



A Disaster Recovery Case Study of a Leading Global Hedge Fund

With offices located in London, Moscow, New York and Baku and established as one of the longest standing institutional asset managers in Russia, this leading Global Hedge Fund provides specialist expertise into emerging markets.

The Fund’s IT manager, Abdi Hersi, was presented with the challenge of having to implement a more robust disaster recovery plan and deliver it within the budgets presented. Mr. Hersi commented, “Our previous business continuity plan was becoming incredibly outdated. It was based on tape backups being taken offsite by a 3rd party. In the event of a failure, a tape restoration would take place on a donor server which was not efficient”.

A disaster recovery plan based on tape restoration presented a number of problems for Mr. Hersi. As the Fund’s data volumes grew, it became increasingly clear that the time to restore this data would take too long. They needed to find a solution that presented a Return to Operation (RTO) of less than 4 hours. The ability to test their tape based disaster recovery also posed an issue *as there was no guarantee the tapes had not been corrupted*.

After much investigation Abdi Hersi decided that a hosted DR plan was best suited for the company. *The capital expense involved in buying the hardware and software, along with the co-location costs to house it, exceeded the company’s budget.* After deciding that a virtualised DR solution

provided the fastest RTO for them, Mr Hersi made contact with Commensus PLC who provided access to the very latest technology and resilience. Commensus’ experience in the alternative investment sector made them a natural choice for this global hedge fund.

The Commensus DR solution is powered by the Commensus C-VIP Platform. C-VIP is an awarding winning ‘cloud’ platform leveraging the very best hardware and software, and geo-replicated across multiple data centres for complete resilience. This platform, working in tandem with the Continuous Data Protection (CDP) software FalconStor, enables customers to replicate their on-site infrastructure into the Commensus virtual cloud. In the event of an invocation, Commensus are able to power on customers virtual servers, regardless of data volumes within the SLA of 1 hour.

Mr Hersi praised the C-VIP platform, “The DR solution provided by Commensus is exceptional. It provides us with full control over our systems and complete peace of mind in the event of a catastrophe. Commensus’ investment in C-VIP makes their service hard to ignore when compared to other solutions in the market.”

For further information about this case study or to receive additional information about how Commensus could help your firm, contact the Financial Sector Service Team on 020 8661 4672.

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