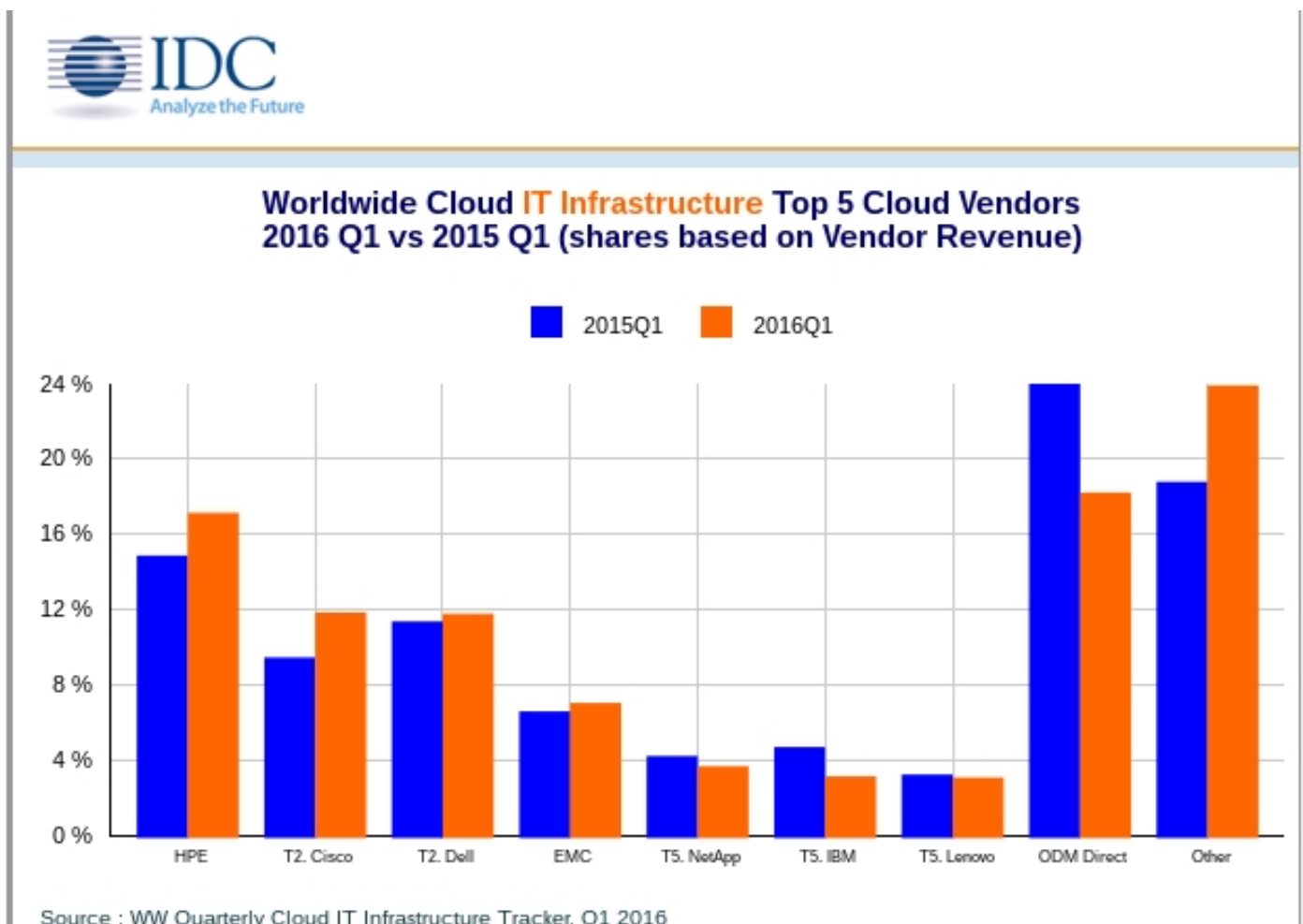


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According to IDC, MEA sees the fastest cloud infrastructure revenue growth in Q1 2016 reaching 25.9% Y-o-Y, followed by W. Europe with 20.6% Y-o-Y growth.



On the other hand CEE sees flat results with a 0.1% decline. On a global level, global Q1 2016 cloud infrastructure revenues (covering servers, storage and ethernet switches in both public and private clouds) are up by 3.9% Y-o-Y to \$6.6 billion.

Affecting growth during the period is slower hyperscale public cloud structure demand.

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"A slowdown in hyperscale public cloud infrastructure deployment demand negatively impacted growth in both public cloud and cloud IT overall," the analyst remarks. "Private cloud deployment growth also slowed, as 2016 began with difficult comparisons to Q1 2015, when server and storage refresh drove a high level of spend and high growth. As the system refresh has mostly ended, this will continue to push private cloud and, more generally, enterprise IT growth downwards in the near term."

Overall cloud infrastructure revenues make 32.3% of total Q1 2016 IT revenues, an increase from 30.2% in Q1 2015. Private cloud infrastructure revenues show 6.8% Y-o-Y growth to 2.8bn, while public cloud infrastructure is up by 1.9% Y-o-Y to \$3.9bn.

In comparison, Q1 2016 traditional (non-cloud) infrastructure revenues are down by -6% Y-o-Y, with declines across storage and servers while ethernet switches see growth.

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