

## Case Study | Swansea Building Society

### SWANSEA BUILDING SOCIETY

Established 1923

#### Client

Swansea Building Society

Wales

United Kingdom

[www.swansea-bs.co.uk](http://www.swansea-bs.co.uk)

#### Industry

Banking and Finance

#### Assets

£529.8m - 2022

#### Employees

77 employees

#### Products and Services

Datacentre Infrastructure - Dell

PowerEdge R740 servers

*"DSI knowledge of Oracle Licensing enabled us to stay compliant with a Dell PowerEdge cost effective solution that offered many performance benefits"*

Nick Longar - Head of IT  
Swansea Building Society,

#### The Challenge

The Swansea Building Society (SBS) is an independent mutual building society founded in 1923, based in Swansea, Wales. It is a member of the Building Societies Association. The building society are running the Sopra Banking Mortgages and Savings Suite (MSS) software, to deliver fast and efficient mortgage processes and offer a powerful banking platform.

SBS needed to move to the latest version of MSS software (5.5) and also needed a hardware refresh whilst minimising Oracle DB licensing costs and maintaining compliance with Oracle licensing regulations.

#### The Solution

DSI supplied cost-effective Dell PowerEdge R740 servers, which make up the new platforms for the Sopra Production and DR/Test environments. The Dell R740 servers are excellent workhorses for virtualisation environments, providing CPU and storage resources in a 2U platform.

Each server is installed with a host operating system of Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 8.5, with RHEL 7.9 Virtual Machines running underneath to comply with the Sopra compatibility requirements.

Although the Dell R740 servers have 16 CPU cores, this count was restricted at BIOS level to be in compliance with Oracle licensing regulations.

#### The Outcomes

SBS now have an up-to-date, fully supported and cost-effective hardware and software solution.

#### Why DSI?

A leading independent and privately-owned IT solutions provider with a customer-first IT led vision. We offer expertise in cloud, servers, storage, security, networking and managed services. Our flexible and responsive approach ensures you get the best value for money and a maximum return on investment.

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