

With hybrid working now firmly established, and staff working at home, at the office, and on the move. This means a new approach to connectivity and network security is required.

Many sectors are challenged to optimise the performance and availability of business-critical applications. As they do so, they must maintain control of increasingly dispersed infrastructure and corporate security policies, as the cyber threat landscape continues to expand.

The answer is the intelligent, streamlined integration of complementary technologies – such as the convergence of **Software-Defined Wide Area Networks** (SD-WAN) and **Secure Access Service Edge** (SASE).

With SD-WAN as the overlay and SASE enforcing corporate security policies at the edge, the worlds of Cloud, network and security are brought together, providing IT teams with a level of control that would be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve with security solutions alone.

While the workforce enjoys secure access to the corporate network and critical applications from anywhere, organisations enjoy:

- No-nonsense application of corporate security policies, anywhere in the world. Automatically apply policies at the edge, for a consistent security posture that doesn't rely on a single exit point to the internet.
- Seamless interconnections and a stress-free implementation. The inherent interoperability and API integration of SD-WAN allows it to speak directly to SASE, offering both solutions' full range of capabilities.
- Optimal security and availability for critical applications.
 A Cloud-first world demands a Cloud-ready security platform, so critical SaaS applications are secure and accessible, at low latency.
- A steady stream of powerful business insights. SD-WAN and SASE provide a foundation for AI, allowing you to collate and analyse data in real time, to drive robust security and cost savings.

