

# Gartner Data Center, Infrastructure & Operations Management Conference

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## Agenda

TRACKS

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- Achieving an Agile Infrastructure
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- Optimizing IT Operations for a Digital World
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- Redefining a Storage Strategy in the Age of Digital Business
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**NEW! Spotlight Track:** Leveraging DevOps to Build and Manage a Better Infrastructure

**NEW! Spotlight Track:** Securing the Data Center of Tomorrow

**Spotlight Track:** Infrastructure and Operations for the Midsize Enterprise

**Spotlight Track:** The Many Flavors of Software-Defined — How Do You Know Where to Focus?







REGISTRATION HOURS

Sunday	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Monday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	 Registration <a href="#">Bellini 2001A, Level 2</a>			
4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	T1. Conference Orientation: How to Get the Most Out of Your Conference Experience		Dave Russell, Gartner	<a href="#">Venetian G, Level 2</a>
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	<div>W1. Workshop: Containers 101: Mastering the Fundamentals</div> <div>Arun Chandrasekaran and Dennis Smith, Gartner</div> <div><a href="#">Veronese 2401B, Level 2</a> <b>REG</b></div>	<div>W2. Workshop: Driving Cost Optimization in Existing Sourcing Relationships</div> <div>David Edward Ackerman, Gartner</div> <div><a href="#">Veronese 2404, Level 2</a> <b>REG</b></div>	<div>W3. Workshop: How to Be a Digital Leader and Lead a Digital Workforce?</div> <div>Diane Berry, Gartner</div> <div><a href="#">Titian 2301A, Level 2</a> <b>REG</b></div>	<div>W4. Workshop: How to Build I&amp;O Metrics That Matter and Communicate Value to the Business</div> <div>Hank Marquis, Gartner</div> <div><a href="#">Titian 2304, Level 2</a> <b>REG</b></div>
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	SRD1. Sponsor Roundtable Discussion: VMware, Inc.: The Digital and Multi-Cloud World: Are You Ready? <a href="#">Bellini 2104, Level 2</a>			

Monday, December 5

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	 Registration <b>Bellini 2001A, Level 2</b>			
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	 Attendee Breakfast <b>Hall D, Level 2</b>			
8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	 K1. Gartner Keynote: The Infrastructure and Operations Scenario: At the Core of Change Dave Russell and Robert Naegle, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>			
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	 K2. Guest Keynote Interview: How Venture Capital Nourishes Innovation Peter Levine, Andreessen Horowitz; Gary Spivak, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>			
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	 K3. Guest Keynote: Rethinking the Infrastructure for the Day After Tomorrow Peter Hinssen, Author, Entrepreneur and Expert on Disruptive Innovation <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>	NL1. Networking Lounge: How to Manage / Prepare for Containers in Your IT Environment <b>Murano 3301A, Level 3</b>		
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	 K4. Welcome Address Dave Russell and Mike Chuba, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>			
11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	A1. The Future of Containers and Virtual Machines in the Enterprise Thomas J. Bittman, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	B1. IT Operations 2020 Scenario Katherine Lord, Gartner <b>Ventian F, Level 2</b>	C1. State of Cloud Security 2017 Steve Riley, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	D1. Planning Server Investment in an Era of Transformation Andrew Butler, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>
	E1. The 2021 Storage Scenario: Planning for the Future While Deploying Today Roger W. Cox and Stanley Zaffos, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	F1. The Evolution of Data Center and Cloud Strategies — Working Together to Drive Business Growth David J. Cappuccio, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>	I1. Gartner Skills and Talent Outlook Diane Morello, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>	NL2. Networking Lounge: Software Defined Networking and Its Impact on the Data Center <b>Murano 3301A, Level 3</b>
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	R1. Roundtable: Private Cloud Versus Public Cloud, Pros and Cons Dennis Smith, Gartner <b>Bassano 2702, Level 2 REG</b>	R2. Roundtable: Information and Operations Resilience — How Do You Sustain it? John P Morency, Gartner <b>Bassano 2801, Level 2 REG</b>	R3. Roundtable: Is Your Business Ready for Cloud-Unified Communications? Mike Fasciani and Ted Corbett, Gartner <b>Bassano 2803, Level 2 REG</b>	R4. Roundtable: Best Practices for Negotiating and Using Microsoft Premier Support Michael A. Silver, Gartner <b>Bassano 2804, Level 2 REG</b>
	R5. Roundtable: Mobile Security: Myth vs. Reality John Girard, Gartner <b>Bassano 2805, Level 2 REG</b>			

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INTERACTIVE SESSIONS



**Roundtables**  
These sessions are lightly moderated discussion groups to help you share best practices, challenges, and industry experiences with your peers.

**Workshops**  
These sessions are rooted in practical and skill-based learning. These highly interactive, task-oriented sessions help peers work together to tackle a perplexing industry challenge or opportunity.

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Sessions requiring registration, including contract negotiation clinics, roundtables and workshops\*, are for end-user attendees only.\*\*  
*\*For this event, there are two workshops I5 and I7 that are open to end users and vendors.*  
*\*\*An End User is defined as an employee in charge of evaluating, purchasing, or managing certain IT resources, products, and services for their organization's internal usage.*

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.		SLA1. IBM Corporation: Making Blockchain a Reality in the Enterprise Alex Tapscott, Northwest Passage Ventures; Donna Dillenberger and Ross Mauri, IBM <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>			
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.		Attendee Lunch <b>Hall D, Level 2</b>			
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.		A2. Bimodal Infrastructure Scenario: Consolidate, Modernize, and Increase Agility? Philip Dawson, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	B2. Your Digital Business Is DOA Without Application Performance Management (APM) Cameron Haight, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	C2. What Goes Where? Building an Enterprise Cloud Strategy That Works Bob Gill, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	D2. Technical Insights: Evaluation Criteria for Hyperconverged Integrated Systems Appliances (HDISs) Paul Delory, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>
		E2. Solid-State Array Lightning Versus Hyperconverged Integrated Systems Thunder Joseph Unsworth and Julia Palmer, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	F2. Protecting Workloads and Containers in Cloud Data Center Architectures Neil MacDonald, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>	G2. The Enterprise Network Scenario: Digital Business Requires Digital Plumbing Andrew Lerner and Danilo Cisco, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>	H2. How to Cut Data Center Software Spending Hank Marquis, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>
NL3. Networking Lounge: Experiences with Hyperconvergence and Software-Defined Storage <b>Murano 3301A, Level 3</b>					
3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.		SPS1. Microsoft: Reinvent IT Infrastructure for Business Agility Mike Neil, Microsoft <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>	SPS2. Dell EMC: Delivering the IT Tapestry of the Future Matt Baker, Dell EMC <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	SPS3. Emerson Network Power: Managing Your Critical Infrastructure in a Highly Virtualized World Enzo Greco, Emerson Network Power <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	SPS4. Equinix, Inc.: Architect Your Digital Platform with the IOA™ Playbook & Knowledgebase Lou Najdzin, Equinix, Inc. <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>
		SPS5. Pure Storage: Can Flash Be Used for Unstructured Data? Yes It Can. Chadd Kenney, Pure Storage; Brian Boos, Paylocity <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>	SPS6. Cisco: Cisco: Analyze, Simplify, Automate, Protect: Driving Change and Digital Transformation Frank Palumbo, Cisco <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	SPS7. VMware, Inc.: Practical Cross-Cloud Operations Means Knowing When to Say “No!” Chris Wolf, VMware <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	SPS8. Veeam Software: Business Disaster Recovery Strategies: Succeeding Where the Odds Say You Fail Michael White, Veeam Software <b>Bassano 2601, Level 2</b>
SPS9. Dimension Data: Moving From Multiple Cloud Environments to Business Aligned Hybrid IT Richard Garratt and Kevin Leahy, Dimension Data <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>					
4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.		SPS10. Nutanix: From Concept to Action: Digitalization, Hyperconvergence and Enterprise Cloud Tim Palmer, Xcel Energy; Sachin Chheda, Nutanix <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	SPS11. Schneider Electric: Saved by Software: Straight-Talk with Top DCIM Users Greg Johnson, Schneider Electric <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	SPS12. Lenovo, Inc.: From the Links to the Data Center, Innovation and Quality Michael Nevilda, Callaway Golf <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>	SPS13. Nimble Storage: A Predictive Datacenter – Innovations at the Boundaries of Storage/ Big Data & Cloud Lior Ofir, PennyMac; Dan Leary, Nimble Storage <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>
		SPS14. HGST: Flashonomics – 5 Myths of Enterprise Flash Adam Roberts, Western Digital <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>	SPS15. IBM Corporation: Redefining Storage for the Digital Business Era with Flexible Hybrid Cloud Object Storage <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	SPS16. Sungard Availability Services: Top Tips for Choosing the Right Clouds for Your Application Needs Wade Alt, Sungard Availability Services <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	SPS17. F5 Networks: Building the Programmable Infrastructure: Three Success Stories Robert Haynes, F5 Networks; Joel Newton, SpringCM; Rene Lopez, Trizetto <b>Bassano 2601, Level 2</b>
SPS18. Panduit: Achieving an Agile Data Center Infrastructure Brett Lane, Panduit <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>					

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	A3. Seven Steps to Start Your DevOps Initiative David Paul Williams and George Spafford, Gartner Venetian D, Level 2	B3. Pay Up, or Else? No Way! Defend Yourself Against Ransomware! John Girard, Gartner Veronese 2401B, Level 2	C3. Technical Insights: Next-Generation Disaster Recovery: A Cloudy Forecast Lowell Shulman, Gartner Venetian F, Level 2	D3. Who Will Be Your Next Server Provider? Jeffrey Hewitt, Gartner Titian 2301A, Level 2
	E3. How to Benefit From Software-Defined Storage in the Age of Bimodal IT: From Traditional Applications to Containers Arun Chandrasekaran and Julia Palmer, Gartner Venetian G, Level 2	F3. Data Center 2020 — The Infrastructure Strategies Roadmap Bob Gill, Gartner Venetian E, Level 2	H3. Using Innovation to Cost Optimize the Storage Infrastructure JP Corriveau and Roger W. Cox, Gartner Veronese 2404, Level 2	I3. Ten Absolute Truths About Talent Management: A Perspective for IT Leaders Diane Berry, Gartner Titian 2304, Level 2
NL4. Networking Lounge: IT Service Management – Improving Services Levels Murano 3301A, Level 3				
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	R6. Roundtable: When to Choose Public Cloud IaaS, and When Not Thomas J. Bittman, Gartner Bassano 2702, Level 2 REG	R7. Roundtable: Converged and Hyperconverged Systems Andrew Butler and George J. Weiss, Gartner Bassano 2801, Level 2 REG	R8. Roundtable: Emerging Storage Technology and Provider Experiences Stanley Zaffos, Gartner Bassano 2803, Level 2 REG	R9. Roundtable: Data Center Outsourcing David Edward Ackerman, Gartner Bassano 2804, Level 2 REG
	R10. Roundtable: Lessons Learned in Embracing Bimodal IT in I&O Ed Holub, Gartner Bassano 2805, Level 2 REG			
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	🍴 Solution Showcase Reception Hall C, Level 2			
6:10 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	MQ13. Magic Quadrant for Enterprise Information Archiving Garth Landers, Gartner Theater, Hall C			
6:40 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	TH2. Dimension Data: Moving From Multiple Cloud Environments to Business Aligned Hybrid IT Richard Garratt, Dimension Data Theater, Hall C, Level 2			
7:10 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	TH3. HGST: The ROI of Using Flash Storage – More Than Just IOPs and Throughput Rob Callaghan, Western Digital Theater, Hall C, Level 2			
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	🍴 Sponsored Reception: Lenovo After Hours at Gartner Data Center, Infrastructure & Operations Management Conference AqauKnox Restaurant, Level 2			




## Tuesday, December 6

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.		Registration <b>Bellini 2001A, Level 2</b>			
7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.		SBA1. DuPont Fabros Technology, Inc: How to Develop a Winning IT Infrastructure Strategy and Look Like a Hero Bill Lowry, ServerCentral; Bob O’Keefe, DFT <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>			
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.		Attendee Breakfast <b>Hall D, Level 2</b>			
8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.		K5. Gartner Keynote: Applications and Infrastructure and Operations: When Worlds Collide Jeff Schulman and Katherine Lord, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>			
		NL5. Networking Lounge: Are the Problems & Fortunes of the Traditional Data Center Suppliers Impacting You? <b>Murano 3301A, Level 3</b>			


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9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	<div> <b>K6. Guest Keynote Interview: Data Center Innovation at LinkedIn</b> Sonu Nayyar, LinkedIn; Dave Russell, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b></div>			
	<b>NL6. Networking Lounge: Experiences with Next Generation Storage Devices and Vendors</b> <b>Murano 3301A, Level 3</b>			
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>R11. Roundtable: The Business Case for Software-Defined Data Centers</b> John P Morency, Gartner <b>Bassano 2702, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>	<b>R12. Roundtable: Securing Cloud Computing</b> Neil MacDonald, Gartner <b>Bassano 2801, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>	<b>R13. Roundtable: Cloud Storage</b> Raj Bala, Gartner <b>Bassano 2803, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>	<b>R14. Roundtable: Colocation and What to Look for in Service-Level Agreements</b> Bob Gill, Gartner <b>Bassano 2804, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>
	<b>R15. Roundtable: Building Your Personal Brand in the Digital World</b> Diane Morello, Gartner <b>Bassano 2805, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>			
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<b>A4. Private Cloud and Bimodal IT</b> Thomas J. Bittman, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	<b>B4. Business Value — Laying the Groundwork for High Value I&amp;O Initiatives</b> Robert Naegle, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	<b>C4. Will the Cloud Save Me Money? Or am I About to Waste a Lot?</b> Tiny Haynes, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	<b>D4. The Future of Windows Server</b> Mike Cisek, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>
	<b>E4. The Impact of Composable on Next-Generation Hyperconvergence</b> George J. Weiss and Julia Palmer, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	<b>F4. Top 10 Technology Trends and Their Impact on Infrastructure and Operations</b> David J. Cappuccio, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>	<b>G4. SD-WAN: Smoke and Mirrors or a Better Way to WAN?</b> Andrew Lerner and Ted Corbett, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>	<b>H4. Data Management: Cut Costs and Risk With Secondary Storage and Policy Management</b> Garth Landers, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>
	<b>NL7. Networking Lounge: Attracting, Developing and Retaining IT Personnel</b> <b>Murano 3301A, Level 3</b>			
11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>SPS20. Intel Corporation: Learn How Intel is @ the Core of Smart Tech Management of the Data Center</b> Jeff Klaus, Intel <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	<b>SPS21. Oracle: Five Journeys to Evolve Your IT Infrastructure to the Cloud</b> Chuck Hollis, Oracle <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	<b>SPS22. CenturyLink: Customer Panel Discussion: Navigating the Changing Nature of the Data Center Market</b> Drew Leonard, CenturyLink <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	<b>SPS23. NetApp Inc.: Your Data Demands More</b> Brendan Howe, NetApp Inc. <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>
	<b>SPS24. Hewlett Packard Enterprise: How to Thrive in an Age of Digital Disruption</b> Antonio Neri, Hewlett Packard Enterprise <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	<b>SPS25. Nlyte Software: Panel Discussion: Leading Companies Share Their Data Center Strategies</b> Bill Juskiewicz, Dell; Joe Zarcone, TransUnion; LaShonta Goins, USAA; Phil Pennington, VMWare; Steve Naumann, US Social Security Administration; Mark Gaydos, Nlyte Software <b>Bellini 2104, Level 2</b>	<b>SPS26. Commvault Systems, Inc.: 3 Ways to Achieve Workload Portability</b> Don Foster, Commvault <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>	<b>SPS27. BMC Software: Proactive Management of Multi-source Cloud Resources and Applications</b> Dennis Newberry, BMC Software <b>Bassano 2601, Level 2</b>
	<b>SPS28. Nvidia Corporation: Bring AI to Your Data Center</b> <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>		<b>VUR1. Dell EMC: Are You Ready to Modernize Your Data Center?</b> Chad Sakac, Dell EMC <b>Bassano 2702, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>	
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	<div> <b>SLA2. IBM Corporation: Solutions for Increasing the Value of Your Business Data in the Cloud &amp; Cognitive Era</b> Eric Herzog, IBM <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b></div>			
12:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<div> <b>Attendee Lunch and Solution Showcase Dessert Reception</b> <b>Hall C, Level 2 (Lunch service will end at 1:30 p.m.)</b></div>			
12:30 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.	<b>MQ14. Magic Quadrant for Data Center Backup and Recovery Software</b> Pushan Rinnen, Gartner <b>Theater, Hall C, Level 2</b>			
1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	<b>TH5. xMatters, Inc: Use Integration and Automation for More Responsive IT</b> Abbas Haider Ali, xMatters, Inc <b>Theater, Hall C, Level 2</b>			
1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	<b>TH6. Schneider Electric: Technology Enabled Data Center Life Cycle Services</b> Lance Bishop, Schneider Electric <b>Theater, Hall C, Level 2</b>			
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	<b>A5. Making Sense of DevOps Using the Gartner DevOps Toolchain Methodology</b> David Paul Williams, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	<b>B5. The Impact of IoT on IT Operations and Bimodal Strategy</b> Sanjit Ganguli, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	<b>C5. Building a Hybrid Cloud That Actually Works</b> Ed Anderson, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	<b>D5. The IBM Mainframe: Ongoing Challenges, New Opportunities</b> Mike Chuba, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>
	<b>E5. Backup: Fix It or Ditch It?</b> Dave Russell, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	<b>G5. Technical Insights: How to Increase Data Center Network Agility (Without Getting Fired)</b> Simon Richard, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>	<b>H5. Applying Software Asset Management Discipline to Cloud, Virtual and Mobile Assets</b> Hank Marquis, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	<b>NL8. Networking Lounge: Does DevOps Have a Role in Your Organization?</b> <b>Murano 3301A, Level 3</b>
	<b>I5. Workshop: Future of Work: Leadership @ The Core of Change</b> Cheryl Cran, Evolutionary Business Solutions Inc. <b>Bassano 2601, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>			
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>R16. Roundtable: Top Barriers to ITFM Tool Adoption</b> Robert Naegle, Gartner <b>Bassano 2702, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>	<b>R17. Roundtable: Modernizing With “Just Enough” Private Cloud</b> Thomas J. Bittman, Gartner <b>Bassano 2801, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>	<b>R18. Roundtable: Hyperconvergence Adoption in Sub 400 Server Environments</b> Mike Cisek, Gartner <b>Bassano 2803, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>	<b>R19. Roundtable: Data Center Design and Retrofits</b> David J. Cappuccio, Gartner <b>Bassano 2804, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>
	<b>R20. Roundtable: Help, I Hate My WAN</b> Andrew Lerner, Gartner <b>Bassano 2805, Level 2</b> <b>REG</b>			
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>TTP1. Bimodal IT and the Data Center — Renovate the Core While Enabling the Cloud</b> Bob Gill, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	<b>TTP2. How to Select the Right Cloud Management Tools</b> Dennis Smith, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	<b>TTP3. IoT Storage Demands: Meaningful or Meaningless to You</b> Joseph Unsworth, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	<b>TTP4. Active/Active — Do You Need It and Can You Afford It?</b> John P Morency and Mark Thomas Jaggars, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>
	<b>TTP5. Networking Matters in a Hyperconverged World</b> Joe Skorupa, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>	<b>TTP6. The All-Wireless Office — Myth or Reality?</b> Bill Menezes, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	<b>TTP7. Perform an I&amp;O Skills Gap Analysis to Support a Bimodal and Digital Business Future</b> Ed Holub, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>	<b>MQ1. Magic Quadrant for Application Release Automation Solutions</b> Colin Fletcher, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>


3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	SPS29. IBM Corporation: Accelerating Insights in the Cognitive Era Doug Balog, IBM <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>		SPS30. Red Hat: Red Hat Solution Provider Session <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>		SPS31. Citrix Systems, Inc.: Recent DDoS Attacks Aimed at Taking Down the Internet – How To Protect Yourself and Your Business Florin Lazurca, Citrix <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>		SPS32. Legrand: Data Center Networks with Software-Managed Fiber Connections M.H. Raza, Fiber Mountain, Inc.; Rudolph Montgela, Legrand <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	
	SPS33. Fortinet: Securing the Data Center from Cyber Threats with Internal Segmentation Rajoo Nagar, Fortinet <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>		SPS34. EarthLink: A No-Hype, 3 Step Guide to Transforming your WAN Jay Ferro, EarthLink <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>		SPS35. Kaminario: Real World All-Flash Storage Strategies for Modern Applications Ken Lawrence, ZeroChaos; Fred Roque, Major Home Tools Retailer; Ernie Satterthwait; Sundip Arora, Kaminario <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>		SPS36. Ardent Support Technologies: 4 Reasons Fortune 50 Companies are Switching to Third Party Maintenance Jim Stevens, Ardent Support Technologies <b>Bassano 2601, Level 2</b>	
	SPS37. Dell EMC: To Buy or to Build – Understanding the Different Use Cases for Converged and Hyper-Converged Chad Sakac, Dell EMC <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>				VUR2. xMatters, Inc: The Secret to Successful Scaling: Use the DevOps Toolchain to Become a Well-Oiled Machine Abbas Haider Ali, xMatters, Inc <b>Bassano 2702, Level 2 REG</b>			
4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Solution Showcase Open <b>Hall C, Level 2</b>							
4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	TTP8. Containers Are Coming to a Network Near You Arun Chandrasekaran, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>		TTP9. HPC Futures and Scalable Deep Learning Chirag Dekate, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>		TTP10. The Future of Power and Cooling for the Data Center: What Are Your Options? Henrique Cecci, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>		TTP11. Financial Implications of Moving to Office 365 Michael A. Silver, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	
	MQ2. Magic Quadrant: Data Center Outsourcing Services for North America, Europe and Asia David Edward Ackerman, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>		MQ3. Magic Quadrant: Distributed File Systems and Object Storage Julia Palmer, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>		MQ4. Magic Quadrant for Network Service Provider, Global Ted Corbett, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>		TOH1. Town Hall: IT Operations and DevOps Cameron Haight, George Spafford and Hank Marquis, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	
4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	NL9. Networking Lounge: Gauging the Impact of the Internet of Things on I&O <b>Murano 3301A, Level 3</b>							
4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	R21. Roundtable: DevOps Tooling Highs and Lows Colin Fletcher and David Paul Williams, Gartner <b>Bassano 2702, Level 2 REG</b>		R22. Roundtable: All Things Flash Storage Joseph Unsworth, Gartner <b>Bassano 2801, Level 2 REG</b>		R23. Roundtable: Data Center Strategies — Making Them Real David J. Cappuccio, Gartner <b>Bassano 2803, Level 2 REG</b>		R24. Roundtable: It's Not the Network (and How to Prove It!) Andrew Lerner and Sanjit Ganguli, Gartner <b>Bassano 2804, Level 2 REG</b>	
	TTP12. The Primary Use Cases for Software-Defined Data Centers (SDDCs) John P Morency, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>		TTP13. Colocation State of the Union — Top 10 Trends Bob Gill, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>		TTP14. Cloud Expense Management Tools — Evaluate, Rationalize and Optimize Public Cloud Spend Gary Spivak, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>		TOH2. Town Hall: Cloud Dennis Smith, Ed Anderson, Neil MacDonald and Thomas J. Bittman, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	
5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	TOH3. Town Hall: Storage Dave Russell, Garth Landers, Julia Palmer and Raj Bala, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>		MQ5. Magic Quadrant for IT Service Support Management Tools Rich Doheny, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>		MQ6. Magic Quadrant for Integrated Systems and Critical Capabilities Andrew Butler and Philip Dawson, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>		MQ7. Magic Quadrant for Wired and Wireless LAN Access Infrastructure Bill Menezes , Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>	

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	 Solution Showcase Reception <b>Hall C, Level 2</b>
6:10 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	MQ15. Magic Quadrant for Enterprise Mobility Management Suites John Girard, Gartner <b>Theater, Hall C, Level 2</b>
6:40 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	TH8. Robin Systems: Creating Application-Defined Data Center Using Containers Sushil Kumar, Robin Systems <b>Theater, Hall C, Level 2</b>
7:10 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	TH9. Zensar Technologies: Return on Digital™ Through Autonomics & Orchestration – The Vinci Pinaki Kar, Zensar Technologies <b>Theater, Hall C, Level 2</b>




### Wednesday, December 7

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	 Registration <a href="#">Bellini 2001A, Level 2</a>			
7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.	 SBA2. Samsung Semiconductor, Inc.: Learn How to Buy SSDs for Less Than Hard Disk Drives <span>Ryan Smith, Samsung Semiconductor, Inc.</span> <a href="#">Venetian G, Level 2</a>			
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	 Attendee Breakfast <a href="#">Hall D, Level 2</a>			
8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	NL10. Networking Lounge: Linking Business and IT Strategies and Plans <a href="#">Murano 3301A, Level 3</a>			
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	 K7. Guest Keynote: The Art of Deception: How Hackers and Con Artists Manipulate You and What You Can Do About It <span>Kevin Mitnick, The Global Ghost Team™</span> <a href="#">Venetian E, Level 2</a>			
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	R26. Roundtable: Software Defined Storage (SDS): Early Experiences and Lessons Learned <span>Arun Chandrasekaran and Julia Palmer, Gartner</span> <a href="#">Bassano 2702, Level 2</a> REG	R27. Roundtable: Cloud Strategy <span>Bob Gill, Gartner</span> <a href="#">Bassano 2801, Level 2</a> REG	R28. Roundtable: Is It Time to Change Your Server Virtualization Vendor? <span>Thomas J. Bittman, Gartner</span> <a href="#">Bassano 2803, Level 2</a> REG	R29. Roundtable: Managing Mountains of Unstructured, Dark Data <span>Garth Landers, Gartner</span> <a href="#">Bassano 2804, Level 2</a> REG
	R30. Roundtable: My Network Isn't Software-Defined, Is Yours? <span>Andrew Lerner, Gartner</span> <a href="#">Bassano 2805, Level 2</a> REG			

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	SPS39. AppDynamics, Inc.: AppDynamics Solution Provider Session Venetian E, Level 2		SPS40. Automic Software: Automic Software Solution Provider Session Venetian F, Level 2		SPS41. Curvature: Your IT Infrastructure: How to Stay on Budget and Innovate Mike Sheldon, Curvature Venetian D, Level 2		SPS42. 128 Technology: Death to the Overlay: The Advent of Secure Vector Routing Andrew Ory and Sorell Slaymaker, 128 Technology Venetian G, Level 2	
	SPS43. Inspur Systems Inc.: Inspur Systems Solution Provider Session Veronese 2401B, Level 2		SPS44. Apcera: Modernization Doesn't Mean You Leave Your Legacy Behind Ralph Loura, Rodan + Fields; Mark Thiele, Apcera Veronese 2404, Level 2		SPS45. OpsDataStore: OpsDataStore Solution Provider Session Titian 2301A, Level 2		SPS46. Mesosphere: How Esri is Building for the Real-Time Era Using Containers and the Cloud Adam Mellenkopf, Esri; Tobias Knaup, Mesosphere Titian 2304, Level 2	
	SPS47. SimpliVity Corporation: Leverage Hyperconvergence to Speed Application Delivery and Fuel Competitive Advantage Doron Kempel, SimpliVity Bassano 2601, Level 2				VUR3. Cisco: Cisco Vendor/User Roundtable Bassano 2702, Level 2 REG			
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	UE2. Managing Storage Service Performance in the Age of the Cloud: Why You May be Measuring the Wrong Things and What to Do About It Raihan Zaidi, Kaiser Permanente Venetian F, Level 2		UE3. Backup and Beyond: Using New Technologies to Increase Operational Efficiency Grant Shih, Carter's; Nathan Bach, Driscolls Titian 2304, Level 2		UE4. Consolidation – “Prepping for the Cloud” Scott Duplantis, ConocoPhillips Venetian E, Level 2		UE5. Scaling DevOps: Patterns, Practices, and Lessons Learned Tim Gorecki, Cigna Veronese 2401B, Level 2	
	UE6. Leveraging PaaS to Drive Enterprise Transformation Ram Roa and Ravi Tiyyagura, Asurion Titian 2301A, Level 2				UE7. Hyperconverged Systems: Real World Production Experiences David Wunderley, PITT OHIO; Robert Edwards, Cardinal Innovations Healthcare Veronese 2404, Level 2			
	TOH4. Town Hall: Software-Defined — Hype or Hope? Joe Skorupa, John P Morency, Julia Palmer, Neil MacDonald and Philip Dawson Gartner Venetian D, Level 2							
NL11. Networking Lounge: What Are You Doing With/About Cloud? Murano 3301A, Level 3								
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	SPS48. Cisco: Automating Application Delivery with Agility and Security Ish Limkakeng, Cisco Venetian E, Level 2		SPS49. HGST: Too Big to Store? Break the Barriers to Storage & Management Gary Lyng, Western Digital Venetian F, Level 2		SPS50. Actifio: Fast is the New Big: How Copy Data Virtualization Powers Rapid Data Access Jack Hogan, Lifescript; Vaughn Stewart, Pure Storage; Brian Reagan, Actifio Venetian D, Level 2		SPS51. Brocade: IT Innovation at Dimension Data: DevOps Beyond Deployment with StackStorm Anthony Shaw, Dimension Data Veronese 2401B, Level 2	
	SPS52. ServiceNow: TransAlta Case Study: Reducing service Outages by 80% Jamie Duncalf, TransAlta Veronese 2404, Level 2		SPS53. STRATOSCALE: AWS on Premise – Building a Cloud Infrastructure with Hyperconvergence Ariel Maislos, Stratoscale Titian 2301A, Level 2		SPS54. Digitate: How Artificial Intelligence is Disrupting Enterprise IT Dr. Harrik Vin, Digitate Titian 2304, Level 2		SPS55. VMware, Inc.: Infrastructure-Independent Networking Bruce Davie, VMware Bassano 2601, Level 2	
	SPS56. Tintri Inc.: Snapshots and SQL Server in a Virtualized Environment – Tech Deep Dive and Detailed Lab Findings Rob Girard, Tintri Bellini 2104, Level 2							
12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.		SLA3. VMware, Inc.: Build Your Next-Gen Hybrid Cloud Infrastructure, Powered by vSphere Mike Adams, VMware Venetian G, Level 2						
12:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.		Attendee Lunch and Solution Showcase Dessert Reception Hall C, Level 2 (Lunch service will end at 1:30 p.m.)						

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	A7. Embrace DevOps Product Teams to Turbocharge Your I&O Organization George Spafford, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	B7. Select the Right I&O Automation Tools to Drive Efficiency, Improve Reliability and Reduce Costs Robert Naegle, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	C7. Making the Right Recovery and Continuity Sourcing Decisions John P Morency and Ron Blair, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	D7. Running Legacy Server Infrastructure? Migrate or Maintain: We Show You the Math Andrew Butler, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>
	E7. Information-Centric Mobile Security: Your Data Can Move Without Leaking John Girard, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	G7. The Evolving Role of Unified Communications in the Digital Workplace Mike Fasciani, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>	H7. Avoid the Hyperconvergence “Minefields” Jeffrey Hewitt, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	NL13. Networking Lounge: Delivering Projects that Enable Business Growth <b>Murano 3301A, Level 3</b>
	I7. Workshop: Future of Work: Leadership @ The Core of Change Cheryl Cran, Evolutionary Business Solutions Inc. <b>Bassano 2601, Level 2 REG</b>			
4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	R31. What I&O Leaders Need to Know About Containers Dennis Smith, Gartner <b>Bassano 2702, Level 2 REG</b>	R32. Roundtable: Rethinking APM Cameron Haight, Gartner <b>Bassano 2801, Level 2 REG</b>	R33. Roundtable: Cloud Security Steve Riley, Gartner <b>Bassano 2803, Level 2 REG</b>	R34. Roundtable: Backup and Recovery Modernization Pushan Rinnen, Gartner <b>Bassano 2804, Level 2 REG</b>
	R35. Roundtable: Secrets of Successful Cloud Office Deployments (Office 365 and Google Apps) Michael A. Silver, Gartner <b>Bassano 2805, Level 2 REG</b>			
5:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	TTP15. Agile Security for Bimodal IT Neil MacDonald, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	TTP16. Energizing Release Management With Automation: The Heartbeat of DevOps Colin Fletcher, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	TTP17. Moving to the Cloud? Beware of the Visibility Gaps! Sanjit Ganguli, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	TTP18. Rightsize and Justify Staffing for the I&O Organization Ed Holub, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>
	TOH5. Town Hall: Integrated and Hyperconverged Systems Andrew Butler, George J. Weiss, Joe Skorupa and Julia Palmer Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>	TOH6. Town Hall: Data Center Bob Gill, David J. Cappuccio, Henrique Cecci and Mark Thomas Jaggers, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>	MQ8. Magic Quadrant for Solid-State Arrays Joseph Unsworth, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	MQ9. Magic Quadrant for Application Delivery Controllers (ADC) - A Market in Transition Danilo Ciscato, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>
6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	 HS2. Intel Corporation: Intel's Carnival of Hackers <b>Lido 3101A, Level 3</b>	HS3. Automic Software: Eat, Drink, and Roll Cigars with Automic <b>Lido 3104, Level 3</b>	HS4. EarthLink: Cooking Up a Recipe for Success <b>Lido 3003, Level 3</b>	HS5. NetApp Inc.: Ride the Tide and Make a Splash with NetApp: Come party with us! <b>Lido 3001A, Level 3</b>
	HS6. Nimble Storage: Join Nimble Storage for a Virtual Reality Experience While Learning the Predictive Flash Difference. <b>Lido 3103, Level 3</b>		HS7. Pure Storage: Pure Storage Hospitality Suite <b>Location Lido 3002</b>	
	HS8. SimpliVity Corporation: Annual SimpliVity Scotch and Rock Party! <b>Lido 3102, Level 3</b>			

Thursday, December 8

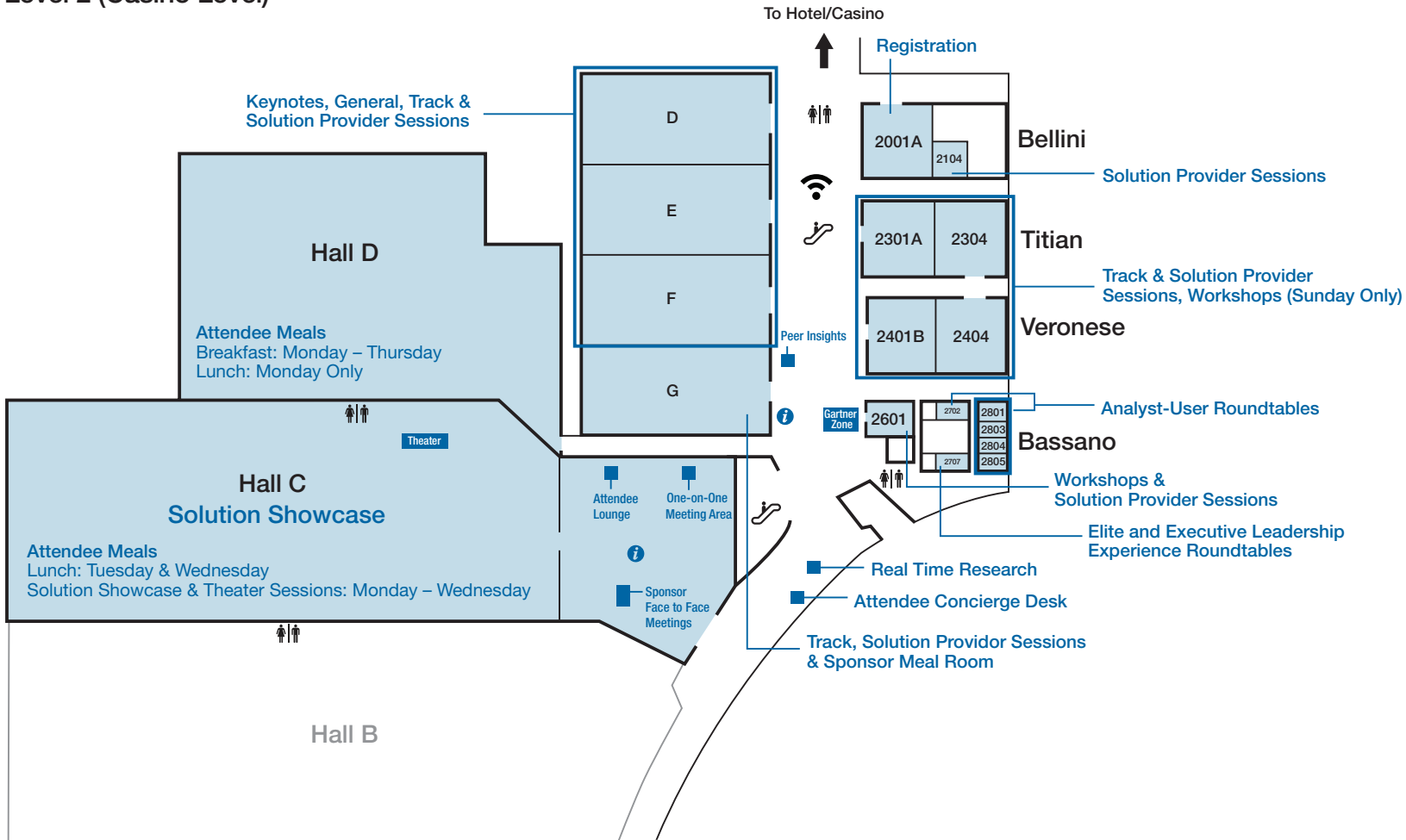
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8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	 K8. Conference Wrap-Up: Interactive Polling Results From the Event Dave Russell, Mike Chuba and Sheila Childs, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>			
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	A8. Apply Lessons Learned From Hyperscale Data Centers Jeffrey Hewitt, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	B8. The Service Desk in a Bimodal World Rich Doheny, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	C8. Technical Insights: Is Cloud Backup Right for You? Lowell Shulman, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	D8. Cross-roads for Server Virtualization Decisions Thomas J. Bittman, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>
	E8. The State of Cloud Storage Raj Bala, Cognizant Japan KK <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	F8. Best Practices to Migrating From Your In-House Data Center Ron Blair and Tiny Haynes, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>	H8. New Philosophies for PC Selection, Ownership and Management in a Bimodal World Michael A. Silver, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	I8. What I&O Leaders Need to Know When Key Vendors Face Investor Pressures for Change Gary Spivak, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	TTP19. Answering the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Regarding Hadoop Infrastructures Arun Chandrasekaran, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	TTP20. Organizations Can Benefit From ITIL and DevOps George Spafford, Gartner <b>Venetian D, Level 2</b>	TTP21. How to Navigate the Container Orchestration Market Dennis Smith, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	TTP22. Reflections on Dell/EMC Enterprise Storage Rationalization JP Corriveau and Roger W. Cox, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>
	TTP23. The Enterprise Data Center: Not Dead Yet Henrique Cecci, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	TTP24. Cost Optimization of Colocation — Negotiating the Best Contracts, Not Just the Cheapest Bob Gill, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	MQ10. Magic Quadrant for Modular Servers Andrew Butler, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>	MQ11. Magic Quadrant for Data Center Networking Joe Skorupa, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	B9. Renovate Your CMDB to Improve Business Outcomes Hank Marquis, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	C9. How to Be Secure in Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure Steve Riley, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>	D9. Prepare for the Next Phase of Hyperconvergence — HCIS-aaS George J. Weiss, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>	E9. When Backup and Archive Meet: What Works and What Doesn't Garth Landers and Pushan Rinnen, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>
	F9. Technical Insights: Server Automation in the Real World Paul Delory, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>		H9. Driving Cost Optimization Through Cloud Computing Ed Anderson, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	
	I9. Diversity in the I&O Organization Katherine Lord, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>			
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	TTP25. Key Take-Aways: IT Operations and DevOps David Paul Williams, Gartner <b>Venetian G, Level 2</b>	TTP26. Key Take-Aways: Compute Infrastructure Mike Cisek, Gartner <b>Titian 2301A, Level 2</b>	TTP27. Key Take-Aways: Storage Stanley Zaffos, Gartner <b>Veronese 2401B, Level 2</b>	TTP28. Key Take-Aways: Data Center David J. Cappuccio and Ron Blair, Gartner <b>Venetian E, Level 2</b>
	TTP29. Key Take-Aways: Networking Joe Skorupa and Simon Richard, Gartner <b>Titian 2304, Level 2</b>		TTP30. Organizing Your I&O Team to Support Bimodal IT Capabilities Ed Holub, Gartner <b>Veronese 2404, Level 2</b>	
	MQ12. Magic Quadrant for Cloud Infrastructure as a Service Tiny Haynes, Gartner <b>Venetian F, Level 2</b>			

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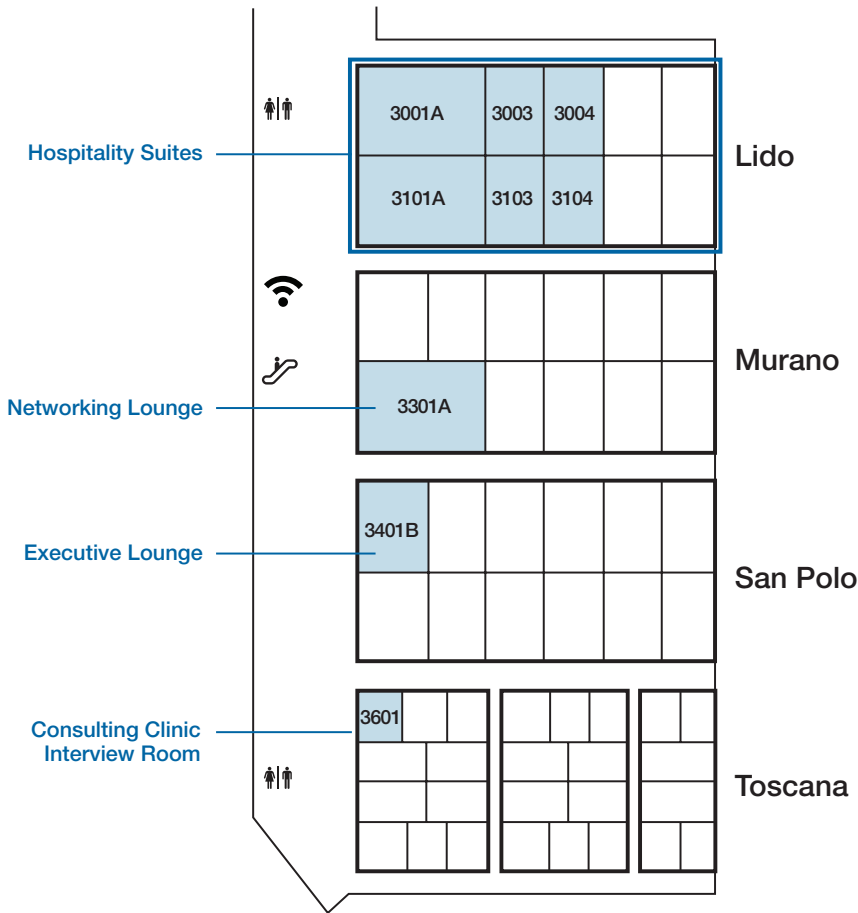


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## Level 2 (Casino Level)



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