

## Digital Realty Unveils Next-Generation Data Center Architecture

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SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: DLR), a leading global provider of data center solutions, has unveiled the next generation of its POD Architecture® - the unique methodology the Company uses to design and build its Turn-Key Flex(SM) solution using a modular approach that speeds delivery, advances energy efficiency, maximizes reliability and lowers costs for its customers. POD 3.0 advances the modular approach to data center design by increasing the critical IT load delivered from the current 1,125 kW to 1,200 kW while reducing the number of components necessary for the additional capacity. The enhanced and simplified design reflects Digital Realty's focus on providing customers with flexible data center solutions that meet their exact needs and requirements.

"This new generation of POD Architecture will enable us to do more in terms of capacity and energy performance, using the same operating scale that we successfully deployed as POD 2.0," said Jim Smith, chief technology officer at Digital Realty. "The size and scope of our global platform provides us with access to a high volume of operating data that we believe is unmatched in the data center industry. Using real-time information, we have been able to fine-tune our design and develop the next generation of our POD Architecture. We were able to demand more from the existing platform and deliver an enhanced solution to our customers in terms of performance, reliability and cost efficiency."

The centerpiece of Digital Realty's POD Architecture is the pre-fabrication and inventorying of major electrical and mechanical systems that traditionally stand in the time-sensitive path of data center construction projects. Pre-fabricated components are manufactured in a factory environment and then warehoused for on-time delivery to project sites, improving quality and accelerating time to market. The cooling and electrical systems are pre-commissioned in the factory and then re-commissioned along with the completed data center.

"Our approach to modular data centers is not about producing pre-fab data centers or containerized solutions. Utilizing POD Architecture, we delivered over 49 megawatts of Turn-Key Flex data center capacity in 2012, and expect to deliver an additional 89 megawatts of Turn-Key Flex capacity in 2013," added Mr. Smith. "By pre-assembling electrical and mechanical room components, while retaining the flexibility that customers require of a customized data center, POD 3.0 once again puts Digital Realty customers at the forefront of data center development innovation."

POD Architecture 3.0 represents an improved, simplified arrangement of components that serves as the foundation of the Company's Turn-Key Flex solution. Core to the enhancement is an increase in critical IT load capacity to 1,200 kW from 1,125 kW at the same cost point achieved with POD 2.0, using only two electrical skids versus the previous design's three skids. The reduction of the infrastructure footprint will help improve the yield on building space for data centers. POD 3.0 will also produce data centers that feature higher energy efficiency (such as PUE ratings below 1.2).

### About Digital Realty

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. focuses on delivering customer driven data center solutions by providing secure, reliable and cost effective facilities that meet each customer's unique data center needs. Digital Realty's customers include domestic and international companies across multiple industry verticals ranging from information technology and Internet enterprises, to manufacturing and financial services. Digital Realty's 110 properties, excluding three properties held as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures, comprise approximately 21.2 million square feet as of October 26, 2012, including 2.2 million square feet of space held for redevelopment. Digital Realty's portfolio is located in 32 markets throughout Europe, North America, Asia and Australia. Additional information about Digital Realty is included in the Company Overview, which is available on the Investors page of Digital Realty's website at <http://www.digitalrealty.com>.

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