

## **Oracle and Microsoft Announce Availability of Oracle Database Service for Microsoft Azure**

### **Industry Analyst Commentary:**

“The OCI-Azure cloud collaboration shows the industry how multicloud should be done,” said R “Ray” Wang, Founder, Chairman and Principal Analyst, Constellation Research. “Azure users can access all their services available on both Azure and OCI using one familiar interface. They just have to connect their favorite Azure app with their Oracle Database of choice—including Autonomous Database. This represents just the beginning of what can be achieved with a seamless multicloud strategy.”

“Oracle Database Service for Azure dispels many of the myths associated with multicloud—from high latency to requiring multi-disciplined teams and exorbitant data transfer fees,” said Holger Mueller, Vice President and Principal Analyst, Constellation Research. “Instead, it provides an intuitive Azure interface to provision and manage Oracle databases on OCI with 1.5 millisecond latency—which is faster than node-to-node communication within some other public clouds. This is a unique solution that every enterprise that uses Microsoft Azure and Oracle databases—and that’s almost everyone—should seriously consider.”

“Oracle Database Service for Azure is exactly what people have envisioned for how ‘multicloud’ was supposed to work from the beginning,” said Alexei Balaganski, Lead Analyst & Chief Technology Officer, KuppingerCole. “Instead of just treating all clouds as the lowest common denominator, it should offer the best native services from each cloud working together seamlessly. Oracle and Microsoft have collaborated to provide an easy-to-use unified interface across Azure apps and OCI databases with high-speed interconnects. This announcement is a big step in the right direction. Some people will inevitably refer to this OCI-Azure service as ‘Multicloud 2.0.’ I would rather say that multicloud is finally out of beta and ready to unlock its full potential.”

“This announcement changes the dynamics for all cloud service providers. It puts Oracle and Microsoft in a pivotal position to address the compelling narrative of a true multicloud engagement. While other cloud providers are spending cycles focusing on why their cloud is the only answer, Oracle and Microsoft are putting the needs of the customer first—something which other cloud providers are struggling to respond to. The cloud landscape will never be the same again,” said Ron Westfall, Senior Analyst and Research Director, Futurum Research.

“AWS does not appear to have a multicloud strategy. If it does, it’s very difficult to discern,” said Marc Staimer, Senior Analyst, Wikibon. “As far as we can tell, they have what might be called an anti-multicloud strategy by charging customers who want to implement a multicloud approach exorbitant data egress fees. This is a showstopper. Oracle and Microsoft have taken a different approach with the Oracle Database Service for Azure offering. It provides Azure users with the familiar Azure interface to both Azure and OCI resources, simplifying the integration of Azure apps and Oracle databases and allowing data to flow across both clouds with no egress fees. This simplification and data freedom make multicloud a reality for many customers.”

“Multicloud takes on a whole new meaning with the launch of the Oracle Database Service for Azure. This service, designed to provide intuitive, simple access to the Exadata Database Service and Autonomous Database to Azure users in a transparent manner, responds to the critical need of Azure/Oracle customers to apply the benefits of the latest in Oracle Database technology to their Azure workloads. This combinative and interactive connection of services across public clouds sets the stage for what a multicloud experience should be and is a bold statement about where the future of cloud is heading. It should deliver huge benefits for customers, developers, and the cloud services landscape overall,” said Carl Olofson, Research Vice President, Data Management Software, IDC.