

Digital Realty Appoints Jeffrey Tapley As Managing Director, EMEA

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- [Digital Realty](#) (NYSE: DLR), a leading global provider of data center, colocation and interconnection solutions, announced today the appointment of Jeffrey Tapley as Managing Director for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). Mr. Tapley has served as interim Managing Director, EMEA since March 2019, with responsibility for Digital Realty's operations in the region. He will be based in London and will continue to report directly to Chief Financial Officer Andrew P. Power.



"The EMEA region is a key driver of our global platform, and Jeff's intimate familiarity with our business, customer-oriented mindset, and tireless work ethic make him the right person to lead our growing EMEA platform," said Digital Realty Chief Financial Officer Andrew P. Power. "Jeff has been instrumental in driving our recent wins in the region and our investment in securing our supply chain in key metros as well as the recent investment in human capital supporting our customer coverage across Western Europe. I am delighted Jeff has agreed to lead the next phase of our growth in EMEA and I look forward to continuing to work with him to support our customers' digital ambitions across the region."

Mr. Tapley brings extensive global operational experience in the data center and real estate sectors. He previously served as Senior Vice President, Global Portfolio Management; Senior Vice President, Global Asset Management; and Vice President, Portfolio Management at Digital Realty. Prior to joining Digital Realty in 2013, Mr. Tapley served as Managing Director at Fidelity Investments' Real Estate Group and Long Wharf Real Estate Partners. Mr. Tapley is a CFA charter-holder and earned a B.A. in Business and Economics from St. Anselm College as well as an MBA in Finance from Bentley College.

"I am honored to be accepting this role at such an exciting time for Digital Realty," said Mr. Tapley. "I look forward to working with our customers and our teams across the region to ensure that Digital Realty is best positioned to execute our strategic expansion plans and support our customers' global growth."

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, Latin America, Asia and Australia. Digital Realty's clients include domestic and international companies of all sizes, ranging from cloud and information technology services, communications and social networking to financial services, manufacturing, energy, healthcare and consumer products. www.digitalrealty.com. Follow Digital Realty on social media: [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

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