

Union AMC accelerates their digital transformation journey

Client profile

Union Asset Management Company is one of the largest asset managers in India. Jointly owned by Union Bank of India, one of the leading public sector banks in India, and Dai-ichi Life Holdings, a Japanese financial services holding company, they are focused on a knowledge-based customized approach that helps us offer the right financial solutions to our customers by understanding their needs better.

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The hyperconverged solution implemented by NTT is expected to help lower both the cost and the management complexity associated with traditional data center operations.

Yunus Sagari, Head - Information Technology and Chief Information Security Officer, Union Asset Management Company

Summary

To ensure they could continue to deliver market-leading innovation to their customers, Union Asset Management Company (Union AMC) decided to refresh their data center infrastructure to better support their agile and flexible business strategy.

Working with NTT in India they deployed a hyper-converged infrastructure platform, as well as an additional backup location to augment their existing disaster recovery site.

This ensured that they were able to quickly meet all the demands from the business while seamlessly scaling capacity to meet the workload requirements.

This platform also supports their application modernization strategy enabling a new generation of applications leveraging containers and microservices.

Business need

Charting a path to the future of asset management

As a leading financial services organization, Union AMC needed to ensure they can stay ahead of developments in the fast paced asset management market.

For Union AMC delivering an exceptional client experience is of critical importance and they needed an IT environment that would allow them to deploy new offerings quickly and with no disruption to the existing environment.

Their existing IT environment did not have the flexibility and efficiency to meet these demands so they embarked on a digital infrastructure transformation journey to adopt an architecture that would allow them to achieve their business objectives.

They were looking to boost efficiency, security, and have an environment that was flexible enough to accommodate future technology enhancements.

They also needed to enhance their business continuity strategy to reduce downtime in the event of their primary site being unavailable.

With only a small IT team they looked for a partner with the expertise to assist them in achieving their vision.

Solution

Ensuring flexibility and availability

Working with NTT in India Union AMC created a hybrid IT infrastructure adoption roadmap that would enable them to optimize operations, minimize security risk, enhance infrastructure agility using automation and virtualization, and business scalability with an infrastructure that can host new applications and augment capacity on demand.

Leveraging the power of software-defined infrastructure they migrated to a hyperconverged infrastructure platform, giving them a highly available environment alongside the flexibility to allocate resources as and when they are needed.

The new environment fully supports their application modernization strategy, allowing them to move to an architecture leveraging containers and microservices. Together these empower Union AMC to react quickly to market demands and deploy new services without having to invest in additional infrastructure.

In addition, they deployed a near disaster recovery site, which mirrors the capabilities in their main Mumbai data center. This near DR facility augments their primary DR site which is situated in a separate seismic zone to ensure regulatory compliance. With full fail-over between the primary and near DR facility, the team can use the secondary facility as a test and development environment ensuring that when they deploy new services they have been comprehensively tested.

Outcomes

Creating the foundations for future growth

As Union AMC look to the future, their new hyperconverged infrastructure allows them to rapidly deploy new recourse as the business demands. This lays the foundations for their future infrastructure and application strategy as they look to deliver new products and services to the market.

More agile and flexible infrastructure

The software defined hyperconverged data center infrastructure enables them to easily manage and scale capacity as the workload demands it. This frees them from having to procure new infrastructures to support business demands.

Guaranteed uptime

With defined SLAs we can ensure the systems are always available. The near DR site ensures that should their primary data center be offline for any reason their applications are always available.

Supporting a modern application strategy

With their application modernization strategy in place, they're able to rely on the hyperconverged infrastructure to provide the capacity they need to ensure their customers always have access to the latest products and services.