



Computacenter deploys its first Virtual Computing Environment 'Vblock 2' in the UK and EMEA

Vblock Infrastructure Packages designed to accelerate the virtualisation of IT infrastructures

Computacenter, Europe's leading independent provider of IT infrastructure services and solutions, today announces it has deployed its first Vblock™ infrastructure package in the UK and EMEA to leverage for customer demonstrations. The solution, which is delivered by the Virtual Computing Environment coalition formed by Cisco and EMC, together with VMware, is an integrated, tested and validated datacenter infrastructure offering that supports a broad range of operating systems and applications that enable customers to accelerate broad-scale datacenter virtualisation.

Vblock Infrastructure Packages provide businesses of all sizes with a fundamentally better approach to streamlining and optimising IT strategies around private cloud computing.

The Vblock 2 solution can support a high density virtual machine footprint and is based on the EMC Symmetrix V-Max™ storage system (secured by RSA), EMC Ionix Unified Infrastructure Manager element manager, the VMware vSphere server virtualisation platform,

Cisco Unified Computing System, and Cisco 10GB Ethernet and virtualised networking solutions.

Neill Burton, Datacentre Solutions Director at Computacenter says: "Computacenter virtualised datacentre, or VDC offerings are designed to dramatically and demonstrably lower IT costs by providing best-of-breed virtualisation, networking, compute, storage, security and management technologies. A virtual datacentre also guarantees an overall reduction in total cost of ownership. As organisations demand reductions in the total cost of ownership (TCO) for CapEx and OpEx, there is a growing shift towards datacentre virtualisation. With the Vblock 2 solution, Computacenter will help organisations realise these cost savings, help accelerate plans to implement a private cloud, and take advantage of the critical IT efficiencies that virtualisation offers."

Matthew Yeager, Data Storage and Protection Practice Leader at Computacenter says: "IT is undergoing a major transformation. Traditional IT architecture increases procurement and management costs and complexity while making service level agreements (SLAs)

difficult to meet. This makes IT less responsive to the business and creates the perception of IT as a cost centre as opposed to the business enablement and agility engine we know it to be.

To optimise infrastructure and ensure business success, IT is transitioning towards a private and federated cloud model with the service provided internally, externally, or a combination of both, and VDCs such as the Vblock 2 from the Virtual Computing Environment coalition are a major part of this."

Mukesh Sharma, Director of Virtualisation and Private Cloud in EMEA for EMC, says: "We are very excited that Computacenter recognises the significance of the Vblock offering and that it is eager to engage with UK customers to illustrate how the solution can drive efficiency across an entire business. The VCE Customer Demonstration Suite at Computacenter will enable organisations to see how the solution can increase business agility through greater IT infrastructure flexibility, and lower IT, energy and real estate costs through pervasive datacentre virtualisation and a transition to private cloud infrastructures."