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Al-Futtaim Group Scales Its Security Defenses to the Next Level

| INDUSTRY	HEADQUARTERS	COMPANY SIZE
Retail	Dubai, UAE	10,001-50,000 employees

OVERVIEW

Al-Futtaim Group operates several divisions, including automotive, electronics, insurance, services, real estate and retail. The group is known for large-scale retail franchises such as Ikea, Marks and Spencer, and Ace as well as automotive distributorships for prominent brands such as Toyota, Honda, Jeep and Volvo. With a presence in more than 20 countries, Al-Futtaim has won dozens of awards for business excellence in categories spanning operations, sustainability and customer experience. From its base in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, the group has extended their corporate family across the Middle East, Africa, South Asia and Southeast Asia.

OUR SOLUTION

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Secure the Network

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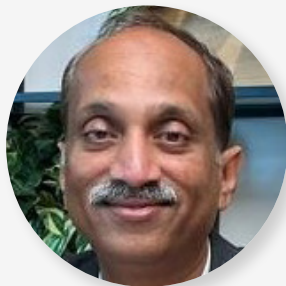
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CHALLENGE

In early 2021, Al-Futtaim Group reassessed their drive toward cloud adoption and decided to retain certain critical infrastructure and applications on-premises. Combining on-premises data centers with assets and workloads across multiple cloud platforms enables employees to conduct business without friction. However, managing an ever-growing hybrid infrastructure had become challenging. Rapid business growth increased the need to segment the network and secure each segment.

"Business growth is always a positive," said Mr. Satya Chirravuri, Head of Cloud Platforms at Al-Futtaim Group. "As we continue to expand our business, users and services, we need to ensure that our security defenses keep pace. We needed a better way to accommodate today's growth and scale for future expansion without having to frequently rip and replace our investments." To better support the conglomerate's defense-in-depth strategy, the IT team needed to consolidate its security infrastructure, reduce complexity, improve scalability and expand next-generation threat prevention beyond the perimeter to core infrastructure.

SOLUTION

Based on positive experiences with Check Point solutions in the past, the Al-Futtaim Group team once again chose to partner with Check Point. They upgraded their existing firewalls to Check Point Quantum Security Gateways with a unified management platform for next-generation threat prevention — boosting protection from the most sophisticated cyber-attacks.

Check Point Quantum Maestro hyperscale network security brings the scale, agility and elasticity of the cloud to existing gateways. Maestro enables on-demand scale — expanding each gateway's capacity to that of 52 gateways and supporting millions of connections. The team manages multiple firewalls in a security group or firewall cluster as one firewall object, greatly simplifying provisioning and policy management.

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OUTCOME

Check Point's network security and security management capabilities helped consolidate multiple segments across the environments. Now, security gateways are automatically configured and optimized based on traffic characteristics, reducing administrative overhead. "Check Point Security Management raised the bar for our team," said Mr. Ravindra Kulkarni, Head of Cloud Security Platforms at Al-Futtaim Group. "We consolidated visibility and traffic monitoring across our hybrid infrastructure in a single pane of glass. Check Point Security Management saves huge amounts of time and enables us to be extremely agile in our threat response."

Automation makes it easier for the team to maintain consistent policies and perform timely updates across all gateways. The team can install policies in seconds and upgrade remote gateways with just a couple clicks. Al-Futtaim also benefits from Check Point ThreatCloud's AI-powered global threat intelligence. ThreatCloud AI continuously and automatically updates Check Point gateways, achieving the industry's best block rates and preventing zero-day attacks in real time. "We gained the highest level of security across our on-premises and cloud infrastructures," said Mr. Ravindra Kulkarni, Head of Cloud Security Platforms at Al-Futtaim Group.

ABOUT CHECK POINT

Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. (www.checkpoint.com) is a leading AI-powered, cloud-delivered cyber security platform provider protecting over 100,000 organizations worldwide. Check Point leverages the power of AI everywhere to enhance security efficiency and accuracy through its Infinity Platform, with industry-leading catch rates enabling proactive threat anticipation and smarter, faster response times. The comprehensive platform includes cloud-delivered technologies consisting of Check Point Harmony to secure the workspace, Check Point CloudGuard to secure the cloud, Check Point Quantum to secure the network, and Check Point Infinity Core Services for collaborative security operations and services.

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