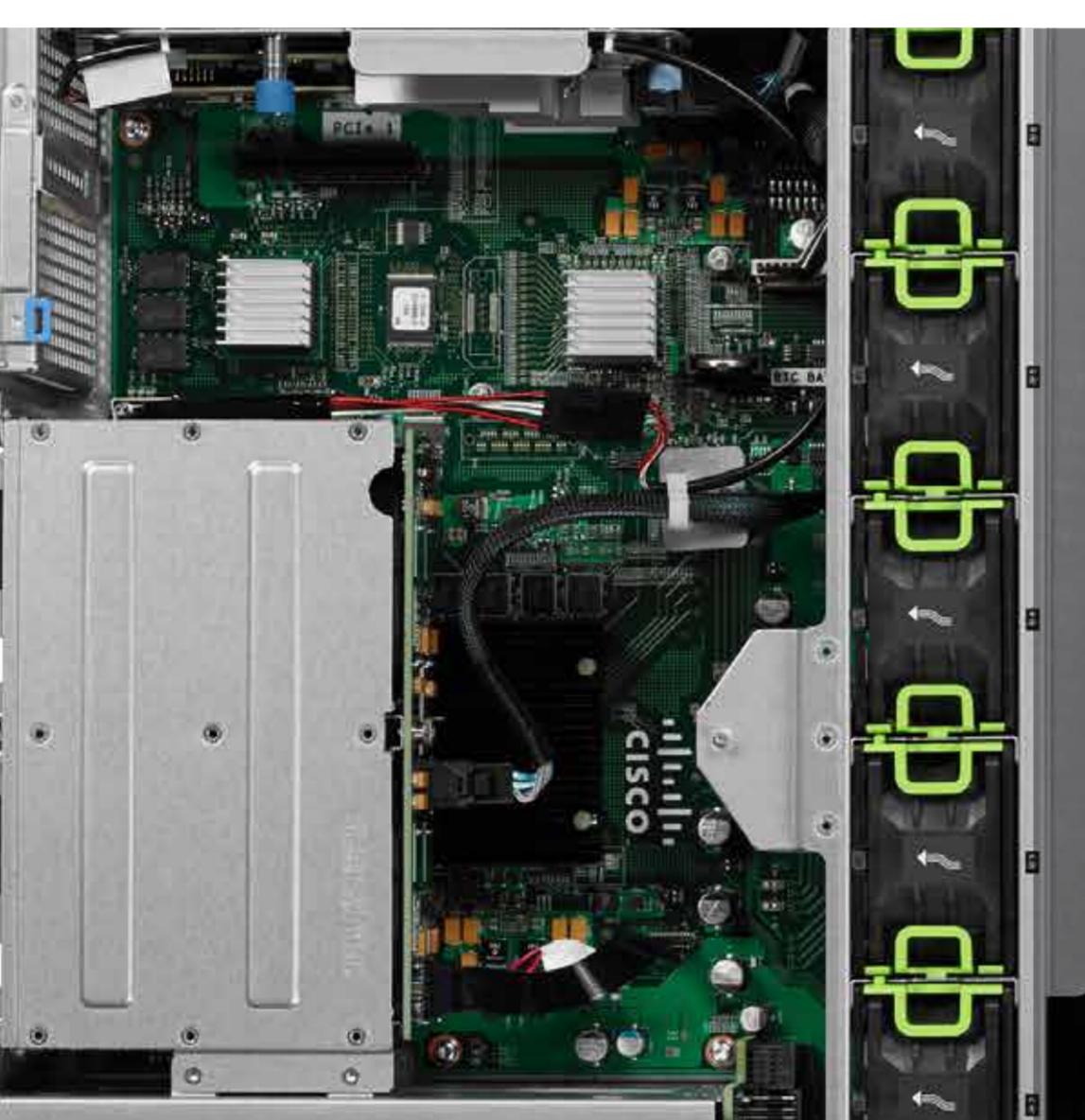**CISCO**

5 ways Microsoft applications run better with Cisco UCS

Many companies have been trying to implement virtualization and cloud computing initiatives but have been unable to do so. To help businesses finally get over the hump, Cisco has teamed up with Microsoft to make IT infrastructure more agile, simpler, and more efficient.

Cisco UCS® with Intel® Xeon® processors

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1. Uses cohesive designs

Cisco and Microsoft components are literally made for each other. Cisco employs pretested architectural design guides that were developed to foster a highly secure, optimized environment for your Microsoft Exchange Server, SQL Server, SharePoint Server, and private and hybrid cloud needs.

2. Scales to meet business dynamics

Your IT delivery capabilities must be aligned with the needs of your business if you want to be competitive. The Cisco Unified Computing System (Cisco UCS) server portfolio helps you achieve this by unleashing the full potential of virtualization with a high-performing, secure, and automated platform.

"I believe purchasing integrated systems from a particular provider adds more value than buying the solutions separately and having to integrate them yourself. The VSPEX platform has been fantastic for us."

– Bob Lambrecht, director of IT, Fabick CAT

3. Lowers operating costs

A network and server infrastructure designed for virtualization and cloud computing will reduce your TCO.

Cisco UCS Blade Server Chassis	Cisco UCS Visual Interface Cards	Cisco UCS Blade Servers
70%	**90%**	**75%**
Arab Investment Bank saved 70 percent on power, cabling, and hardware.	Arab Investment Bank saved 90 percent with Cisco virtualization solutions.	Cassidy Turley saved 75 percent on hardware, power, cooling, and heating.

4. Simplifies management

When you combine Microsoft System Center and PowerShell with Cisco UCS Manager and PowerTool, you can manage and orchestrate your entire Cisco server and networking infrastructure the same way that you manage your Microsoft server and application software.

Arab Investment Bank improved application performance by 85 percent.

– "Cisco in Your Data Center: The Optimal Infrastructure for Microsoft Environments and Applications," Cisco.

5. Delivers world-class performance

Cisco UCS, in just 4 years, already has an impressive track record. Since its introduction, it has netted more than a hundred world-record-setting performance benchmarks, with results that were either first to market or exceeded those set by vendors of existing systems.