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## Candidator and KPMG choose DigiPlex as data centre partner

**DigiPlex**, the Nordic region's leading data centre specialist is today announcing a new strategic and operational agreement with IT company Candidator, one of the first companies to offer Azure Stack in Norway. The partnership was confirmed in coordination with KPMG, Candidator's client, which required a secure, advanced data centre to underpin their shift to Azure Stack technology.

*"Our clients pose high demands on security, stability, sustainability and speed. When KPMG chose to go ahead with the Azure Stack technology, and chose us as their supplier, we together determined that DigiPlex would be the ideal data centre partner. As an added benefit to the agreement, our other clients will now also have access one of Norway's top data centres, provided by DigiPlex at Rosenholm."* says Lars Vaagen Solbakken, CEO at Candidator Norway.

*"To retain our position as the best in our market, we are committed to choosing the best suppliers to support us digitally. When we chose Candidator to deliver our new Azure Stack solution, we had the additional requirement that our systems were to be serviced in a safe and sustainable data centre. Working closely with Candidator it became readily apparent that DigiPlex was the partner of choice."* says Dag Kjetil Jørgensen CIO at KPMG.

*"We are looking forward to welcoming Candidator and KPMG, companies known for their high standards and commitment to excellence, to our Rosenholm data centre. DigiPlex has invested continually to make our data centres into the most secure, most stable and most sustainable in the market. Today's announcement is a welcome indication that we have been successful."* says DigiPlex CEO Gisle M. Eckhoff.

Candidator has established a reputation at the forefront of IT services for business in the Nordics, and was one of the first companies to offer Azure Stack to the Norwegian market. Responding to increasing demands from business for advanced, secure and efficient hybrid IT solutions that give users full control of their data, Candidator's agreement with DigiPlex enables the business to offer an advanced and secure route to realising savings from cloud IT solutions.

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**About DigiPlex**

DigiPlex designs, builds and operates data centres in the Nordics. The company specialises in delivering best-in-class services to its customers through tailored, secure and resilient environments with the highest possible availability. As a result, DigiPlex is trusted by public and private customers alike – including security sensitive organisations such as government and financial institutions. All DigiPlex data centres consume only electricity produced from sustainable sources. [www.digiplex.com](http://www.digiplex.com)

**About Candidator**

Candidator is a successful IT company which delivers complete IT operation, telephony and outsourcing services to companies and organisations on the Nordic market, under the motto "Make IT simple". Candidator's strategy is to build long-term customer relationships by combining high levels of service with effective IT solutions which provide the customer with clear business benefits. Through good customer service, business understanding and efficient use of modern technology, Candidator provides complete IT-services. We are sincere and committed and create a win-win situation between you as a customer and us as a supplier. Candidator aims to be a Nordic IT-partner known to deliver incredibly good customer experiences. Since its inception in 1997, Candidator has had a steady and strong growth, and today we have around 550 employees and a turnover of approx. 1 billion NOK. Candidator is owned by the investment company EQT. [www.candidator.no](http://www.candidator.no)

**Notes to Editor**

Azure Stack is a **hybrid cloud** computing software solution developed by Microsoft based on the company's **Azure** cloud platform. Azure Stack is designed to help organizations deliver Azure services from their own **data center**. Azure Stack combines infrastructure-as-a-service (**IaaS**) and platform-as-a-service (**PaaS**) services in a software stack that spans **on-premises** datacenter environments as well as Microsoft's Azure cloud. Azure and Azure Stack share a standardized architecture, including the same portal, a unified application model and common DevOps tools.