firstcolo

Fully Sustainable: High-Performance, Resource-Efficient, and Energy-Saving IT Solutions

Our Company

As a leading data center operator based in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, firstcolo GmbH provides its customers with top-tier service quality. In addition to traditional colocation and server rental, firstcolo's service portfolio also includes managed services, advanced security solutions, and cloud-based offerings.

Operational Reliability and Data Protection

Since its foundation in 2007, firstcolo GmbH has specialized in premium IT infrastructure solutions, offering tailored services in colocation, managed services, cloud computing, and custom IT security concepts. Our goal is to provide high-performance, secure, and scalable IT infrastructures that meet the stringent requirements of modern enterprises. The data centers operated by firstcolo GmbH are among the most advanced in Europe and adhere to the highest international security and quality standards. They are certified according to ISO/IEC 27001:2022 and ISO 9001:2015, and meet the Level 3 requirements of TÜV Saarland. These certifications guarantee 99.999% availability and emphasize the company´s commitment to operational reliability and data protection.

Ecological Responsibility

Sustainability and energy efficiency are at the core of our business. The new, state-of-the-art Greenfield data center, scheduled to open in the Frankfurt am Main area in early 2027, will achieve a PUE of just 1.2 and deliver a total capacity of 24 MW. With this, firstcolo is setting standards in environmentally friendly data center infrastructure. It will be powered by 100 percent certified green electricity, emphasizing the company's ecological responsibility. Our range of services includes colocation offerings in various sizes – from single rack units to full racks and individually designed private suites. In addition, firstcolo provides a full spectrum of managed services, including server administration, monitoring, as well as backup and disaster recovery solutions. The company also operates its own IP backbone, ensuring outstanding connectivity and ultra-low latency.

Reliable Partner

With a team of approximately 80 employees based in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland, firstcolo places strong emphasis on personal customer support and direct, hands-on service. Experts are available 24/7 to develop tailored solutions and ensure the smooth operation of IT infrastructure. Thanks to its innovation, sustainable approach, and outstanding service, firstcolo has become a trusted partner for companies across a wide range of industries. With strong market presence and a clear focus on quality, security, and sustainability, the company is committed to helping shape the digital future.

firstcolo: Facts & Figures

Employees
80+

Locations
2

Customers
450
from 9
industries

PUE
<1.15

Availability
99.999 %

Space
52.743
square feet

Founded
2007

Green Electricity
100 %

History of firstcolo GmbH

2022

New Data Center in Frankfurt / Investment by Cube
The new R3 data center is opened at the AOC site. Data center capacities are expanded at the Werkhaus site. Infrastructure investor Cube Infrastructure Managers ("Cube") takes over, and the company is renamed firstcolo GmbH.

2021

Certifications and Capacity Expansion
Recertification in accordance with ISO 27001:2013 and new certification according to ISO 9001 for both data center sites in Frankfurt/Main. The capacity of the firstcolo backbone is expanded to 1,500 Gbit/s. A redundant site is established in Zurich and a PoP in Frankfurt.

2020

Renaming and Expansion to Munich
The company is renamed diva-e Datacenters GmbH. The first Point of Presence (PoP) is established in Munich.

2019

Capacity Expansion and OpenStack Deployment
Expansion of the backbone capacity to 1,000 Gbit/s. Development and productive commissioning of the firstcolo OpenStack cluster.

2018

Tier 3 Certification
The firstcolo data centers in Frankfurt/Main are certified by TÜV Süd as Tier 3 data centers.

2017

TÜV Certification and Merger
firstcolo is certified by TÜV Rheinland according to the ISO/IEC 27001:2013 standard. The company merges with Accelerated IT Services & Consulting GmbH under the parent company diva-e.

2016

New Partnerships
Alliance with five e-business service providers to form diva-e, focused on digital value creation. Strategic cooperation with Proxmox.

2015

Infrastructure Expansion and Deloitte Fast 500 Award
At the AOC site, the capacity of the power infrastructure is expanded. In the same year, firstcolo receives the Deloitte "Fast 500" (EMEA) Award.

2013, 2014 and 2016

Deloitte Fast 50 Award Winner
firstcolo is recognized for its rapid growth and innovative strength. These honors highlight the company's leading role in the IT industry and its ability to succeed in a highly competitive market.

2010

First Proprietary Data Center
Construction begins on the high-availability "AOC" data center in Frankfurt/Main. The company's own "Werkhaus" data center also opens in Frankfurt/Main.

2009

Development into an International Carrier
Through the expansion of its network infrastructure and strategic partnerships, firstcolo quickly evolves into an international carrier.

2007

Founding of firstcolo GmbH
(originally registered as "First Colo GmbH")

Executive Team Profiles

Jerome Evans

Jerome Evans is founder and managing director of firstcolo GmbH, which was established in 2007. He has been active in the field of IT services for over 20 years, with a particular focus on data centers, and is responsible for the planning, development, and operation of data center infrastructure. At the age of 24, he launched his first data center in Frankfurt am Main.

In 2015, firstcolo became a founding partner of diva-e Digital Value Enterprise GmbH, making Evans a shareholder in the group. Following a successful carve-out transaction in 2022, firstcolo was separated from diva-e. Evans remains a passive investor in the group. Today, he also advises startups and works as a business angel. In addition, Evans has initiated and supported several social projects in Ghana, including the construction of a school.

Dennis Bergfeld

Dennis Bergfeld has been serving as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at firstcolo since October 1, 2023, and is a member of the management team. He is responsible for all commercial areas of the company. With extensive industry expertise, corporate finance and M&A know-how, as well as experience in building efficient and future-oriented financial structures, he continues to drive the company's strategic and financial development. Bergfeld studied Business Administration at the European Business School in Oestrich-Winkel, where he focused on finance early on. He later held various leadership roles at Deutsche Telekom, and most recently served as Managing Director and CFO at ITENOS, where he was responsible for all commercial functions, including Human Resources.

Nicolaj Kamensek

Nicolaj Kamensek is founder and managing director of firstcolo GmbH. While still a student, he founded a hosting company in 2002, which he steadily developed into a serious B2B provider. In 2010, the company opened its first proprietary data center in Frankfurt am Main. In 2017, it merged with the then firstcolo GmbH, and Kamensek assumed a role in the management of the diva-e Group. In 2022, firstcolo was carved out of diva-e and acquired by a new investor. Nicolaj Kamensek remains a passive investor in other businesses and projects and also serves as an advisor to various startups.

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