

INNOVATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE FUELS RAPID GROWTH

A Dutch accountancy firm's new data-center environment transforms employee on-boarding and the processing of sensitive financial data and applications.



Financial Services

The Netherlands

Business needs

Accountancy firm Govers needed a scalable, modern IT infrastructure to support its core business applications and the efficient processing of financial data.

Solutions at a glance

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Business results

- Complete redundancy supports the firm's handling of sensitive information

Faster

On-boarding
for new employees



Scalable

business architecture
is optimized for
company growth





Performance and capacity to succeed

Govers is a Dutch mid-tier accounting and tax consultancy, based in the highly industrialized and innovative Brainport region of the Netherlands. Incorporated in 1927, the firm recently celebrated his 90th anniversary. Govers is an independent member of UHY International, a leading network of independent accounting and consulting firms. It needed a secure, flexible architecture to meet its domestic growth targets. “We needed an IT infrastructure that could scale our applications, and securely and efficiently process large amounts of sensitive financial data,” says Niels Vogels, IT manager at Govers.

Dell EMC and IT partner Acknowledge recommended a Dell EMC PowerEdge FX2 modular solution powered by Intel® Xeon® processors, with the R630 and the Dell EMC Storage SCv2020 hard drive array. “We found this solution provided the best price-performance ratio. We tested the solution with a proof-of-concept (POC) running a Dell EMC Performance Analysis Collection Kit (DPAK) to map the existing hardware to a modern platform with environmental based metrics,” says Vogels.

Govers was able to completely revamp the virtualized environment. They upgraded to the latest versions of Microsoft OS, Exchange, SQL, VMWare for HyperVisor and XenApp published Desktop – with certified configurations and complete redundancy. All data traffic between (virtual) servers remains in the FX2 enclosure, which optimizes data throughput. This advantage in performance increases even more due to the full-flash capabilities. The new environmentally friendly infrastructure has a very low footprint, in the form of less required rack space (only 4U) and optimized power supply and cooling.

The Dell EMC integrated Remote Access Controller (iDRAC) provides maximum support and functionality for server deployment, updates, monitoring and overall maintenance. Furthermore, Dell EMC OpenManage Essentials gives the customer a real-time view of their environment by simplifying and automating the most essential systems management tasks. Both are linked into the Acknowledge Service Desk, combined with SupportAssist from Dell EMC, to provide Govers with peace of mind.

“PowerEdge FX2 provided us with a lot of performance and functionality. It was the right time for us to transition from a client-server model to a server-based computing model.”

Niels Vogels, IT Manager, Govers

Solid data centre supports agile business

Today, Govers finds it incredibly easy to on-board new employees. The company is working in a completely different way, having moved from a client-based to server-based solution. “We’ve hired 50 more employees in the first six months of 2017 alone. Our infrastructure is supporting our growth, seamlessly scaling as we take on more staff and add new customers.” says Vogels.

“The lifeline of Govers is having the ability to scale our architecture, while taking advantage of the automation provided by PowerEdge, so we can adapt to rapidly changing customer requirements, and take advantage of new opportunities,” adds Vogels. In this way, the FX2 modular solution has become the foundation of the firm’s data-center. Vogels sums it up accordingly: “The solution optimizes data throughput because all data traffic between virtual servers remains in the FX2 enclosure. The performance increases even more due to the full-flash content, which makes us very happy.”

“Key to Govers’ success is our ability to move at the speed our customers require, take advantage of opportunities, and rapidly respond to changes.”

Niels Vogels, IT Manager, Govers

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