

## SOLUTION BRIEF

# MIGRATE YOUR VMWARE WORKLOADS WITH THE FASTEST PATH TO AZURE



Start your journey with Azure VMware Solution + Azure NetApp Files

Enterprises can face significant challenges when reevaluating how to best run their VMware workloads in the cloud. To be set up for success in the cloud, Microsoft and NetApp have the answer to help you confidently take the first step.

### Migrate VMware workloads to Azure VMware Solution

Azure VMware Solution (AVS) is a private cloud in Azure that enables you to migrate VMware workloads “as is” with little or no refactoring to continue using familiar VMware tools. By attaching Azure NetApp Files (ANF) to AVS, you gain a cost-effective, fully managed file storage service that can handle the most demanding workloads. Together, AVS and ANF help you move VMware workloads to a private cloud environment quickly without disrupting your operations.

## Why Azure VMware Solution + Azure NetApp Files?

### Simplified migration

Ease your migration efforts with little to no refactoring or application modifications.

### Cost-effectiveness

Optimize your VMware workloads in AVS and scale storage independently of compute with ANF.

### Security and availability

Leverage built-in, multi-layer Azure protection and cost-effective disaster recovery.

### Agility

Rapidly deploy new hosts and external storage to scale your capacity and performance.

### Performance

ANF has three performance tiers that can be provisioned for AVS, allowing unmatched flexibility.

## NetApp + Microsoft: A force multiplier for success

Our partnership with Microsoft is rooted in collaboration, delivering integrated solutions for 20+ years to our 20,000+ joint customers. Microsoft trusts NetApp to build this revolutionary solution because of our experience, reputation, and customer centricity. It's because of this that NetApp was chosen as **the first cloud storage service provider** to be certified and supported as an external, supplemental datastore for VMware in Microsoft Azure environments.

## Home Trust modernizes to improve its performance on Azure

### Moving forward in the cloud

Home Trust, a leading financial services institution in Canada, moved to a cloud-hosted solution once its servers in the colocation data center reached their end of life. To avoid continuous upgrades that would be costly and resource-intensive, Home Trust needed a managed service to provide VMware updates and patches upon release.

### Discovering a faster, cost-effective approach

Home Trust chose AVS because of its significant ease of management, seamless scalability, and cost savings. With AVS, Home Trust could leverage a managed infrastructure to free IT resources while confidently and rapidly migrate from on-premises to Azure. To extend its VMware storage, Home Trust chose ANF for enhanced security and disaster recovery capabilities.



## RESULTS

Home Trust realized significant benefits using AVS and ANF, including:

- High availability with 99.99% uptime SLA
- Streamlined its migration efforts and is now 100% in Microsoft Azure
- Accelerated time-to-value with a less than 2-hour deployment

*"We've become 100 percent based in Azure in three and a half years, gaining a modern technology footprint and performance improvements using Azure VMware Solution and a modern application stack."*

*Doug Caldwell, Vice President of IT Infrastructure, Home Trust Company*

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## Ready to migrate your VMware workloads to Azure?

Get started with AVS and ANF for the best first step to Microsoft Azure.

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