

## Digital Realty Appoints Rob Coupland as Managing Director, EMEA

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SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28, 2016 /PRNewswire/ --Digital Realty (NYSE: DLR), a leading global provider of data center, colocation and interconnection solutions, announced today the appointment of Rob Coupland as Managing Director, Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA), responsible for Digital Realty's operations in the region. Mr. Coupland joined Digital Realty in conjunction with the company's acquisition of eight European data centers earlier this year, and he will assume his new role on October 1, 2016. He will be based in London and will report directly to Chris Kenney, Senior Vice President, International.

"Rob is uniquely qualified to lead our growing EMEA platform, given his extensive industry and leadership experience in the region, and we are delighted to expand his role within the organization," said A. William Stein, Digital Realty's Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Coupland most recently served as Chief Executive Officer of the former TelecityGroup data center business, which Digital Realty acquired on July 5, 2016. Prior to TelecityGroup, he was Head of Product Marketing at NTL Business and spent 12 years at Cable and Wireless in senior product management roles. He currently serves on the Data Centre Alliance Board of Governors and the TechUK Data Centre Council.

"I am very excited to be a part of the talented Digital Realty team," said Mr. Coupland. "With highly strategic holdings in all of Europe's major interconnection centers, Digital Realty is well positioned to address the strong demand for data center solutions and to meet our customers' needs throughout the region."

Over the course of his more than 20 years in the telecommunications and technology sectors, Mr. Coupland has spearheaded several critical growth initiatives. When he joined TelecityGroup in 2007, he played a key role in the company's initial public offering before becoming the group's Chief Operating Officer (COO) in 2008. As COO, Mr. Coupland established a data center expansion program that doubled capacity between 2008 and 2012. He also led the efforts to acquire and integrate a number of businesses, including transactions in Ireland, Manchester, and Helsinki. Mr. Coupland became the Managing Director for TelecityGroup's UK division in 2013 and led the turnaround of the business from one experiencing significant churn to one characterized by accelerating sales and revenue performance.

### About Digital Realty

Digital Realty supports the data center, colocation and interconnection strategies of more than 2,000 firms across its secure, network-rich portfolio of data centers located throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. Digital Realty's clients include domestic and international companies of all sizes, ranging from financial services, cloud and information technology services, to manufacturing, energy, gaming, life sciences and consumer products. <https://www.digitalrealty.com/>

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