HIGH PERFORMANCE NETWORK PROVIDES THE PLATFORM FOR CONSISTENT GUEST EXPERIENCES AND NEW DIGITAL SERVICES

Establish an as-a-service and data-driven architecture capable of supporting a global roll-out of a campus-style, flexible office concept with uncompromising security. The solution needed to ensure clear segmentation for multiple tenants with unified control and visibility.
The events of 2020 have forced companies worldwide to reimagine the workplace. Remote working has transformed our idea of what we need from a corporate office. JUSTWork wants to be part of that conversation.

“The office can be more than simply a place of work,” says Roy Kömürçü, JUSTWork’s co-founder and CEO. “It can be social, inspiring, fun.”

REIMAGINING THE WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE
JUSTWork wants to invigorate the concept of the workplace. In addition to desk space, each JUSTWork location will feature a gym, dining options, gardens, sleep rooms, showers, a music studio and a range of meeting spaces. The mood should be communal and creative; the commercials should be flexible and transparent. JUSTWork can offer from two to 200 desks.

“Business wants flexibility, whether it’s a start-up or large enterprise,” says Kömürçü. “We’re looking at an office-as-a-service model.”

For that to be possible, JUSTWork needs an architecture that is scalable and consistent. Those same qualities are critical to the network. “We want every client to have its own network. This must be secure, smart and performant, anywhere on the campus,” Kömürçü adds.

CREATING A NETWORK TEMPLATE FOR A GROWING BUSINESS
Aruba technology is fundamental to the JUSTWork proposition. Its use in the first JUSTWork campus, with 150 access points across a one-floor 10,000sqm office at the Meydan Mall in Istanbul, will form a template for future openings.

The Aruba approach includes ClearPass Policy Manager, cloud-based management via Aruba Central, switching and Wi-Fi 6 access points with integrated IoT (Zigbee) interface. It plays a key role in JUSTWork’s

REQUIREMENTS
- Centrally manage and secure high-performance Wi-Fi across 10,000sqm sites in multiple countries
- Enable the creation of tiered network access rights
- Allow integration of smart building management tools and other third-party platforms

SOLUTION
- Aruba 5412R Campus Core Switches
- Aruba 2930M Campus Aggregation Switches
- Aruba 2930F Campus Access Switches
- Aruba 2530 Campus LAN Switches for offices
- AP-505 & 515 Wi-Fi 6 Unified Access Points
- Aruba ClearPass NAC and third-party FW Integration
- Dynamic Segmentation
- Aruba Central cloud-based management platform
- Integration with Faraday Edge Platform for Guest Management

OUTCOMES
- Underpins the successful launch of the first JUSTWork location, a 10,000sqm campus in Istanbul
- Enables zero-touch deployments across the globe, simplifying international expansion
- Ensures separate, secure networks for individual tenants with SLAs
- Establishes a resilient, future-ready infrastructure with the intelligence, scalability and intuitive tool sets to meet emerging needs
- Enables the secure integration and consolidation of IoT infrastructure and data
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operational excellence and the ability to provide a high performance, secure network-as-a-service to a range of different tenants.

“The Aruba expertise in designing the architecture was essential, plus the ease of integration,” Kömürcü says. “But what was most important for us was the ability to create separate, secure networks for each of our clients. Data security and the strength of the network is a crucial feature of JUSTWork.”

Providing tenants with network-as-a-service
JUSTWork can now offer network-as-a-service to clients, with differing levels of service. Clients can add extra bandwidth or users as required, with guaranteed SLAs where necessary, reflecting the same flexible approach as the broader JUSTWork offer.

The Meydan location is already at 95% occupancy. Ninety per cent of people working there are in the tech sector with very high network expectations.

“We can offer a high-quality basic product, or a platinum product,” explains Kömürcü. “The use of Aruba’s Edge Services Platform means we can set clear service level agreements.”

Aruba Dynamic Segmentation, orchestrated by ClearPass, ensures end-to-end, device-to-port tunnelling and automatically enforces consistent policies across wired and wireless networks to keep traffic for any user or device separate and secure, regardless of the application or service. Each user and company will therefore benefit from a dedicated network, based on the Aruba zero-trust security model.

For JUSTWork tenants it means they can flex between locations and the network will dynamically recognise and adjust. “A client in our Meydan location will experience the same network rights and permissions should they want to use any of the other facilities in Istanbul,” says Kömürcü. “The intelligence is orchestrated by Aruba.”

Centralising visibility and control to simplify global roll-out
In the short term, JUSTWork plans to open a further four locations around Istanbul. The Aruba approach
enables JUSTWork to centrally manage the networks on each campus.

Built on a cloud-native microservices architecture, Aruba Central delivers full-service AI insights, security and unified infrastructure management for campus, branch, remote and data centre networks – all from a single pane of glass.

This allows JUSTWork to retain consistency and control. As it embarks on global expansion – openings in the US, Europe and Middle East are being considered – this relieves the need to hire local IT resource.

“We can largely plug-and-play at each new location, knowing we can configure and manage the network from here in Istanbul,” says Kömürçü. “Plus, the Aruba network gives confidence to our enterprise customers that we have a secure, technologically-advanced network infrastructure in place.”

DRIVING OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE THROUGH DATA INSIGHTS

The Aruba Edge Services Platform (ESP) lays the foundation for JUSTWork to create a smart campus. Office access, facilities booking and service rotas can all be managed digitally. Floors and rooms have smart lighting and energy sensors. QR codes on desks enable users to have services delivered directly to them.

“Our clients tend to be international and each location operates 24/7. All services can be booked through our app,” says Kömürçü. “This is convenient for clients and also produces the data we need to better manage each location.”

Rich data equals more targeted marketing, operational efficiency and the creation of relevant new services. While JUSTWork will offer standard features across each location, local data can be used to detect and reflect local requirements.

Meeting future demand for inspiring workplaces

The impact of home working makes it difficult to make long-term predictions. However, Kömürçü is confident there will always be an appetite for bringing large numbers of people together in one location. The beauty of the JUSTWork campus idea, he says, is that it creates an environment for collaboration, chance meetings and ideas:

“Our vision is to create a place where different people with different talents from different backgrounds meet and produce something new.”