Pioneer Vancis:
a modern data centre for the past thirty years

Vancis is a high quality IT service provider for research, education, and healthcare organisations. From its data centres in Amsterdam and Almere Vancis offers data centre, cloud and managed services. Over a span of thirty years Vancis has seen Minkels change from a supplier of products to a supplier of total solutions. We interviewed Jim Jansen, Data Centre Operations Engineer at Vancis.

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THIRTY YEARS OF INTERNET

Vancis was founded in 2008 as a subsidiary of SURFsara. Jim Jansen: "With that background Vancis has about 45 years of experience in IT. Our data centre in Amsterdam was one of the first data centres in the Netherlands. It actually led to the emergence of the Dutch internet 30 years ago. We have been doing business with Minkels since the very beginning. At that time we were working with steel racks, not aluminium. Nowadays, the market demands completely different products. Minkels has clearly adapted to these developments and – as a supplier of total solutions – is still a company we can rely on."

MODERN DATA CENTRE

New data centres are suddenly sprouting up all over. That presents Vancis with an additional challenge to compete with its existing data centre against the newest data centre buildings. "Therefore, we are focusing on energy-efficiency. Each room must meet today's standards. Where necessary, we move customers to new racks and we install cold aisle containment. We are also concentrating more and more on cloud and hybrid services, security, flexibility and pay-per-use. These services enable us to provide our customers with everything you could expect from a modern data centre."

DATA CENTRE IN AMSTERDAM AND ALMERE

In Amsterdam Vancis has nine computer rooms on two floors in the building. "We have a total of 570 server racks and patch cabinets spread over an area of approximately 1,700 m². In Almere we have two different computer floors with 150 racks and 400 m². Both data centres are carrier-neutral and provide excellent connectivity to the leading internet exchanges like AMS-IX, NL-IX and Netherlight. What's more, the Amsterdam location has a PUE of 1.5 and a capacity of 2.5 Megawatts in redundant power supply."

FLEXIBLE AND CUSTOMER-SPECIFIC DATA CENTRE SOLUTION

Minkels helps Vancis offer its customers a flexible and customer-specific data centre solution. "We work with the Minkels server racks, patch cabinets and cold aisle containment. Our customers clearly prefer Minkels due to the company's flexible, customer-specific solutions as well as the ease of installation. We are also very happy with the excellent quality, speedy delivery and the fact that they offer input into the development and design of the racks. We have been a customer for 30 years. That has to say something." ■

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