

Private/Hybrid Cloud – Data Center Solutions

A research report comparing provider strengths, challenges and competitive differentiators



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Introduction

The demand for reliable private and hybrid cloud systems is transforming the software landscape. Enterprises are looking for flexibility, scalability and control to meet the growing challenges of digital transformation, data sovereignty and cost optimization. As hybrid cloud environments become the norm, organizations require software solutions enabling seamless integration, resilient operations and centralized governance across multicloud solutions.

Our ISG Provider Lens[™] solutions study highlights critical markets, outlines key players driving innovation and provides a detailed schedule for participation, enabling us to seamlessly engage with our research process and maximize visibility in the market.

The urgent need for enhanced operational efficiency drives the hybrid cloud market. Enterprises demand platforms that simplify multicloud environments, reduce complexities and minimize the need for manual intervention. Cost optimization is a top priority as businesses seek tools to intelligently manage resources, ensure workload migration and enable flexible pricing models. Regulatory compliance and security remain essential, with organizations navigating strict data sovereignty laws and addressing rising cybersecurity risks. Furthermore, resiliency and business continuity are vital in ensuring service uptime and disaster recovery, making platforms that provide disaster recovery-as-a-service (DRaaS), automation and failover capabilities indispensable.

Providers must address these needs through two critical categories of solutions:

• Hybrid cloud management platforms (HCMP): These platforms deliver end-toend governance, workload orchestration and real-time monitoring, enabling seamless operations across hybrid cloud environments. They should integrate with existing IT ecosystems and leverage advanced analytics to optimize performance and reduce costs.



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• **Resiliency platforms:** These platforms guarantee operational continuity through automated recovery and failover mechanisms, ensuring data integrity and system availability during disruption.

This study highlights the evolving role of software solutions in addressing the needs of enterprises, while the public cloud services study showcases providers and the way they implement and run these platforms on their clients' behalf. This study focuses on ISG's perceptions of the most critical aspects of **Private/Hybrid Cloud – Data Center Solutions** in 2025.

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Hybrid Cloud Management Platforms Resiliency Platforms The ISG Provider Lens[™] Private/ Hybrid Cloud – Data Center Solutions offers the following to businesses and IT decision-makers:

- Transparency on strengths and weaknesses of relevant providers
- Differentiated positioning of providers by segments based on their competitive strengths and portfolio attractiveness
- Focus on the global markets.

Our study serves as an important decisionmaking 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 engagements.

Hybrid Cloud Management Platforms

Definition

This quadrant assesses software vendors offering integrated management platforms for on-premises, public, private and hybrid cloud infrastructures. These platforms ensure consistency across diverse cloud environments, including containers, enabling enterprises to deploy applications in a cost-effective and automated manner. The platforms feature robust container orchestration capabilities to support modern application development.

Hybrid cloud management platforms can be delivered as-a-service or through licensing and are often the foundation of softwaredefined data centers (SDDC), fabric-based computing (cluster management) and serverless infrastructures. These platforms enhance compliance, security and operational standardization, making them essential for businesses optimizing cloud infrastructure management. In addition to cloud orchestration, the platforms have advanced tools for cost visualization and optimization, offering comprehensive, efficient and secure cloud management. Also, these platforms should integrate with existing IT setups, provide a unified management interface, visualize costs, automate tasks and be Internet accessible and predict outages by using AI and ML and enable self-service.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Provides a platform to **build and operate** managed on-premises, public, private and hybrid cloud infrastructures
- Offers a solution that includes cost control and dashboards for chargeback and showback mechanisms
- 3. Provides a single pane of glass view and selfservice capabilities to various stakeholders
- Enables provisioning based on catalog services for the deployment of the technology stack, providing a oneclick deploy option using automated workflows

- Generates multiple reports that can be used by leadership teams with a single-pane-of-glass view
- 6. Provides a secure environment for a client's data flow and storage security
- Offers solutions through a licensing model rather than as bundled services deals
- 8. Provides integration of thirdparty tools through APIs

Resiliency Platforms

Definition

This quadrant assesses independent solution vendors offering platforms or solutions that support resiliency and redundancy through backup and disaster recovery across onpremises, private, public, hybrid, edge cloud and SaaS environments. Resiliency platforms help IT teams maintain fault-tolerant systems while protecting data and operations, ensuring business continuity by quickly restoring data amid disruptions such as degraded application performance, outages or system failures. These platforms can be delivered as a service or through licensing.

Their core features include data backup and recovery, system failover, alternate site operations and emergency response training. Other essential aspects encompass business continuity and disaster recovery planning, implementation and continuous testing. Advanced capabilities include automated orchestration, AI and ML-led risk assessments, business impact analysis and compliance management. They also address recovery times and provide training to respond to both forecasted and unforeseen events. These platforms cover the entire lifecycle of backup and recovery, minimizing risks and downtime while ensuring seamless business continuity.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Offers a unified platform for **backup and disaster recovery** for on-premises or private, public, hybrid, edge cloud and SaaS environments
- Offers comprehensive monitoring tools with realtime visibility into disaster recovery environments
- Demonstrates reporting capabilities to track performance metrics and identify trends
- Manages data and systems and offers both manual and automated recovery capabilities

- Aligns various policies for backup and retention per organizations' recovery pointand-time objectives
- 6. Implements best practices (including solutions test and refresh) designed to **prevent any outages or downtime** and to suit changing situations
- Coffers solution that can integrate with other infrastructure management, resiliency and backup platforms
- 8. Implements robust failover and failback procedures

As a part of this ISG Provider LensTM quadrant study, we are introducing the following two quadrants on Private/Hybrid Cloud – Data Center Solutions 2025:

Quadrant	Global
Hybrid Cloud Management Platforms	~
Resiliency Platforms	~



Schedule

The research phase falls in the period between January and March 2025, during which survey, evaluation, analysis and validation will occur. The results will be presented to the media in June 2025.

Milestones	Beginning	End
Survey Launch	January 8, 2025	
Survey Phase	January 8, 2025	February 5, 2025
Sneak Preview	May 2025	
Press Release & Publication	June 2025	

The collection of client testimonials via the Star of Excellence Program requires early client referrals (no official reference needed) as CX scores have a direct influence on the provider's position in the IPL quadrant and the awards.

Please refer to the link to view/download the ISG Provider Lens™ 2025 research agenda.

Access to Online Portal

You can view/download the questionnaire from <u>here</u> using the credentials you have already created or refer to instructions provided in the invitation email to generate a new password. We look forward to your participation!

Buyers Guide

ISG Software Research, formerly "Ventana Research," offers market insights by evaluating technology providers and products through its Buyers Guides. The findings are drawn from the research-based analysis of product and customer experience categories, ranking and rating software providers and products to help facilitate informed decision-making and selection processes for technology.

In the course of the Private/Hybrid Cloud – Data Center Solutions IPL launch, we want to take advantage of the opportunity to draw your attention to related research and insights that ISG Research will publish in 2025. For more information, refer to the <u>Buyers Guide research schedule</u>.

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The Star of Excellence[™] is an independent recognition of excellent service delivery based on the concept of "Voice of the Customer." The Star of Excellence[™] is a program, designed by ISG, to collect client feedback about service providers' success in demonstrating the highest standards of client service excellence and customer centricity.

The global survey is all about services that are associated with IPL studies. In consequence, all ISG Analysts will be continuously provided with information on the customer experience of all relevant service providers. This information comes on top of existing first-hand advisor feedback that IPL leverages in context of its practitioner-led consulting approach. Providers are invited to <u>nominate</u> their clients to participate. Once the nomination has been submitted, ISG sends out a mail confirmation to both sides. It is self-evident that ISG anonymizes all customer data and does not share it with third parties.

It is our vision that the Star of Excellence[™] will be recognized as the leading industry recognition for client service excellence and serve as the benchmark for measuring client sentiments.

To ensure your selected clients complete the feedback for your nominated engagement please use the Client nomination section on the Star of Excellence™ <u>website</u>.

We have set up an email where you can direct any questions or provide comments. This email will be checked daily, please allow up to 24 hours for a reply.

Here is the email address: star@cx.isg-one.com



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Methodology & Team

The ISG Provider Lens 2025 – Private/Hybrid Cloud – Data Center Solutions research study analyzes the relevant software vendors/service providers in the global market, based on a multi-phased research and analysis process, and positions these providers based on the ISG Research methodology.

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Advisor Involvement - Program Description

ISG Provider Lens Advisors Involvement Program

ISG Provider Lens offers market assessments incorporating practitioner insights, reflecting regional focus and independent research. ISG ensures advisor involvement in each study to cover the appropriate market details aligned to the respective service lines/technology trends, service provider presence and enterprise context.

In each region, ISG has expert thought leaders and respected advisors who know the provider portfolios and offerings as well as enterprise requirements and market trends. On average, three advisors participate as part of each study's quality and consistency review team (QCRT). The QCRT ensures each study reflects ISG advisors' experience in the field, which complements the primary and secondary research the analysts conduct. ISG advisors participate in each study as part of the QCRT group and contribute at different levels depending on their availability and expertise.

The QCRT advisors:

- Help define and validate quadrants and questionnaires,
- Advise on service provider inclusion, participate in briefing calls,
- Give their perspectives on service provider ratings and review report drafts.

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Acronis*	Druva*	ServiceNow*
Arcserve*	Flexera*	UnitedLayer*
Axcient*	HCLSoftware*	Unitrends*
BMC Software*	HPE/HPE (Zerto)*	Veeam*
Centilytics*	IBM*	Vembu Technologies*
Cisco*	Morpheus Data*	Veritas*
Cloud rewind*	NAKIVO*	VMware*
CloudBolt Software*	NetApp*	
CloudKeeper*	Nutanix*	
CloudSphere*	OpenText (Carbonite)/OpenText (Micro Focus)*	
Cohesity*	Redstor*	
Commvault*	Resolve Systems*	
CoreStack*	Rubrik*	
Datto*	Scalr*	

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The ISG Provider Lens[™] Quadrant research series is the only service provider evaluation of its kind to combine empirical, data-driven research and market analysis with the real-world experience and observations of ISG's global advisory team. Enterprises will find a wealth of detailed data and market analysis to help guide their selection of appropriate sourcing partners, while ISG advisors use the reports to validate their own market knowledge and make recommendations to ISG's enterprise clients. The research currently covers providers offering their services across multiple geographies globally.

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