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Digital Realty Expands Global PlatformDIGITAL® with New Data Centers in Downtown Toronto, Canada and Marseille, France

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- *PlatformDIGITAL® provides trusted foundation for resilient digital business as industries accelerate digital transformations globally*
- *New highly-connected downtown data center is company's third in the emerging tech hub of Toronto*
- *MRS4 will provide 13.6 MW of capacity and direct access to 14 submarine cables landing in Marseille*

AUSTIN, Texas, May 27, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Digital Realty (NYSE: DLR), the largest global provider of cloud- and carrier-neutral data center, colocation and interconnection solutions, today announced the opening of its latest North American data center in downtown Toronto, opening up 800kw and 6,900 ft² of new colocation facilities at the heart of a vibrant connected data community. The new YYZ12 data center, Digital Realty's third data center in Greater Toronto, will be fully interconnected with redundant dark fiber paths to Digital Realty's TOR1 data center in Vaughan. The new downtown location at 151 Front St represents an ideal meeting point for deploying network hubs on PlatformDIGITAL®, a first of its kind global data center platform for scaling digital business.



The company also today broke ground on its fourth center of data exchange in the strategic interconnection hub in the southern port city of Marseille in France. The new MRS4 site is expected to offer up to 13.6 megawatts (MW) of customer capacity and benefits from an exceptional geographical location in the heart of the Mediterranean, as well as direct access to 14 submarine cable systems which land in Marseille, extending the global reach of PlatformDIGITAL® with low-latency connectivity options between the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

"Together these new capabilities in Toronto and Marseille represent a strategic milestone on Digital Realty's global roadmap for PlatformDIGITAL® in North America and EMEA," said A. William Stein, CEO of Digital Realty. "Over the last 18 months since we announced our platform vision and strategy, we've introduced over 20 new data center expansion projects around the globe. As enterprises across all industries rapidly shifted to digital business models during an unprecedented year, the global number of participants in our connected data communities more than doubled to over 4,000 organizations."

Companies such as Three Point Turn Inc. recognize the value of leveraging colocation solutions from Digital Realty to support continued digital business growth. The Toronto-based software developer deployed its critical infrastructure at One Century Place, a next-generation digital hub on the site of the former Toronto Star printing press.

"As a Toronto-owned company developing custom software solutions for some of the most innovative enterprises and startups across North America, we recognize the value of deploying our critical infrastructure on PlatformDIGITAL®," said Chris Mihalicz, CEO of Three Point Turn. "Access to a consistent global data center platform with a highly connected data community is critical to help our customers overcome challenges such as data gravity and data localization as they rapidly scale their digital business."

Toronto is a more critical market than ever as businesses recognize the growing importance of the region as one of the next major technology hubs in North America. In particular the city is a major hub of data attraction for financial services, banking and the insurance industries. The Data Gravity Index DGX™ reveals that the city is in the top 10 metros in terms of growth in data gravity intensity for these sectors through 2024.

Digital Realty's new downtown data center will be fully interconnected with new Metro Connect capabilities, forming a connected campus environment for Digital Realty's customers in Toronto. Whether customers deploy network hubs in the new YYZ12 downtown facility, or data and control hubs within the large scale facility at 1 Century Place, customers can now address data gravity head on by deploying distributed network architectures that interconnect easily via a new dark fiber ring.

"As a local fiber provider in Toronto, we are excited to be able to underpin Digital Realty's new Metro Connect offering for Canadian and global customers in the city," said Dan Armstrong, CEO/CTO of Beanfield Metroconnect. "Our companies share a common vision of an open platform approach to interconnection that will help enterprises address the challenges of data gravity and scale their digital business."

Customers in Toronto can also take advantage of a direct metro connection to Service Exchange, enabling flexible access to a global connected data community of over 215 cloud on ramps, 360+ network and content providers and 2,000+ fabric participants.

Digital Realty also leverages IBM's next-generation Direct Link 2.0 capability to provide access to the IBM Cloud in Toronto, enabling customers to spend less time designing and deploying network architectures to accelerate the development of new solutions via the hybrid cloud.

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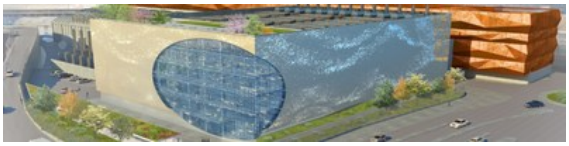
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- Read today's news of the ground-breaking for MRS4, our fourth data center in Marseille, France
- Explore global deployment opportunities on PlatformDIGITAL®
- Visit the Data Gravity Insights Hub to learn more about data gravity and see growth forecasts in the Data Gravity Index DGx™
- Read about our open interconnection manifesto for enabling connected data communities

About Digital Realty
Digital Realty supports the world's leading enterprises and service providers by delivering the full spectrum of data center, colocation and interconnection solutions. PlatformDIGITAL®, the company's global data center platform, provides customers a trusted foundation and proven Pervasive Datacenter Architecture (PDx™) solution methodology for scaling digital business and efficiently managing data gravity challenges. Digital Realty's global data center footprint gives customers access to the connected communities that matter to them with 290 facilities in 47 metros across 24 countries on six continents. To learn more about Digital Realty, please visit digitalrealty.com or follow us on LinkedIn and Twitter.

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