

Partner Solution Brief

# EQUINIX AND MICROSOFT POWERFUL INTERCONNECTION FOR THE DIGITAL ENTERPRISE

Equinix and Microsoft are helping enterprises transform their business by offering superior hybrid cloud application performance, enabling an enhanced user experience, reduced risk and increased security.

### **Overview**

The Equinix and Microsoft partnership simplifies the transition to hybrid architecture by delivering private cloud-to-public cloud interconnection at scale—enabling enterprises to easily integrate and manage a diverse hybrid cloud ecosystem.

The strong partnership of Equinix and Microsoft eliminates various challenges:

#### **Connectivity Challenges**

Relying on the public internet to connect to cloud platforms often leads to increased latency and unreliable connections, resulting in poor user experiences and loss of productivity.

#### **Compliance Challenges**

Operating a hybrid cloud environment presents management and loss of control challenges, producing security and regulatory compliance gaps.

#### **Architecture Challenges**

Transitioning to a hybrid IT environment requires an IT model shift from siloed and fixed to integrated and dynamic, requiring an interconnected architecture that delivers the optimal environment for every individual workload.

### **About Microsoft Azure**

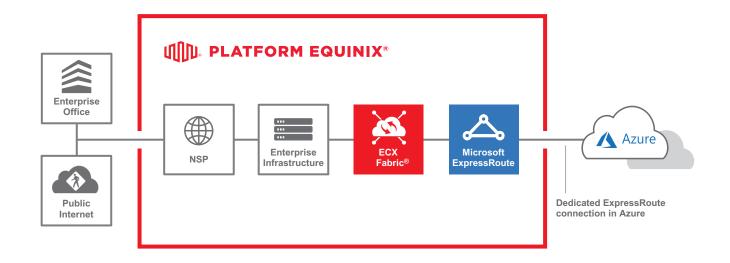
Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT; @microsoft) enables digital transformation for the era of an intelligent cloud and an intelligent edge. Its mission is to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more. Microsoft Azure brings together everything an organization needs—related products, services and third-party applications for a scalable, costeffective solution.

### Microsoft Azure

### **About Equinix**

Equinix, Inc. (Nasdaq: EQIX) connects the world's leading businesses to their customers, employees and partners inside the world's most-interconnected data centers. On this global platform for digital business, companies come together across more than 55 markets on five continents to reach everywhere, interconnect everyone and integrate everything they need to create their digital futures.

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## Solution

With Equinix and Microsoft, you can optimize application performance operating in Azure and enhance user experiences to improve workplace productivity.

#### **Microsoft Azure ExpressRoute**

Provides private, dedicated, high-throughput network connection to Microsoft Azure.

#### Equinix Cloud Exchange Fabric\* (ECX Fabric\*)

An advanced interconnection solution that offers software-defined direct connections to multiple cloud services from a single physical port.

When combined with Azure ExpressRoute, ECX Fabric enables seamless, on-demand, direct access to Microsoft Azure.

## **Benefits of ECX Fabric and Azure ExpressRoute**

#### **Increased Security**

With ECX Fabric, bypass the public internet with secure, direction connection to Microsoft Azure.

#### **Improved Performance**

Get the best possible latency and performance using ECX Fabric for Microsoft ExpressRoute cloud deployments.

### **Enterprise-grade Resiliency**

With SLA for availability.

#### **Larger Workloads**

Mission-critical workloads and applications.

Equinix private access enables Microsoft Azure to deliver the capabilities of hybrid cloud, including application services, production and identity management, data and backup. Also get recovery and infrastructure services such as virtual networks and traffic management.



## **Azure at Equinix Use Cases**

#### **Application Modernization**

Lift and shift applications to Azure via ExpressRoute circuit through ECX Fabric.

#### **Data Center Migration**

Bring workloads to the cloud edge via ECX Fabric & ExpressRoute for a secure and private connection to Azure.

#### **Cloud-to-Cloud Data Transfer**

Highly performant big data ingest into Azure from other cloud service provider.

#### **Disaster Recovery**

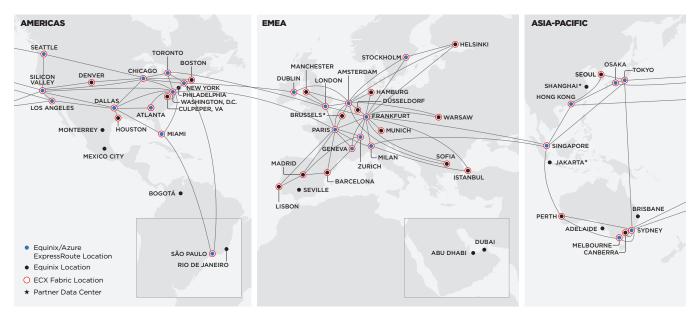
Boost application performance due to proximity of data and legacy hardware to Azure via ExpressRoute.

## **More Information**

Contact us for more information on the joint Equinix and Microsoft ExpressRoute network connectivity for your organization.

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## Equinix is the leading provider of Microsoft ExpressRoute globally



Microsoft ExpressRoute is available in Equinix data centers in 26 metros on five continents



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