

Alibaba Cloud Launches London Region

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Chinese cloud provider Alibaba quietly reveals a London region through a simple website update revealing the fact-- one declaring "London is Calling," even if it an actual launch date, at least so far, is lacking.



The London region comes 2 years after Alibaba entered the European market with a Frankfurt datacentre (specifically a co-location with Vodafone). The company has a total of 18 cloud regions around the world, with 14 in its home China and Asia/Pacific, 2 in the US and 2 in Europe.

According to the website, the London datacentre offers 3 types of elastic compute services from low to high performance servers, as well as the ApsaraDB for RDS database hosting service. Alibaba does not specify whether it is building an own datacentre in the UK, instead stating it will offer two nines of availability, dual availability zones, CCTV, fibre diversity and 24/7 on-site engineers.

As for an official statement from Alibaba, the closest we have to something of the sort is a comment to CRN-- "We have some exciting plans in the UK and across EMEA to come, and will be sharing more information in the coming weeks."

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