

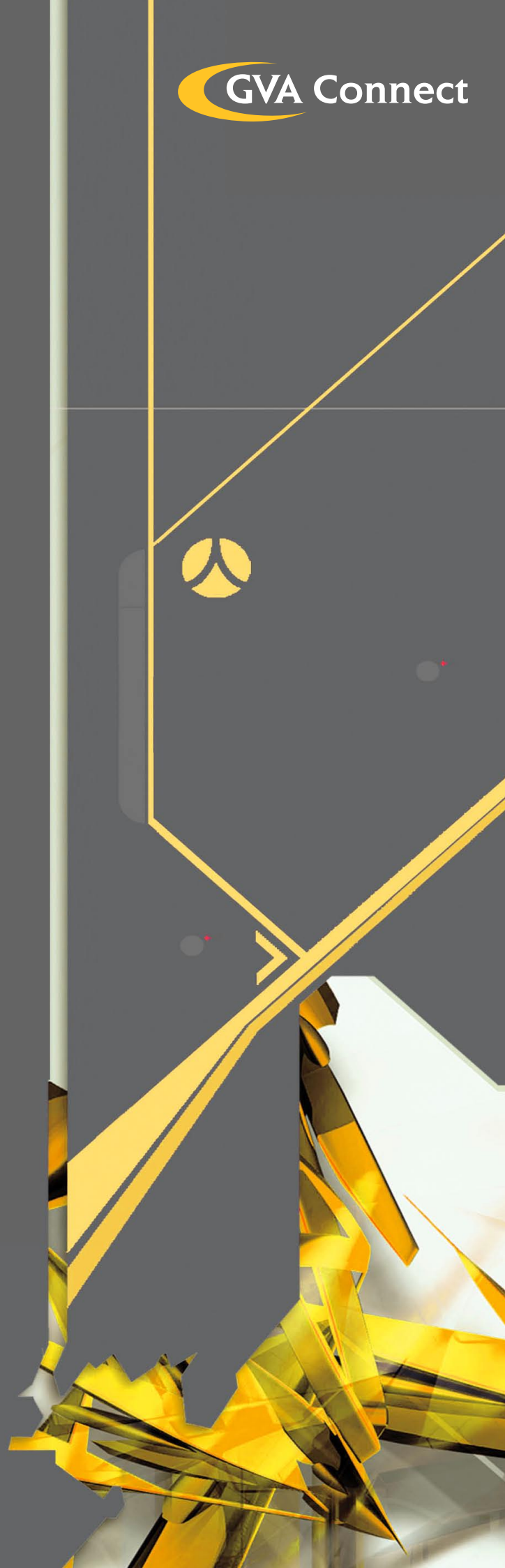
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## Germans adopt UK gas firm's IT model

The globally managed IT model pioneered at UK gas firm BOC is being adopted by parent company Linde. The German industrial conglomerate, which took over BOC last September in a deal worth £8.2 billion, will abandon its regional IT structure in favour of a best practice global model that was implemented by BOC six years ago. Analysts said the decision highlighted the increasingly important role played by IT in mergers, and showed that taking smart IT decisions could set firms apart, Computer Weekly reported.

The value of BOC's global IT operation was benchmarked by analyst company Gartner and, more recently, by UK IT performance measurement company H2Index. This measurement highlighted the performance of BOC's UK-based data centre, which supports SAP applications in more than 30 countries. "When we set it up about six years ago, the business case was based on cost and efficiency, compared with the number of data centres we were then supporting around the world," Fundrey said.

February 21st

## Fujitsu deploys Aperture VISTA to manage data centres equivalent in size to five football fields

Fujitsu Services, one of Europe's IT services companies, has deployed Aperture's industry leading data centre management solution, VISTA, to provide visibility into all the physical aspects of data centre management including space, power and cooling, SYS-con reported.

Fujitsu Services has data centres across Europe and Africa including locations in the UK, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, South Africa, Spain and Sweden. The company manages data centre services for leading private companies and public sector organizations. To ensure optimal data centre management and help plan future capacity, Fujitsu Services has deployed Aperture VISTA to manage 210,000 sq ft of its data centres -- an area equivalent to five American football fields.

February 22nd

## Arsenal kicks IT failure into touch

Premiership football club Arsenal is rolling out disaster recovery software to protect against hardware failure on match days. The project is part of the club's move to the new Emirates stadium, which required an entirely new IT infrastructure. The disaster recovery system can be automatically configured to monitor critical servers and move to a secondary, back-up system if a failure is detected, says Arsenal head of IT Paul Farmer, IT Week reported.

February 22nd

## BT to spend €14 million on new data centre

British telecom giant BT Group will spend €4 million (US\$27 million) over the next seven years on a new South London data centre to strengthen its hosting and management services, the company said today. The 10,010 sq ft facility, which will have biometric security features, should be complete by September and has additional room for expansion, BT said, reported Computer World reported.

The company wants to grow its data services business by 20% per year with an emphasis on enterprise, public sector and financial services customers. BT estimates that the data services market is worth €5.2 billion in Europe.

February 23rd

## Global Voice to provide network solution to Amsterdam exchange

Global Voice has completed a deal with the Amsterdam Internet Exchange to provide a private fibre network solution to host and network the world's largest internet exchange. Financial details were not given. The Amsterdam Internet Exchange has over 250 international members, Channel News reported.

These members include the world's largest carriers, content providers, internet service providers, mobile operators and internet-centric organisations. The long-term agreement between Global Voice and the Amsterdam Internet Exchange is to develop a network to deliver an integrated facility to host the exchange's photonic switches.

February 23rd

## IXEurope extends partnership with Citibank

IXEurope, a data centre provider, has extended its relationship with Citibank, which has been a significant customer since 2004. The financial services sector, which is a key customer focus for IXEurope alongside major Internet players, is increasingly seeking larger and more resilient data centre facilities to provide primary hosting, business continuity and disaster recovery services, eMedia Wire reported.

This trend has been fuelled by recent banking regulation, including the Basel II Capital, the US Sarbanes-Oxley Act 2002 and the more recent MIFID directive on trading processes. Financial institutions, such as investment banks and stock exchanges, are often required to provide high availability platforms and sophisticated backup solutions and have the highest technical security requirements for business critical applications.

February 26th