



Datacenter Market Trends

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Putting Money Where the Mouth Is

- Our approach
 - No Hype
 - Clear Actionable Advice
 - No Hazy Crystal Ball Predictions
 - Hard Questions and Good Answers



Coverage Areas: Topics of Focus

- Colocation
- Hosting
 - shared
 - dedicated
 - managed
- Datacenter Facilities
 - power and cooling
 - eco-efficiency
- CDN
- Messaging
- Utility Computing



Introduction

Four Key Topics

- What every Enterprise needs to understand about datacenters
- Datacenter Industry Health Report
- Key Customer Issues
- Motivators for Future Datacenters

Enterprises and the Datacenter

- What every Enterprise need to know about datacenters?
 - Third party datacenters are valid options for the enterprise. “Build vs Buy”
 - There are a number of different choices depending on the specific enterprise’s needs
 - Providers of these services are stable and in a stable market segment
 - Those providers understand enterprise issues and concerns

Enterprises and the Datacenter

- What's an enterprise?
 - Not just the conventional Fortune 500
 - Content and entertainment
 - Software and Hosting firms
 - IT-intensive firms - retailing, pharma, energy
 - Mid Tier enterprises
 - All the way to SMBs

Enterprises and the Datacenter

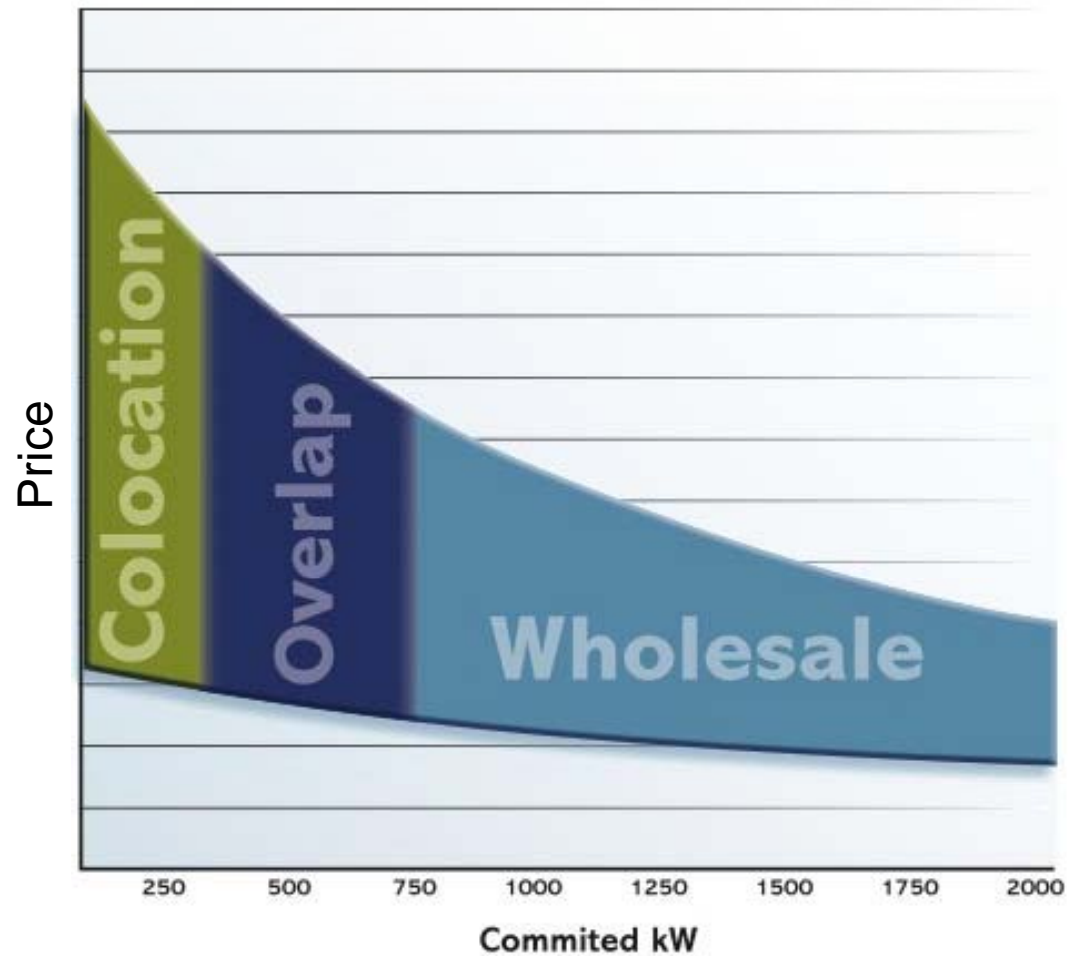
- Two Primary types of Datacenter
- Colocation -
 - Contract: 1 to 3 years
 - Size: 5 to 50 cabinets
 - Some managed services
- Wholesale Datacenter -
 - NNN Lease: 3 to 7 years
 - Size: 5000 sq ft+ (~ 1MW+)
 - Limited or no services

Power

- This is not traditional real estate
- “Space” is secondary. Power is king.



Wholesale & Colocation



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Q2/Q3 and datacenters

- Datacenter services showed strong revenue
 - 5% Q/Q (over 15% annualized growth)
 - Outpaced 80% of public and private firms
 - Sector for all seasons
- EBITDA margins outpace revenue growth - 15 to 20% annualized growth
- Lack of supply due to pokey capital markets is a big threat to growth

Datacenters and the Recession

- The best of times at the worst of times
- Demand is down slightly, but supply has taken a nosedive
 - Why?
- Inability to obtain construction loans
 - Banks hate datacenters. Really.
 - 2001 is the blink of an eye to a banker.

Demand is still strong - mostly

- Demand is still strong, which is driving utilization higher
- What's driving demand?
 - Lack of enterprise CapEx
 - Continuing "same store" sales
 - Demographic move to cloud is unstoppable
 - Strong verticals like Health Care
- New interest from...
 - Financial vertical, traditional big enterprise



Pricing Dynamics

- Steady, today
- 7 to 10%+ annualized price increases by Q1
- This is good for providers, but enterprise should lock in pricing *now*.



Looking ahead

- Growth will pick up....
- Datacenter outlook sunny....
 - Colocation has seen 5% Q/Q growth in Q4/Q1
 - REIT growth slower
 - Biggest threat: Insufficient inventory on hand for eventual recovery due to lack of capital
 - Largest providers have significant advantages in cash flow

The Bottom Line

- Datacenter firms
 - Cash flow positive
 - Positive and growing EBITDA
 - Revenue growing and moderate debt levels
- Datacenters
 - Utilization levels high
 - Prices set to climb
 - Minimal impact from cloud computing, virtualization

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Typical Customer Issues

- Loss of control - server hugging
- Enterprises need far more education than other colocation users
- Network issues can be paramount and controlling
- Demand for enterprise level support



Understand Enterprise Issues

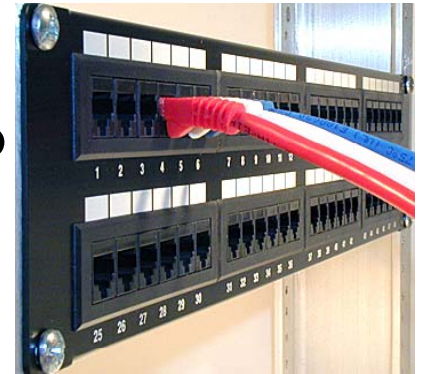
- Server hugging is a real phenomenon
 - A result of training, not irrationality
 - Starting to abate, but the change is generational
 - The “Internet Generation” has a higher comfort level with the cloud
- Control issues are valid and practical
 - Remote management isn’t always up to snuff
 - Integration of ticketing systems and security
 - Regulatory compliance is a huge plus

Understand Enterprise Issues

- The “education problem”
 - Most significant issue in datacenter provider penetration is education
- Most enterprises don’t know services exist!
- Early customers needed less education
 - Willingness to educate and make resources available - key selection criteria
 - Selling isn’t enough

Understand Enterprise Issues

- Networking issues are paramount
- First question- are you on-net to X?
 - Enterprises have strategic networking relationships
- IDC providers think of Internet
 - ..but enterprises frequently have non-Internet WANs
 - Many times xeroxed list of network providers is not going to do it, post or pre sales



Understand Enterprise Issues

- Enterprise-level support
 - Sink or swim approach doesn't work with the enterprise
- Datacenter firms raising their game in the post-sale period
 - More sophisticated implementation management
 - Better web portals and ticketing systems
 - Technician support still needs work
- Providers doing a good job, can improve

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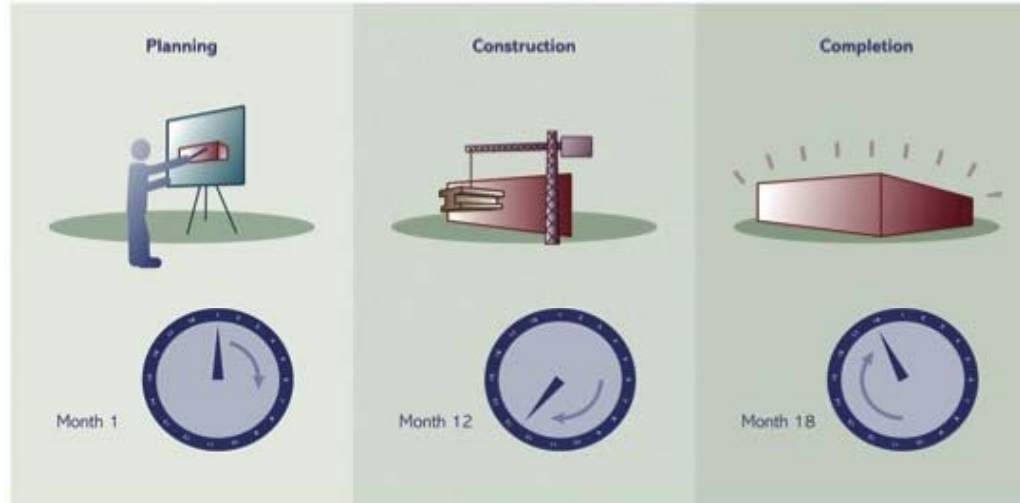
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Motivators for Future Datacenters

- Speed to Market
- Reduced Cost
- Improved Reliability

Speed to Market

- Persisting supply / demand imbalance to drive faster delivery of datacenters
 - Modularity
 - Process Refinement & Smaller “Phases”
 - Standardization vs Customization



Reduced Cost

- Initial cost somewhat reduced from modularization and component pre-fabrication
 - Ideally, reduced labor and construction time (not necessarily a given just yet)
- “Pieces” will come down in price
 - Mass Production
 - More Competition
- Operational Costs / Efficiency
 - “Green” initiatives
 - Hedging bets on power prices

Quantifying Efficiency

EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT ANNUAL COST SAVINGS FOR VARIOUS LOADS					
Load (kW)	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%
250	\$2,190	\$4,380	\$6,570	\$8,760	\$10,950
500	\$4,380	\$8,760	\$13,140	\$17,520	\$21,900
750	\$6,570	\$13,140	\$19,710	\$26,280	\$32,850
1000	\$8,760	\$17,520	\$26,280	\$35,040	\$43,800
1250	\$10,950	\$21,900	\$32,850	\$43,800	\$54,750
1500	\$13,140	\$26,280	\$39,420	\$52,560	\$65,700

Assumes \$0.10 / kW-hr Source: Tier1 Research

Improved Reliability

- There is no “Consumer Reports” for datacenter infrastructure equipment



- Redundancy, maintenance practices, and the almighty human element
- Improved reliability for future datacenters will come from datacenter-wide integration
 - Increased intelligence and instrumentation



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