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Enterprise Managed Network Services

A detailed study of the enterprise managed network services market



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Introduction

Enterprise networks are becoming strategically vital. Rather than being static infrastructure assets, networks are becoming intelligent, software-defined platforms that enable secure, adaptive and resilient digital business operations. As hybrid work models expand and enterprise applications become increasingly distributed, the role of managed network services (MNS) is evolving.

The ISG Provider Lens™ Enterprise Managed Network Services 2025 study explores a broad spectrum of MNS capabilities, including managed WAN and LAN, direct internet access (DIA), voice over IP (VoIP), virtual private networks (VPN) and increasingly modular network-as-a-service (NaaS) models. These offerings are enhanced through automation, Al-driven operations (AIOps), identity-aware access policies and deep integration with edge and cloud environments.

Modern MNS portfolios address enterprise concerns around network flexibility, performance, compliance and visibility. Key enablers such as zero trust architectures, open API-based orchestration, sovereign cloud integration and support for post-quantum encryption are gaining relevance. At the same time, advanced monitoring, fault remediation, disaster recovery and SLA-backed service delivery remain foundational.

This study will systematically benchmark managed service providers and network operators based on their ability to deliver future-ready, secure and scalable network services that meet enterprise needs in a dynamic technology landscape. This study complements the ISG Provider Lens™ Software-Defined Networking (SD-Networks) report, offering a broader perspective on how enterprises source, operate and modernize their network infrastructure and services.



Introduction

Managed Network Services 2025 – Coverage Overview				
Anchors & Key Drivers	2025 Quadrants	Services	Components/ Tools	
Innovation	Managed Network Services Evolution	Advisory/Consulting	MPLS, IP/VPN, LEO SAT, Ethernet, Cloud/DC, Wireless SD–Networks Connectors	
IP – accelerators in Data, Ai Sandboxes, Cloud, etc.		Provisioning/Installation/Upgrading with 3 rd party ve ndor systems	LAN/WLAN, SD-LAN & WAN/SD-WAN	
Security & GRC Data – System		Automated Operations Support (incl. routing, pa ern analysis)	Firewalls/Security/SASE/SSE inclusion	
Agile, devSecops, NetOps, & SRE Frameworks		Fault Diagnosis, Recovery, Configuration Management, Business Continuity, Security, SLA checks	Branch, Edge PoPs and related orchestration tools	
Standards as Code, Zero Trust Security, Digital Tech and Architectural Convergence		App/services performance (latency, jitter, and packet loss, etc.)	Monitoring & reporting with differentiated AI, ITSM and CX tools	
Enterprise Value Management ESG, Strategy, Data/Devices Management,	Managed Enterprise Connectivity Solutions (DIA, VoIP and VPN)	Security (IDS/IPS), encryption, and regulatory compliance services	VoIP/Video over IP (PSTN integrators)	
Multiaccess, Multi-vendor, multi-cloud, IT–OT convergence		Implementation/bandwidth supply and upgrade	Fault Diagnosis, Recovery, Configuration Management tools	
Management and Deployment Compliance, patch, SLA and configuration, performance management, AlOps, Service Automation		N/w orchestration (Auto-config/self-healing, AlOps, ML optimization)	Hosted SDWAN/Branch/SASE, SSE as-a-service tools/frameworks	
Competency & Talent	Network as a Service (NaaS)	ZTNA/AI driven services/Security	AI/Gen AI tools/frameworks/automated & standard interfaces	
Resources– certifications –re-skilling		Adaptable business services (flexible consumption models)	Cloud-based service management & delivery frameworks	

Source: ISG Provider Lens™, 2025



The report analyzes **Managed Network Services** providers **Evolution*** offering MNS, managed DIA, VoIP or VPN **Managed Enterprise Connectivity** Solutions (DIA, VoIP and VPN) networks, NaaS solutions and consumption Network as a Service (NaaS) models.

Definition

The ISG Provider Lens™ Enterprise Managed Network Services study offers the following to business and IT decision-makers:

- Transparency of the strengths and weaknesses of relevant providers and their offerings
- Differentiated positioning of providers in each quadrant based on their competitive strengths and portfolio attractiveness
- Focus on different markets, including APAC, Europe and the U.S.

Our study serves as an important decisionmaking basis for positioning, key relationships and go-to-market (GTM) considerations. ISG advisors and enterprise clients also use information from these reports to evaluate their current vendor relationships and potential engagements.

*For the APAC region, Managed Network Services Evolution could have a separate midmarket quadrant to cover niche and local providers.



Simplified Illustration Source: ISG 2025

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Managed Network Services Evolution

Definition

This quadrant focuses on providers that deliver fully managed, enterprise-grade network services under long-term outsourcing agreements. They take end-to-end responsibility for network infrastructure across core and distributed enterprise environments.

The scope includes managed services for MPLS and IP-based WAN and LAN, wireless LAN (WLAN), branch office connectivity, edge points of presence (PoPs), firewalls and enterprise network security. Services cover the entire lifecycle, from consulting and provisioning to monitoring, management and continuous improvement, and are governed by servicelevel agreements (SLAs) that bundle hardware, software, connectivity and operational tools.

In 2025, MNS providers need to embed automation, Al-driven operations and zero trust enforcement into their delivery models. SLAs reflect sustainability goals, application performance and real-time responsiveness, making MNS a strategic enabler for futureready enterprise networks crucial for advanced digital businesses.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Offer a broad portfolio of fully managed network services,
- 2. Deliver end-to-end lifecycle capabilities across planning, implementation, operations, upgrades and support for fixed
- 3. Provide integrated management platforms with unified dashboards enabling centralized monitoring.
- **4**. **Operate and orchestrate** hardware hybrid and distributed enterprise **networks**, ensuring modularity

- 5. Replace or modernize legacy infrastructure with minimal disruption, supporting industry-
- 6. Maintain a mature partner ecosystem that includes hardware security providers to enable seamless service integration
- self-service portals that support automation, dynamic policy configuration, SLA cocreation and sustainability reporting metrics





Managed Enterprise Connectivity Solutions (DIA, VoIP and VPN)

Definition

This quadrant focuses on providers that offer fully managed connectivity solutions for enterprise clients, especially dedicated internet access (DIA), voice over IP (VoIP) and VPNs. These providers take responsibility for planning, deploying and operating these services — either as standalone offerings or bundled packages — under SLAs that address performance, security and compliance.

DIA offers dedicated high-performance internet access with guaranteed bandwidth, service reliability and routing control. Managed VoIP services support secure, integrated voice and video communication and increasingly include UCaaS platforms. VPN solutions offer encrypted and private connectivity, particularly valuable for organizations operating in regulated sectors or hybrid environments.

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These services are often positioned as complements or alternatives to broader MNS or NaaS frameworks, with rising demand for sovereign routing, identityaware access and compliance with evolving cryptographic standards.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Provide a broad portfolio of managed DIA, VoIP and/or VPN services, including bundled and
- 2. Deliver end-to-end lifecycle network planning, provisioning, implementation, operation and support, including proprietary or
- 3. Demonstrate the ability to meet SLA commitments across connectivity performance, secure access metrics
- 4. Prove successful, scalable deployments across industries,

- 5. Maintain the ability to upgrade and adapt services regularly,
- 6. Support enterprise needs for data sovereignty, identity-based **policy** enforcement and readiness for post-quantum and modern cryptography protocols
- differentiation and commercial flexibility, including SLA quarantees and transparent



Network as a Service (NaaS)

Definition

This quadrant focuses on providers that deliver cloud-based NaaS solutions to enterprise clients. They offer on-demand, consumption-based connectivity and network functions that eliminate the need for clients to own and operate in-house infrastructure while supporting agility, scalability and operational efficiency.

Aligned with MEF-defined NaaS principles, these solutions combine network and security services that are centrally managed, rapidly provisioned and fully orchestrated. Providers enable seamless integration with existing enterprise networks using standardized interfaces and tools for automation, observability and control.

NaaS platforms emphasize adaptability, self-healing, auto-configuration and programmable orchestration. These attributes support dynamic workloads, compliance needs and evolving enterprise architectures. With increasing focus on sustainability and sovereignty, NaaS models also embed capabilities such as carbon-aware routing and integration with sovereign clouds.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Offer a broad and integrated portfolio of NaaS solutions covering connectivity, security, orchestration and lifecycle management
- 2. Demonstrate consistent
 SLA adherence across
 service performance, uptime,
 orchestration reliability and
 customer experience metrics
- 3. Provide centralized orchestration platforms (single pane of glass) that support self-service management, real-time analytics and unified reporting
- 4. Proven experience in deploying and managing scalable, cloudnative services, including

- integration of AI-driven tools and policy automation
- 5. Bring strong domain expertise, including industry-specific NaaS use cases, and demonstrate innovation aligned with market evolution
- 6. Enable integration across multivendor and multicloud environments through open APIs and programmable interfaces
- 7. Maintain regular service updates and enhancements, applied at high frequency and minimal disruption to ensure responsiveness
- 8. Provide documented success through large-scale reference deployments across industries and geographies

- Support sovereign cloud options, sustainability-linked functions such as carbon-aware routing and flexible provisioning models
- 10. Compete effectively on modularity, pricing transparency and consumption-based service flexibility



Quadrants by Region

As part of this ISG Provider Lens™ quadrant 2025 study, we are introducing the following three quadrants for Enterprise Managed Network Services:

Quadrant	Europe	U.S.	APAC*
Managed Network Services Evolution	✓	✓	✓
Managed Enterprise Connectivity Solutions (DIA, VoIP and VPN)	✓	✓	~
Network as a Service (NaaS)	✓	✓	✓

^{*}APAC covers India, ANZ, ASEAN (Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam), Japan and South Korea markets but excludes China. Also, for APAC, the MNS Evolution quadrant could have a separate midmarket quadrant to cover niche and local/regional providers.

Schedule

The research phase falls in the period between June and July 2025, during which survey, evaluation, analysis and validation will take place. The results will be presented to the media in December 2025.

Milestones	Beginning	End
Survey Launch	June 17, 2025	
Survey Phase	June 17, 2025	July 25, 2025
Sneak Preview	October 2025	
Press Release & Publication	December 2025	

Please refer to the ISG Provider Lens™ 2025 research agenda to view and download the list of other studies conducted by ISG Provider Lens™

Access to Online Portal

You can view/download the questionnaire from here using the credentials you have already created or refer to instructions provided in the invitation email to generate a new password. We look forward to your participation!

Buyers Guide

ISG Software Research, formerly "Ventana Research," offers market insights by evaluating technology providers and products through its Buyers Guides. The findings are drawn from the research-based analysis of product and customer experience categories, ranking and rating software providers and products to help facilitate informed decision-making and selection processes for technology.

In the course of the Managed Network Services 2025 IPL launch, we want to take advantage of the opportunity to draw your attention to related research and insights that ISG Research will publish in 2024. For more information, refer to the Buyers Guide research schedule.

Research Production Disclaimer:

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Client Feedback Nominations

ISG Star of Excellence™ - Call for nominations

The Star of Excellence™ is an independent recognition of excellent service delivery based on the concept of "Voice of the Customer." The Star of Excellence™ is a program, designed by ISG, to collect client feedback about service providers' success in demonstrating the highest standards of client service excellence and customer centricity.

The global survey is all about services that are associated with IPL studies. In consequence, all ISG Analysts will be continuously provided with information on the customer experience of all relevant service providers. This information comes on top of existing first-hand advisor feedback that IPL leverages in context of its practitioner-led consulting approach.

Providers are invited to nominate their clients to participate. Once the nomination has been submitted, ISG sends out a mail confirmation to both sides. It is self-evident that ISG anonymizes all customer data and does not share it with third parties.

It is our vision that the Star of Excellence™ will be recognized as the leading industry recognition for client service excellence and serve as the benchmark for measuring client sentiments.

To ensure your selected clients complete the feedback for your nominated engagement please use the Client nomination section on the Star of Excellence™ website.

We have set up an email where you can direct any questions or provide comments. This email will be checked daily, please allow up to 24 hours for a reply.

Here is the email address: star@cx.isg-one.com



Methodology & Team

The ISG Provider Lens 2025 – Enterprise Managed Network Services research study analyzes the relevant software vendors/service providers in the global market, based on a multi-phased research and analysis process, and positions these providers based on the ISG Research methodology.

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Advisor Involvement - Program Description

ISG Provider Lens Advisors Involvement Program

ISG Provider Lens offers market assessments incorporating practitioner insights, reflecting regional focus and independent research. ISG ensures advisor involvement in each study to cover the appropriate market details aligned to the respective service lines/technology trends, service provider presence and enterprise context.

In each region, ISG has expert thought leaders and respected advisors who know the provider portfolios and offerings as well as enterprise requirements and market trends. On average, three advisors participate as part of each study's quality and consistency review team (QCRT). The QCRT ensures each study reflects ISG advisors' experience in the field, which complements the primary and secondary research the analysts conduct. ISG advisors participate in each study as part of the QCRT group and contribute at different levels depending on their availability and expertise.

The QCRT advisors:

- Help define and validate quadrants and questionnaires,
- Advise on service provider inclusion, participate in briefing calls,
- Give their perspectives on service provider ratings and review report drafts.

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