



Embracing ESG to untap Data Center value How to drive growth through power efficiency

The Data Center (DC) transactions market has been heated in the past few years



¹ Includes M&A, Private Placement, and Public offering;
 ² Selected transactions with available valuation information
 Source: Capital IQ, RBC Capital Markets, Dgtl Infra, Press clippings, FTI Delta analysis

Three key lenses can be used when analyzing the DC targets, impacted by various factors

DC KEY SUCCESS FACTORS



Source: FTI Delta analysis

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Value can be created by attracting customers or expanding margins



¹ Calculation of Total Cost of Ownership (TCO): Power Cost + Space Costs. Power Cost: kWh consumed

(contracted deployment kWs*utilization*kW->kWh) * Rate per kWh * PUE. Space Cost: Contracted deployment kWs * space cost per kW

Source: DataCenterDynamics, Advanced Data Center Consulting Group, FTI Delta analysis

Power-efficient DCs are required to enable power-hungry deployments



Source: Uptime Institute, Statistica, 1Assumes metered power pricing model with 4 kW used per hour, 65% cabinet utilization, and 11¢ per kWh



ESG impact is key for DC customers, investors, and regulators

WHO IS PUTTING PRESSURE ON DCS TO PUSH FOR ESG?

CUSTOMERS	Apple • Amazon, Meta, Twitter, Microsoft	Established Supplier Clean Energy Pro- gram to work with suppliers on clean energy Tech giants have made public commit- ments to reduce scope 3 emissions	 100% supply chain clean energy by 2023 Net-zero scope 3 emissions commitments between Meta & Microsoft
INVESTORS	PRI - Principles for Responsible Investment	5000+ global investment firms have signed UN-based Principles for Responsi- ble Investment	\$121.3 T valuation of companies committed to PRI
	Blackstone, KKR •	Shrinking DC enviro. footprints post-ac- quisition helps large firms meet stated ESG goals	50% cut to GHG emissions committed by QTS Realty within months of Blackstone acquisition
REGULATORS	European Green Deal	Climate Neutral Data Center Pact sets tar- gets for efficiency and use of green energy	Carbon-neutral expectation by 2030 from data center facilities operating in European Union
	BUBBER BUBBER BUBBER AND	US enacted the 2020 New Energy Act, which targets broad and specific efficien- cy initiatives in the data center industry	Power & water usage evalua- tions published in combination with best practice recommendations



Power efficiency is one of several objectives for data center sustainability

MULTITUDE OF DC INDUSTRY LEADERS TARGET NON-PUE SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

GDS - Cyrus One - Global Switch - Digital Realty - Chindata Group - QTS

PUE reduction	Carbon reduction	Renewable energy	Water usage
GDS has launched "green data centers" – exhibiting PUEs of 1.22 and saving 10M kWh per year	Digital Realty aims to reduce Scope 1, 2 emis- sions 68% per sqft and Scope 3 emissions 24% by 2030 (against 2018	QTS Realty seeks to source 100% of power from renewable energy by 2025, already achieving 50% in 2022	CyrusOne has estab- lished 10 net positive water facilities in "high stress regions"
Digital Realty seeks to reduce colocation PUE by 10% from 2017-2022	Iron Mountain aims to reduce absolute greenhouse gas emis- sions by 25% by 2025	CyrusOne has already achieved its goal of having renewable ener- gy option avail- able at all facilities	Chindata is working toward lower than 0.3 Water usage efficiency (WUE) OTS Realty plans to
Iron Mountain plans to reduce PUE 30% from 2019 to 2025	on a 2019 baseline, in- cluding indirect and direct emissions		conserve at least 15 million gallons of water per year
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Sustainability-linked debt drives further opportunity

Company	Issuance & Date	Description
Digital Realty	US\$3bn <i>Q4-2021</i>	 Credit facility pricing subject to adjustment based on annual performance targets (not disclosed) The credit facility matures in January 2027, assuming the exercise of two six-month extension options; the company also has the ability to upsize the facility by up to \$1.5 billion
NTT	US\$2.7bn <i>Q4-2021</i>	 Three tranches with maturities of three, five, and 10 years Funds will go to environmentally-friendly projects in areas such as renewable energy and energy-efficient broadband infrastructure
Equinix	US\$1.2bn Q2-2022	 Senior green notes issued at 3.90% with treasury lock resulting in cash gain pushing effective coupon to just 3.35% Equinix has \$4.9bn green bonds issued, making it the fourth largest global issuer of green bonds
Global Switch	€700m Q4-2020	 Inaugural 10-year green bond issued at 1.375% coupon rate Funds have already supported over 100k sq meters of DC operating at an average PUE below 1.3
CyrusOne	€500m Q2-2021	 Inaugural 7-year green bond issued at record low 1.13% coupon rate Sold by three major banks, the funds will be matched by CryusOne in order to finance a portfolio of green projects and assets eligible under their recently released Green Bond Framework

The US Federal Reserve finds that green bonds issue at 8bps discount to brown bonds with total cost of borrowing reduced by ~5%



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	((<u>(</u> <u>(</u> <u>(</u> <u>(</u>)))	 Fully-specialized TMT advisory firm globally
	TMT - Only	 Our team has long-standing relationships with leading TMT players and financial investors
В	Experience with	 Extensive track record in infrastructure and connectivity: 1) Strategy, 2) Carve-out & M&A, 3) Transactions, 4) Business transformation and 5) Turnaround & restructuring (across a multitude of players and geographies)
	DC transactions and Carve-outs	• 75+ DC related projects for independent DCs, financial investors and telcos
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		 Holistic and distinctive approach to ESG strategy
	Dedicated ESG practice	 Comprehensive portfolio of services: ESG Program, Stakeholder Engagement, Climate Change Strategies, Shareholder Activism & Corporate Investigations
D		 Senior team with extensive track record in data centers and infrastructure carve-out
	Expert team	 Our dedicated Digital Infra practice is actively called in to participate in most relevant TMT forums/events





ESG Assessment

Our Approach: Research-driven approach assesses the company's position relative to peers and best practices on a comprehensive set of ESG issues. The in-depth review allows for an informed understanding of strengths and weaknesses prior to making ESG strategy recommendations

Environmental	Environmental	Environmental
Climate Change Climate Strategy GHG Emissions Energy Use	Resource Management Materials Managment Supply Chain Management	Environmental Impacts Waste Management Water Management

Focus on Material Issues

Analyze key areas of ESG factors that are most material to the company's industry, geography, and operations.

Three Lenses of ESG Assessment

Benchmark company practices and disclosures relative to peers & industry ESG leaders, best practices, and shareholder expectations

Holistic Approach

Apply a holistic approach when analyzing performance relative to best practices based on multiple sources and references:

- Reporting frameworks intended for investors and other audiences (e.g., SASB, GRI, TCFD, CDP)
- ESG rating agencies and other influencers
- Codes best practices by regulators and industry associations



How can FTI Delta help

OPERATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL

- What are the opportunities to optimize operations and untap savings through power efficiency?
- How to realize commercial value from ESG compliance?
- What is the TAM that can be enabled by more power-efficient Data Centers?



FINANCIAL

- How valuable are the current DC assets? How do ESG achievements / objectives impact this valuation?
- How to quantify the indirect benefits of DCs power efficiency investments? How to measure the ROI?
- What are the best funding models to mitigate the risk of new investments?

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