

Console Connect and Colt Technology Services extend automated network coverage through API integration of SDN platforms

HKT (SEHK: 6823) – HONG KONG / HAWAII, January 18, 2022 – Console Connect, an easy-to-use platform for the Software Defined Interconnection® of applications and infrastructures, and Colt Technology Services, a leading provider of agile, high bandwidth connectivity solutions, have today completed the first stage of major API-led interoperability between their global on-demand SDN platforms.

The APIs between the Console Connect Software Defined Interconnection® platform and the Colt On Demand platform enable enterprises to benefit from on-demand, agile networking and interconnect directly to clouds, data centers, and business partners across both private networks. The APIs will also enable seamless quoting, ordering and provisioning on-demand services between two high-performance networks in real-time.

As part of the initial integration of the two SDN-enabled platforms, Console Connect will be able to extend its automated platform reach into new data center locations across the UK, with plans to expand to more enterprise locations and metro areas throughout Europe, leveraging the speed and performance of the Colt IQ Network. This enables Console Connect users to instantly provision and pay for dedicated Layer 2 services between two networks using a single portal.

The collaboration demonstrates Console Connect and Colt's mutual commitment to end-to-end automation, and recognizes the need for increased interoperability and collaboration to orchestrate connectivity among networks.

Mr. Marc Halbfinger, CEO of Console Connect, said, "APIs are crucial for the advancement and settlement of automated network services and enable carriers to work together in new and innovative ways. We are honored to work closely with Colt – a partner with whom we share a vision of a fully automated and on-demand future."

Ms. Keri Gilder, CEO of Colt Technology Services, said, "Working with Console Connect, we're pioneering the use of APIs within intelligent networking and to provide agile, on-demand, high bandwidth connectivity solutions to more enterprises across the world. APIs continue to be a major focus area in our industry, and our collaboration will help us to continue to transform the way businesses interact with each other and how they provide value to their customers by optimising automation, improving collaboration, simplifying innovation and enhancing security."

In 2021, Console Connect extended its automated network coverage to over 650 data centers across more than 55 countries worldwide. Console Connect is home to a growing ecosystem of cloud, SaaS, IX, IoT, carrier and enterprise partners, which are directly interconnected by the platform's private high-performance network. Through the platform's MeetingPlace feature, users can also directly order and provision partner services, such as remote peering, colocation and business applications, as well as access native services from Console Connect.

Colt provides a range of On Demand services for its enterprise and wholesale customers, delivering fully flexible connectivity solutions between data centers, cloud service providers and enterprise buildings.

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The Colt IQ Network is a 100Gbps optimized intelligent network distributed to more than 900 data centers and over 29,000 on-net buildings across Europe, Asia and North America's largest business hubs, enabling customers to expand their businesses globally with Colt.

Further stages of the API integration will include extending the automated reach of Colt's On Demand platform to more global markets using Console Connect's extensive, high-performance network.

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About Console Connect

Console Connect is a platform for the Software Defined Interconnection® of applications and infrastructures. It allows users to self-provision private, high-performance connections among a global ecosystem of enterprise, carrier, cloud, SaaS, IoT, UCaaS, Security-as-a-Service, IX and other Network-as-a-Service partners.

Console Connect is the only digital platform that is underpinned by one of the world's largest private networks and a Tier 1 global IP network that is ranked in the top 10 for IPv4 and IPv6 peering, delivering higher levels of network performance, speed, and security to meet the digital needs of today's interconnected users and communities.

Accessible from 650+ data centers in 50+ countries worldwide, the platform is integrated with all major hyperscale cloud providers, including AWS, Google Cloud, IBM Cloud, Microsoft Azure, Alibaba Cloud and more. Through the Console Connect portal or via its API, users can access a broad range of native and third party solutions. Visit www.consoleconnect.com for more information.

About Colt Technology Services

Colt strives to transform the way the world works through the power of connectivity – taking what's always been in its DNA to enable customers' success. The Colt IQ Network connects more than 900+ data centres and over 29,000 on net buildings across Europe, Asia and North America's largest business hubs.

Colt understands today's shifting connectivity requirements and provides agile, on-demand and secure high bandwidth networking and voice solutions to ensure enterprises can thrive. Customers include data-intensive organisations spanning over 210 cities in more than 30 countries. Colt is a recognised innovator and pioneer in Software Defined Networks (SDN) and Network Function Virtualisation (NFV). Privately owned, Colt is one of the most financially sound companies in the sector, and because of this, it's able to put its customers' needs at its core. For more information, please visit www.colt.net.

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