

# StarWind HCI Appliance boosted The Sutton Group's IT performance with less hardware to take care of



### About the company

The Sutton Group of Companies covers footwear retail, footwear wholesale, import, and distribution. The company emerged in 1956 as Wynsors World of Shoes. Later it partnered with other companies: JBI Footwear, K2 Storage, and Limelight Signs. Currently, Wynsors is a footwear retailer that has more than 40 stores and runs an e-commerce website.

#### Industry

Footwear

Geo

**EMEA** 

#### Solution

StarWind HCI Appliance (HCA)

"We opted for all SSD and found that performance was much better. We went from a full rack down to 4 units, so any troubleshooting should be much easier now with less equipment."

Barry Miles, IT Manager

## Challenge

The Sutton Group of Companies IT infrastructure reduced as the amount of stored data was growing. Moreover, their existing SAN setup proved too complex for troubleshooting performance issues. With no free slots left in the rack, they risked running out of storage unless a solution was found.

Thus, the company aimed to enhance IT infrastructure performance, simplify hardware maintenance, and minimize the space taken by hardware.

## **Solution**

After diligent research, the company selected StarWind HCI Appliance. Specifically, The Sutton Group chose StarWind HCA All Flash for its robust computing power and high-performance storage.

The solution also helped minimize the physical space required by hardware. The company downsized from a full rack to just four units, significantly simplifying IT infrastructure management due to fewer hardware components and connections.