieved can be transferred to clients. An emerging trend is the use of colocation facilities, rather than in-house data centers, to host the service provider's hardware and software for managed hosting services.

Increased usage of AI and ML technology: This year, ISG has observed more solutions leveraging artificial intelligence (AI)-based cognitive capabilities and/or machine learning (ML) tools and services to provide high-quality outcomes, speed up service delivery, increase IT efficiency and deliver a superior user experience. Providers have developed tools that take data from various sources to predict downtime and implement self-healing measures to prevent such situations. AI for IT operations (AIOps) can monitor various elements of the entire hybrid environment and provide predictive analytics for incident management to aggregate events, reduce noise, auto-correlate and identify the probable root cause using ML technology. Also, running AI/ML-based applications requires

significant processing capabilities and powerful servers, which were in limited quantity or considerably expensive until now. Currently, efficient infrastructures with specialized high computing equipment are being used to run AI-based cognitive capabilities and/or ML tools.

Lack of talent in data center industry: The data center industry is facing a major shortage of talent. Employees with more than 20 years of experience are either moving toward retirement or management positions, while a small percentage of the workforce has less than five years of experience. It has been difficult to find qualified candidates in this domain. In addition, few women opt to join the data center business as they comprise a fraction of the entire workforce in the industry. The industry should focus on hiring and train new candidates to replace the highly experienced personnel who are moving out.

Edge data centers: Edge computing has been around for a while, but edge data centers are predicted to be the next big thing. In a way, edge solutions are designed to complement data center and cloud services. By bringing data collection closer to the network edge for processing, it can drastically reduce the latency and processing time and increase responsiveness. With the technological advances in the internet of things (IoT), processing power has increased and devices are able to handle the additional load to a point where edge computing in data centers has become more viable. This will enable data center providers to extend their network reach, improve speed, and provide more powerful processing resources to manage tasks that are too big for IoT devices. If enterprises want to design their own edge system, they need to keep an eye on efficiency, resiliency, and how the architecture can improve the business. As edge computing and

edge data centers are still in the nascent stage, it remains unclear whether this framework will be profitable or not. This concern will be a major deciding factor for enterprises to invest in edge strategies.

New-age colocation services: The colocation industry has been undergoing a significant transformation by upgrading its IT assets and physical infrastructure for enhancing power and cooling capabilities apart from providing more floor space. The hybrid cloud continues to be a major factor when it comes to designing a data center and integrating it with cloud environments. Colocation providers have been using AI technology to dynamically monitor and regulate the environment of a data center. Tweaks and adjustments in cooling systems translate to significant energy and cost savings plus an improvement in the overall efficiency of the data center. Some U.S.-based colocation providers have been designing zero carbon footprint or green data centers and play a larger role in supporting environmental goals. Some California-based providers have adopted renewable energy for their power requirements, primarily due to environmental concerns and high power costs. Few have also opted for on-site power generation, which gives them full control over power generation and consumption.

Rise in demand for securing data centers: Due to the increased adoption of virtualization and cloud-based services, the need for enhanced security has become imminent and is being implemented in data centers worldwide. Enterprises can deploy these on-demand tools and services quickly and efficiently to secure their IT infrastructure assets. Replication and duplication of data are one of most sought-after features and are used to withstand malware attacks. Also, the increase in data traffic from multiple sources

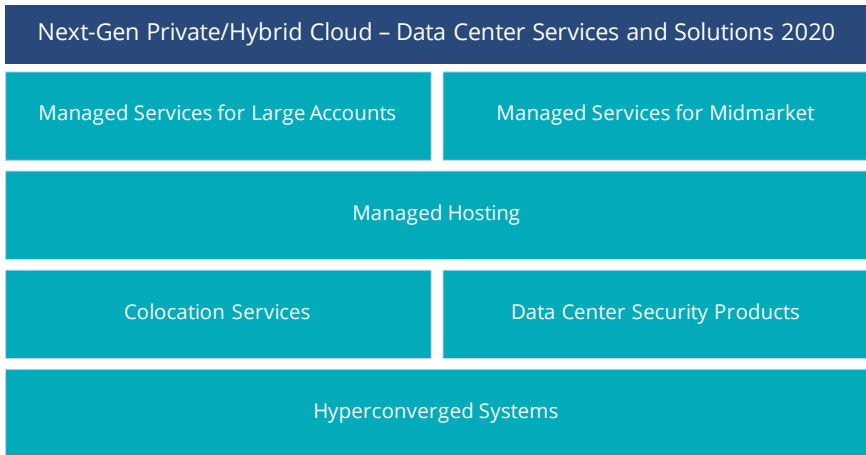
has elevated the need for secure connectivity for critical and confidential information. The risks have also escalated significantly with all kinds of cyber and malware attacks, information breaches from third-party vendors and information theft. Revenue loss and the high costs incurred from downtime have raised concerns among CIOs and CTOs. Therefore, implementing a robust and strong data security solution has become pertinent for all the data center assets of an enterprise. Data center security is a highly competitive market. Vendors have been developing intellectual properties (IPs) by investing in R&D, establishing security centers of excellence where engineers work on prototypes with cutting-edge technologies, and gathering as many patents as possible to get a competitive edge.

Converged hyperconverged solutions: The hyperconverged infrastructure (HCI) industry is in a major transition wherein hardware and software vendors are working together to develop better HCI solutions. Hardware vendors are focused on improving their offerings to be more compliant with the standards of software-defined data centers (SDDCs), while virtualization vendors are working with their hardware counterparts to improve their software products and make them a best fit for their hardware. An HCI solution was initially used for multiple purposes and was deployed to respond to a dynamic change in infrastructure requirements. Nowadays, vendors position HCI as a dedicated, single purpose solution. In this report, ISG refers HCI to appliances (either box or software). HCI

solutions are first offered for a dedicated virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI) use case, as a single cluster can handle thousands of virtual desktops. IT managers are keen on the idea of having a single appliance that can manage this scale, streamline management, and deliver predictive and reliable performance. HCI solutions are also endorsed for SAP HANA as a dedicated appliance as clustering enables high availability and performance for a core business application. It is also recommended for high-performance compute requirements where clusters are dedicated to AI appliances. Clients can deploy high-performing TensorFlow appliances to run ML applications. Other use cases are for big data analytics and storage. However, due to the availability of other cost-effective solutions in the market, they are not exclusively used for analytics and storage purposes.

Introduction

Simplified illustration



Source: ISG 2020

Definition

A private cloud is an extension of an isolated IT or cloud system landscape, consisting of a company's existing computer environment and leveraging the investments already made in virtual infrastructure and applications. It is essential that the cloud infrastructure consists of either a physical or logical separation between systems on which no other customers are served. Companies with stringent security and governance requirements that need to handle large volumes of data and ensure tight integration with other business applications and workflows may prefer an enterprise cloud or a private cloud. Service providers or managed service providers can use cloud technologies to create private clouds with virtual machines or containers, network and storage resources running in their data centers or shared infrastructure, but in a suitably configured, isolated environment.

A hybrid cloud combines the best of on-premise infrastructure at the customer/user site, a hosted cloud in a service provider's data center, and a public cloud from a hyperscaler. It connects the existing on-site infrastructure services with a private or public cloud or both. The aim is to combine services and data from

Definition (cont.)

different cloud models to create a uniform, automated and well-managed computing cloud infrastructure environment. Hybrid clouds enable companies to leverage the capabilities of public cloud platform providers without having to outsource all their data to a third-party data center or a shared infrastructure environment. This gives them greater flexibility in sourcing workloads, while allowing them to continue to operate key components within their own firewall or private cloud.

Data center outsourcing is the practice of transferring the responsibility of provisioning, monitoring and management of computing and storage resources to a third-party provider. The data center may be owned by the enterprise, service provider or a third-party colocation provider. Monitoring services are usually delivered from the provider's location and are called remote infrastructure management (RIM) services.

Scope of Report

The ISG Provider Lens™ study offers IT-decision makers:

- Transparency on the strengths and weaknesses of relevant providers;
- A differentiated positioning of providers by segments;
- Focus on markets, including the U.S., Germany, Switzerland, U.K., Nordics and Brazil.

This study serves as an important decision-making basis for positioning key relationships and go-to-market considerations. ISG advisors and enterprise clients also use information from these reports to evaluate their current vendor relationships and potential new engagements.

Typical outsourcing activities include level 1, 2, and 3 technical support, server monitoring, application performance monitoring, storage and database administration, hosting, colocation, disaster recovery testing and execution, defining or setting up the architecture, standards and policies, and transformation projects such as virtualization, consolidation and cloud-enablement services.

For standalone services such as colocation and managed hosting, the level of services and support varies from those in a fully managed data center outsourcing contract. For example, a colocation provider will provide the facilities and infrastructure to host equipment and some

Definition (cont.)

basic support services. However, all other aspects of infrastructure management are the responsibility of the client, which may independently handle it or outsource it to a managed service provider.

ISG studies are intended to anticipate the investigation efforts and buying decisions of typical enterprise clients. While contemplating a significant strategy transformation, making purchase-vs.-rent decisions for infrastructure, implementing agile practices, or incorporating automation into their environments, enterprise clients will benefit from a study that examines an entire ecosystem for a certain service line.

The studies are comprised of multiple quadrants covering the spectrum of services that an enterprise client requires, as illustrated below:

The quadrant descriptions are as follows:

Managed Services for Large Accounts: This quadrant assesses a service company's ability to provide ongoing management services for data center infrastructure for large businesses. The enterprises are subject to strict regulations that add to complexities. They typically have more than 5,000 employees and revenues of more than \$1 billion.

Managed Services for Midmarket: This quadrant assesses a service company's ability to provide ongoing management services for data center infrastructure for medium-

sized business. The enterprise client typically has less than 5,000 employees or generates less than \$1 billion in revenue.

Managed Hosting: This quadrant ranks service providers that offer enterprise-grade hosting solutions and use their facilities and infrastructure. They take responsibility for the day-to-day management and maintenance of data center assets such as servers, storage and operating systems.

Colocation Services: This quadrant assesses service providers that offer professional and standardized data center operations as colocation services. These providers typically supply network connectivity, access point for various hosting providers, system houses, independent software vendors (ISVs), and carriers or telecommunication providers.

Hyperconverged Systems: This quadrant analyzes the systems built around preconfigured hardware and software appliances. The systems comprise network, storage and compute resources that are equipped with management software for orchestration purposes and are often the first step to build a private or hybrid cloud.

Data Center Security Products: This market ranks software and appliances that are designed to protect the IT infrastructure, regardless of whether they are installed in a public or private cloud. It assesses the capabilities of independent software vendors (ISVs).

Provider Classifications

The ISG Provider Lens™ quadrants were created using an evaluation matrix containing four segments, where the providers are positioned accordingly.

Leader

The “leaders” among the vendors/providers have a highly attractive product and service offering and a very strong market and competitive position; they fulfill all requirements for successful market cultivation. They can be regarded as opinion leaders, providing strategic impulses to the market. They also ensure innovative strength and stability.

Product Challenger

The “product challengers” offer a product and service portfolio that provides an above-average coverage of corporate requirements, but are not able to provide the same resources and strengths as the leaders regarding the individual market cultivation categories. Often, this is due to the respective vendor’s size or their weak footprint within the respective target segment.

Market Challenger

“Market challengers” are also very competitive, but there is still significant portfolio potential and they clearly lag behind the “leaders.” Often, the market challengers are established vendors that are somewhat slow to address new trends, due to their size and company structure, and have therefore still some potential to optimize their portfolio and increase their attractiveness.

Contender

“Contenders” are still lacking mature products and services or sufficient depth and breadth of their offering, while also showing some strengths and improvement potentials in their market cultivation efforts. These vendors are often generalists or niche players.

Provider Classifications (cont.)

Each ISG Provider Lens™ quadrant may include a service provider(s) who ISG believes has a strong potential to move into the leader's quadrant.

Rising Star

Rising stars are mostly product challengers with high future potential. When receiving the “rising stars” award, such companies have a promising portfolio, including the required roadmap and an adequate focus on key market trends and customer requirements. Also, the “rising stars” has an excellent management and understanding of the local market. This award is only given to vendors or service providers that have made extreme progress towards their goals within the last 12 months and are on a good way to reach the leader quadrant within the next 12-24 months, due to their above-average impact and innovative strength.

Not In

This service provider or vendor was not included in this quadrant as ISG could not obtain enough information to position them. This omission does not imply that the service provider or vendor does not provide this service.

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	Managed Services for Large Accounts	Managed Services for Midmarket	Managed Hosting	Colocation Services	Data Center Security Products	Hyperconverged Systems
Accenture	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Atos	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Barracuda Networks	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In
Broadcom/Symantec	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In
BT	● Not In	● Contender	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Capgemini	● Leader	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
CenturyLink	● Not In	● Market Challenger	● Product Challenger	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In
Check Point	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In
Cisco	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Leader
Citrix	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Market Challenger	● Not In
Codero	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Cogent	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In
Cognizant	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Colocation America	● Not In	● Not In	● Market Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In

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	Managed Services for Large Accounts	Managed Services for Midmarket	Managed Hosting	Colocation Services	Data Center Security Products	Hyperconverged Systems
Cologix	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In
Coresite	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In
CyrusOne	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In
Cyxtera	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In
Dell EMC	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader
Digital Realty	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In
DXC	● Leader	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Ensono	● Not In	● Leader	● Leader	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In
Equinix	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In
FireEye	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In
Flexential	● Not In	● Contender	● Product Challenger	● Rising Star	● Not In	● Not In
Fortinet	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In
Fujitsu	● Market Challenger	● Leader	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
GAVS	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In

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	Managed Services for Large Accounts	Managed Services for Midmarket	Managed Hosting	Colocation Services	Data Center Security Products	Hyperconverged Systems
HCL	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Hexaware	● Contender	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Hitachi Vantara	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender
HPE	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader
HTBASE	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender
HTC (Ciber/CareTech)	● Not In	● Contender	● Contender	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
IBM	● Leader	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In
INAP (Internap)	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Market Challenger	● Not In	● Not In
INAP (SingleHop)	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Infosys	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Juniper Networks	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In
Kaspersky	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Market Challenger	● Not In
Lenovo	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger
Liquid Web	● Not In	● Not In	● Rising Star	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In

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	Managed Services for Large Accounts	Managed Services for Midmarket	Managed Hosting	Colocation Services	Data Center Security Products	Hyperconverged Systems
Logicalis	● Not In	● Contender	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
LogRhythm	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In
LTI	● Contender	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Maxtra	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Market Challenger
McAfee	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Market Challenger	● Not In
Micro Focus	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender	● Not In
Microland	● Product Challenger	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Microsoft	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger
Mindtree	● Contender	● Rising Star	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Mphasis	● Product Challenger	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Navisite	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
NetApp	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender
NIIT Technologies	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
NTT	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Leader	● Market Challenger	● Not In	● Not In

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	Managed Services for Large Accounts	Managed Services for Midmarket	Managed Hosting	Colocation Services	Data Center Security Products	Hyperconverged Systems
Nutanix	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader
Orange Business Services	● Not In	● Contender	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Palo Alto Networks	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In
Pivot3	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Product Challenger
QTS	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender	● Not In	● Not In
Rackspace Technology	● Not In	● Leader	● Leader	● Rising Star	● Not In	● Not In
Rapid7	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender	● Not In
Red Hat	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Market Challenger
SonicWall	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender	● Not In
StarWind	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender
Stratoscale	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Market Challenger
Sungard AS	● Not In	● Market Challenger	● Leader	● Market Challenger	● Not In	● Not In
TCS	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Tech Mahindra	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender	● Not In	● Not In

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	Managed Services for Large Accounts	Managed Services for Midmarket	Managed Hosting	Colocation Services	Data Center Security Products	Hyperconverged Systems
TierPoint	● Not In	● Not In	● Contender	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In
Trend Micro	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In
T-Systems	● Not In	● Market Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Unisys	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
UST Global	● Not In	● Product Challenger	● Not In	● Contender	● Not In	● Not In
VMware	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader
Wipro	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In
Zayo	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In
Zensar	● Not In	● Leader	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In	● Not In



Next-Gen Private/Hybrid Cloud - Data Center Services & Solutions Quadrants

ENTERPRISE CONTEXT

This quadrant is relevant to mid-sized enterprises in the U.S. that are evaluating hybrid cloud managed services providers.

In this quadrant report, ISG lays out the current market positioning of managed services providers in the U.S., and how they interact with key challenges facing mid-sized enterprises' hybrid cloud effort. These providers are adept at managing data center infrastructure on their clients' behalf so those enterprises can focus on other tasks.

In order to be successful in the current digital business environment, enterprises must take a unified approach to their technical infrastructure across public and private clouds. ISG sees that enterprises in the U.S. are leading the charge globally when it comes to cloud adoption, though their overseas counterparts are not far behind. Managed services providers must be able to integrate a client's on-premises technology investments with resources they have procured in the public cloud.

Using hybrid cloud managed services can help enterprises alleviate the burden of operating a private data center, while still allowing some control over the underlying hardware and systems that underpin the applications hosted there. Enterprises will get the benefit of the managed services providers' investment in systems and processes that make their data centers more efficient and reliable.

In addition, managed services providers may be able to deliver services that are physically closer to key client locations, which is an important consideration for applications that are highly sensitive to latency.

IT leaders should read this report to better understand the relative strengths and weaknesses of managed services providers, as well as how those providers' approaches to the market can impact enterprise hybrid cloud strategies. Changing managed hybrid cloud services providers can have a significant impact on an enterprise's overall IT estate.

Software development and technology leaders should read this report to understand the positioning of managed services providers, and gain a better understanding of how those providers' offerings can impact the ongoing development of software products within an enterprise.

Sourcing, procurement and vendor management professionals should read this report to develop a better understanding of the current landscape of managed services providers in the U.S.

MANAGED SERVICES FOR MIDMARKET

Definition

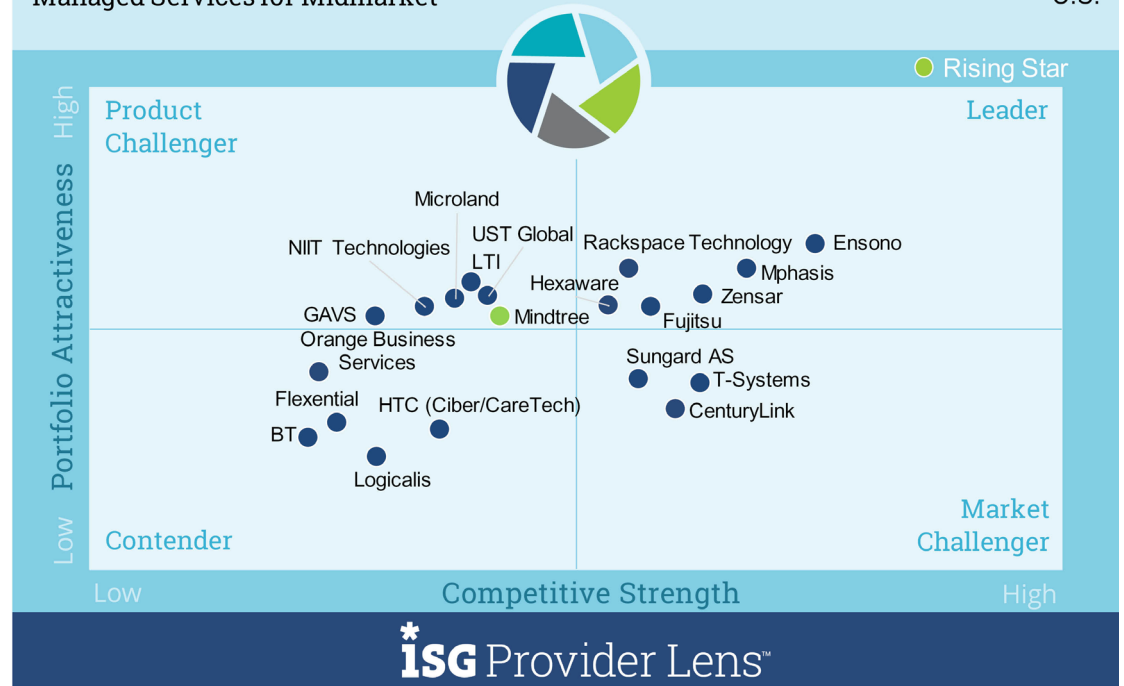
This quadrant assesses how a service provider offers ongoing management services for data center infrastructure in the midmarket client segment. The midmarket includes companies that are growing in the direction of large enterprises but have not achieved the same size and complexity. Typically, these client companies have less than 5,000 employees or make less than \$1 billion in revenue. Service providers in this market have a strong sales focus and suitable delivery structures to respond to the midmarket needs.

Managed services include servers, middleware, storage, databases and networks. The infrastructure may be in the client's or service provider's data center or co-located in a third-party facility. They include transition services that involve large-scale consolidation, virtualization and cloud enablement on a software-defined infrastructure (SDDC).

Midmarket clients expect proximity, agility and flexibility, which translates to a larger portfolio of commercial options. Business change and market dynamics are mostly not under their control. As these dynamics can have a substantial impact on business results, these clients seek service providers that can respond quickly to their requests.

Next-Gen Private/Hybrid Cloud - Data Center Services & Solutions Managed Services for Midmarket

2020
U.S.



Source: ISG Research 2020

MANAGED SERVICES FOR MIDMARKET

Eligibility Criteria

- Ability to service data center infrastructure by themselves and not through partners; no subcontracting for core data center services
- Established relationships with one of the major public cloud hyperscale providers.
- Provide services within a client's premises or remotely and preferably through its remote service center.
- Experience in transition projects that include consolidation, virtualization of data centers and cloud enablement.
- Act as an extension of the client's IT organization and create blueprints, architecture frameworks and management processes at the client's location.
- Existing relationships with private cloud technology providers and at least one large public cloud hyperscale provider
- Services provider's current client list to include large enterprises.

Observations

The midmarket segment continued to grow faster than the large enterprise market. However, this is the first year that ISG observes a change in market behavior, wherein enterprises have been switching from one provider to another due to reasons such as lack of client focus, non-flexibility in service-level agreements (SLAs), poor communication or response times, lack of transparency, slow follow-up process, high turnover, constant upselling than providing value, or simply outgrowing their service provider.

Service providers in this segment have been growing due to their business agility, hunger for business, flexible SLAs, competitive pricing and more. They are far more value driven, ready to forego revenues and prefer providing value to the client. Enterprises are shifting to this segment as they realize the value of these providers' services. In the coming years, ISG anticipates stiff competition between the large and midmarket providers.

Among the 80 companies assessed in this study, 20 have met the criteria to be included in this quadrant. This year, ISG elevated the criteria, which led to a decline in the number of qualified participants. Four providers are named leaders and two as rising stars for their elevated growth over the past year and high customer satisfaction quotient.

MANAGED SERVICES FOR MIDMARKET

Observations (cont.)

- **Ensono** has grown both organically and inorganically through the acquisition of the Wipro Hosted Data Center Services business, which has helped the company to add new managed service customers. It offers an AI-based IT service platform called Ensono Envision that helps clients to enhance the availability and visibility of their entire hybrid IT ecosystem. The company was awarded with the VMware Cloud™ on AWS competency in 2019.
- **Fujitsu** offers end-to-end infrastructure solutions that can seamlessly integrate with clients' IT environment. It leverages partner solutions from Red Hat and VMware to deliver SDDC solutions and build an SDDC for its clients.
- **Hexaware** is focused on expanding its managed services offerings through its unique customer retention strategies that involve offering better outcomes and making new client acquisitions. The company has integrated AI-based RAISE IT (run automated informed secured enterprise IT) into its managed services portfolio to enable monitoring and management.
- **Mphasis** offers a robust hybrid cloud management platform called InfraGenie™, an AI integrated hybrid cloud operations management platform that enables zero-touch resolution and impact for enterprises. The company offers industry-leading middleware solutions through partnerships to help clients upgrade their IT infrastructure with reduced deployment times.
- **Mindtree** has emerged as a rising star in this quadrant due to its rapid growth in infrastructure services last year. The company's MWatch™ platform provides a single and automated view of applications and infrastructure layers. It also offers real-time monitoring and assesses performance and utilization to deliver value and insights.
- **Rackspace Technology** has an integrated managed services portfolio based on open source technologies. It offers the Fanatical Experience™ service model that provides support for cloud engagements and has a strong partner ecosystem. The firm leverages its hosting customers and cross sells managed services to them, which has helped in expanding its market reach in the U.S. Rackspace Technology has strengthened its professional services portfolio with the acquisition of Onica in 2019.
- **Zensar's** comprehensive hybrid cloud services support complex infrastructure transformation engagements that include infrastructure as code (IaC), serverless computing and automation services. The company provides real-time analytics and automation to clients across industries through its AI-enabled managed services platform Vinci™.

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Overview

Mphasis is a global IT services provider headquartered in Bengaluru, India. It provides data center managed services to clients through its innovative solutions that developed in-house, backed by a large pool of certified and experienced infrastructure experts. The company has over 20 years of remote infrastructure support experience. Mphasis is strongly positioned in the banking, financial services and insurance sector, with most of its data center outsourcing revenues coming in from banking and insurance clients.

Strengths

Robust hybrid cloud management: Mphasis InfraGenie™ is an intelligent integrated hybrid cloud operations management platform that ensures zero-touch resolution and zero impact for enterprises. It utilizes predictive algorithms, event co-relation, autonomies-based AI engine, ML systems that enables pro-active demand management, predictive alert and detection of failures for both cloud and on-premise infrastructure. The platform provides self-service, automation and continuous delivery of IT services via infrastructure as code (IaC) and has a tight integration with DevOps and cloud automation tools. Clients have saved up to 80 percent of time spent in the server build process by using the AutoBuild functionality.

Strong cloud-native capabilities: Mphasis' hybrid cloud managed services portfolio includes the Kubernetes management platform that can run on any distribution of a Kubernetes cluster and can manage containers in hybrid environments at scale. The company has partnered with Pivotal for achieving this feat and has more than 100 trained and certified engineers for supporting and managing the containerized workloads.

Excellent middleware services: Mphasis offers industry-leading middleware solutions to build, upgrade and manage the IT Infrastructure of enterprises. It is vendor agnostic and has partnered with more than 20 middleware technologies for providing these services. In the last two years, the company has released more than 80 innovations around middleware management. It has gained appreciation for reducing the incident rate by 70 percent and lowering the middleware deployment time by 75 percent.

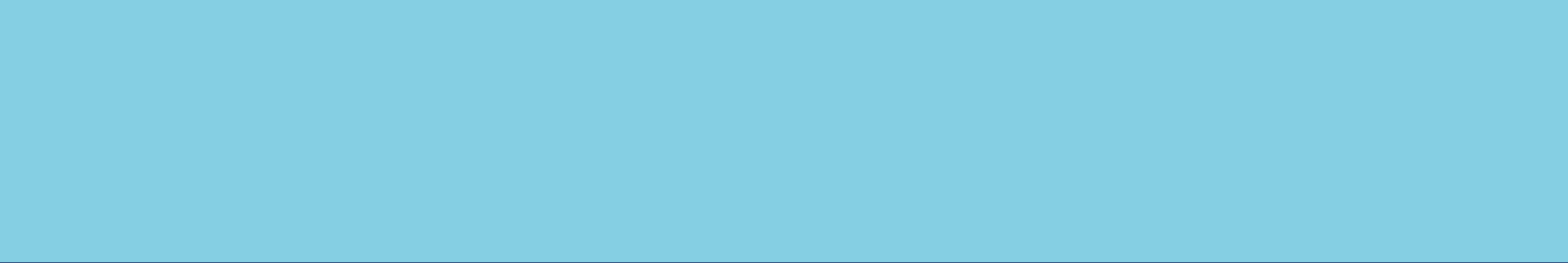
Caution

Although Mphasis is capable of providing distinguished hybrid cloud engagements, it still has fewer hybrid cloud deployments in the U.S. when compared to its peers.



2020 ISG Provider Lens™ Leader

Mphasis is aggressively growing its hybrid cloud management offerings through its proprietary InfraGenie™ platform. The company is a suitable option for clients seeking flexibility and personal touch.



Methodology

METHODOLOGY

The research study “ISG Provider Lens™ 2020 – Next-Gen Private/Hybrid Cloud - Data Center Services & Solutions” analyzes the relevant software vendors/service providers in the U.S. market, based on a multi-phased research and analysis process, and positions these providers based on the ISG Research methodology.

The study was divided into the following steps:



1. Definition of Next-Gen Private/Hybrid Cloud - Data Center Services & Solutions market
2. Use of questionnaire-based surveys of service providers/vendor across all trend topics
3. Interactive discussions with service providers/vendors on capabilities and use cases
4. Leverage ISG's internal databases and advisor knowledge and experience (wherever applicable)
5. Detailed analysis and evaluation of services and service documentation based on the facts and figures received from providers and other sources.
6. Use of the following key evaluation criteria:
 - Strategy & vision
 - Innovation
 - Brand awareness and presence in the market
 - Sales and partner landscape
 - Breadth and depth of portfolio of services offered
 - Technology advancements

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