

# U Bank achieves swift adaptability to business growth by seamlessly scaling storage capacity thanks to StarWind Virtual SAN (VSAN)



## About the Company

U Bank is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) – Etisalat Company. The bank has a network of more than 350 branches, across 210 cities and rural areas in Pakistan and offers microfinance loans, deposit products, and branchless banking solutions.

## Industry

Finance

## Location

APAC (Pakistan)

## Solution

StarWind Virtual SAN (VSAN)

*"Our ROI on our StarWind investment was 100%. This means that we saved twice the amount of money that we spent on the software."*

Risk Analyst

## Challenge

Before StarWind Virtual SAN (VSAN) deployment, U Bank faced scalability issues with its existing VMware infrastructure, a mix of virtual and physical servers. The SAN storage was not easily expandable, hindering the company's ability to accommodate rapid growth. Adding more storage capacity was cumbersome and expensive, threatening the efficiency of the IT infrastructure.

After evaluating various storage solutions, U Bank chose StarWind for its remarkable features. StarWind offered a scalable, affordable, and high-performance software-defined storage (SDS) solution.

## Solution

StarWind VSAN allowed the virtualization of SAN and NAS storage, creating a unified storage pool from different vendors. The software-only approach eliminated the need for additional hardware purchases, aligning with U Bank's budget constraints. StarWind VSAN also enabled the pooling of diverse storage resources, facilitating the quick and easy addition of storage capacity. The affordability of StarWind, coupled with its user-friendly interface, minimized the need for extensive training for IT staff.

U Bank's successful integration of StarWind VSAN has not only resolved its scalability issues but also positioned it for future growth with a cost-effective and efficient IT infrastructure.