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## City Network expands to the Middle East

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City Network – a leading European provider of infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS) based on OpenStack, today announced its continued global expansion. The company is launching its public cloud service City Cloud, in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, thus moving into the Middle East and adding another yet another region to its offer.

"In an increasingly regulated world where digitization puts enormous pressure on data capacity, there is a substantial demand to operate and store data in a location of choice. In particular, the new EU data protection regulation, GDPR, is a major driver for this need. Therefore, close proximity to our customers has always been a key part of our growth strategy and the news we are announcing today follows this strategy," says Johan Christenson, CEO and founder of City Network. In Dubai, and throughout the Middle East, there is strong demand from both European and local customers to use City Cloud in response to these market trends.

As in other parts of the world, customers to City Cloud can purchase server and storage capacity as needed and pay for the capacity they use. They can choose to run their entire infrastructure on City Cloud or use it as a hybrid solution combined with private or outsourced data centers or other IaaS providers.

"There is a huge demand for IaaS right now. The question companies ask themselves is not whether they should run their IT infrastructure in the cloud, but rather they think of their strategy around different providers. In this rapidly changing market, many people see the benefits of running their servers and storage on the open platform OpenStack, with greater flexibility and scalability as result," says Johan Christenson.

The expansion to the Middle East has been preceded by a significant geographical expansion throughout the world. At the end of 2016, the company started operations in Japan and thereby entered the Asian market. Since earlier City Cloud is available in both Europe and North America. With the new region, City Network is consolidating its position as a world-leading provider of applications that are run on OpenStack. City Cloud now has the broadest geographical coverage of any public cloud based on OpenStack.

"City Network is a long-term OpenStack contributor, and it is encouraging to see them expanding aggressively to serve new regions and industries. Their expertise around security and compliance brings an important dimension to the OpenStack ecosystem," said Jonathan Bryce, executive director at the OpenStack Foundation. "Adding the first OpenStack public cloud availability zone to Dubai is a great milestone for the community and City Network."

### **About City Network**

City Network is a leading European provider of IT infrastructure services.

The company provides public, private and hybrid cloud solutions based on OpenStack from more than 20 data centers around the world. Through its industry specific IaaS City Cloud, it can ensure that customers comply with demands originating from specific laws and regulations concerning auditing, reputability, data handling and data security such as Basel and Solvency. City Network is certified according to ISO 9001, 14001, 27001, 27015 and 27018 – internationally recognized standards for quality, sustainability and information security.

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