Case Study: Renewal Funds

Company Profile

Renewal Funds is a mission venture capital firm investing in early growth stage companies in Canada and the United States. They add value for entrepreneurs through capital, networks, and expertise. They deliver above market returns for their partners while catalyzing positive social and environmental change.

The Challenge

Like many Vancouver firms, Renewal Funds was utilizing a local datacenter operated by their service provider. However, their growth requirements, as well as the location of the datacenter, were proving to be problematic. They were ready for a more robust, scalable solution.

The Solution

During meetings and discussions about migrating their data from their current datacenter to Microsoft Azure cloud servers, it became clear that rather than simply recreating a similar setup, a better solution would be to utilize Microsoft's SharePoint and OneDrive solutions to provide a more robust document management system.

The requirement of running a file server and remote desktop host was completely eliminated by this implementation, and at the same time, provided a much-improved data management solution. Extra security systems were also implemented to ensure the safeguarding of their data.

Dyrand's advanced management and monitoring systems were also implemented to ensure all systems were operating at peak efficiency, and that problems could be identified and resolved as quickly as possible.

The Results

The solution resulted in Renewal Funds having a much more secure, scalable, and robust infrastructure. Not only do they now enjoy peace of mind knowing that the scale of redundancy, disaster recovery implementation, and security systems in place exceed what can be achieved with any on-premise solution, but their decision to move to the cloud and the IT structure Dyrand created for them enabled them to easily transition to working from home during the COVID crisis.

The company's partners can also rest easy knowing that's there's a team monitoring their systems 24X7, enabling them to focus on their core business. With their new hosted solution, they have the flexibility to grow their business without having to worry about scaling up their infrastructure—a task that can be accomplished with ease inside the Azure datacenters.



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