

CenturyLink recognized as a visionary in Gartner's Magic Quadrant for Cloud-Enabled Managed Hosting, Asia Pacific

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MONROE, La., Dec. 18, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced it has been recognized by analyst firm Gartner, Inc. as a visionary in the Magic Quadrant for Cloud-Enabled Managed Hosting, Asia Pacific.

Evaluation for the report was based on vendors' completeness of vision, including market understanding, market strategy, sales strategy, business model, vertical/industry strategy, geographic strategy, offering strategy and innovation. The Magic Quadrant also assesses ability to execute, which includes product or service, sales execution/pricing, market responsiveness/record, marketing execution, overall viability and customer experience.

"CenturyLink continues to invest heavily in the Asia-Pacific region to meet growing demand for colocation, managed hosting, cloud and network services," said Gery Messer, managing director, Asia Pacific, at CenturyLink. "We believe that being named a 'visionary' in the Magic Quadrant for Cloud-Enabled Managed Hosting, Asia Pacific, reinforces CenturyLink's position as a technology leader in this high-growth region."

Gartner analysts **To Chee Eng, Arup Roy, Vincent Fu, and Kenshi Tazaki** authored the Magic Quadrant for Cloud-Enabled Managed Hosting, Asia Pacific, report, published on Dec. 10, 2014. CenturyLink was recognized in the **Magic Quadrant for Cloud-Enabled Managed Hosting, Europe**, a report published on July 9, 2014, as well as the **Magic Quadrant for Cloud Infrastructure as a Service**, a global report published May 28, 2014.

CenturyLink Cloud continues to evolve through continual advancements, including the availability of **cloud-based managed services**, the launch of globally available **Private Cloud** service in 57 data centers and the opening of the **CenturyLink Cloud Development Center**.

CenturyLink has a data center presence in four Asia-Pacific markets, including a new location in **Shanghai, China**.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States and is recognized as a leader in the network services market by technology industry analyst firms. The company is a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprise customers. CenturyLink provides data, voice and managed services in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers for businesses and consumers. The company also offers advanced entertainment services under the CenturyLink® Prism™ TV and DIRECTV brands. Headquartered in Monroe, La., CenturyLink is an S&P 500 company and is included among the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations. For more information, visit www.centurylink.com.

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