

# Ireka Corp unit launches green data centre

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The technology arm of Main Market-listed Ireka Corp Bhd, i-Tech Network Solutions Sdn Bhd, launched its green data centre — Safehouse — recently.

Not only is it a low carbon footprint data centre, Safehouse is also designed to operate as a self-contained ecosystem. With its scalable modular data centre (SMDC) architecture, it promotes lower energy consumption while maintaining a low total cost of ownership.

“Recognising the potential of data centres in economic development, Entry Point Project 3 (EPP3) aims to position Malaysia as a world-class data centre hub. Safehouse, albeit a relatively small player, has huge growth potential,” said Tan Tze Meng, head of policy planning and advocacy department at Multimedia Development Corp (MDeC).

Safehouse offers international standard data centre services with increased network reliability and scalability. Located in Mont’Kiara, the centre houses technologies from IBM, Juniper Networks and Schneider Electric.

According to i-Tech CEO Leonard Yee, the Safehouse data centre that is marketed worldwide via MDeC’s directory was built to cater for the high demand for managed and outsourced services in a secure environment.

“Businesses are demanding highly secure, reliable and scalable infrastructure when evaluating a data centre. Safehouse meets these needs and more with its green element,” Yee said.

Targeting mainly SMEs, Safehouse currently has 10 clients from sectors such as healthcare, media and IT, as well as government agencies.

“We hope to cater to small and medium enterprises. Organisations today understand that co-locating their data centres offers the flexibility to upscale or even downscale their technology as the business grows or as per business requirements, while minimising capital investments,” said Yee, adding that plans are underway to obtain ISO27001 certification.

i-Tech established Safehouse in 2011, enabling the company to offer tier-3 data centre facilities. Phase one of i-Tech’s data centre began in April this year and is slightly over 1,000 sq ft, with plans to grow to 5,000 sq ft in total.