

# Cybersecurity Platform of the Year

METCloud

United Kingdom

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METCloud is a next generation, cyber secure hybrid cloud platform solution. The Birmingham-based company is offering its clients something radically different to what is currently available in terms of cloud technology and cyber security combined. Incorporating the latest in artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) is key to the continued success of METCloud as it will enable greater levels of security, capability and scalability.

METCloud provides a comprehensive platform of sophisticated cyber defences and services to meet the needs of today's clients across the corporate landscape. In addition, the proliferation of digitisation in recent years has seen an increased uptake from organisations that operate in the banking, financial services and insurance sectors.

The global awareness of cybercrime is certainly increasing due to greater media attention and newly enhanced data protection laws and data privacy laws across the world. However, the cybersecurity market is extremely crowded with hundreds, possibly thousands, of technologies and service providers.

The cyber market becomes further congested when considering all the other cyber technologies to address issues such as encryption, access control, SIEM, vulnerability scanning, and penetration testing, among many others. The crowded cybersecurity ecosystem is very challenging to the business community and is made more challenging when they are looking for a trusted security partner, of which there are thousands, each offering a different solution.

METCloud simplifies this challenge and addresses the complexities of developing a robust cyber defence. The firm's clients benefit from an enterprise technology stack supported by both network operation centre services (NOCaaS) and security operation centre services (SOCaaS). Furthermore, the platform is built on enterprise level systems that deliver the performance and high availability demands. Future innovations in system architecture (as soon as 2020) will provide 99.9999% (6x9's) availability.

The judges were particularly impressed with the safety and security of METCloud, which includes a rapid response to any threats that may arise. Judge Andrew Walsh commented: "With a talented team who consistently push forward development, METCloud consistently sit at the forefront of security and cloud-based innovations."



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