



# Beyond Bricks & Mortar: The Rise of Secure & Data-Driven Property Management



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## **Executive Summary**



Property management companies increasingly face challenges related to security concerns, complex network infrastructures, and the effective management of growing data volumes. These challenges are compounded by the need to comply with stringent data privacy regulations. As property managers navigate these challenges, the need for reliable IT solutions becomes critical. This white paper explores how LeeShanok, in partnership with Cisco, addresses these issues through advanced Managed IT services, secure network infrastructures, and data-driven insights.

LeeShanok's solutions empower property management companies to enhance security, streamline operations, and make informed decisions based on real-time data. By leveraging Cisco's cutting-edge technology, LeeShanok delivers scalable, secure, and efficient IT infrastructure tailored to the unique needs of the property management sector.

## Key benefits of these solutions include:

**Enhanced Security:** Advanced security measures to protect sensitive data and prevent cyber threats. **Network Optimization:** Scalable and efficient network infrastructures that support seamless communication and operations.

**Data-Driven Insights:** Al-powered analytics that transforms data into actionable insights for better decision-making. **Ongoing Support:** Continuous support and maintenance to ensure long-term success and adaptability to future trends.

This white paper provides a comprehensive guide to how LeeShanok's solutions can transform IT operations within property management, enabling companies to focus on their core business while maintaining a competitive edge in a rapidly evolving industry.





The property management industry faces increasing challenges as it adapts to a digital-first world. From the complexities of managing large-scale networks across multiple properties to the growing concerns around cybersecurity and data management, property managers must navigate multiple technological demands. As the industry increasingly relies on digital solutions, the role of IT infrastructure has expanded from a supporting function to a critical component of operational success.

LeeShanok, in collaboration with Cisco, provides tailored IT solutions that empower property management companies to overcome these challenges. By leveraging cutting-edge Cisco technologies, LeeShanok offers Managed IT services that not only address current IT needs but also position property management companies for future growth and innovation. This comprehensive guide will delve into the specific services provided, including secure network infrastructures, advanced security solutions, and data analytics capabilities that are essential for modern property management. Whether it's optimizing network performance, enhancing security measures, or utilizing data to make informed decisions, LeeShanok equips property management companies with the tools needed to succeed in a competitive market.

## **Property Management Today**

The property management industry is undergoing a profound transformation driven by the continuous adoption of digital technologies. As buildings become more connected and operations more data-driven, the reliance on IT infrastructure has grown significantly. Property management companies now manage not just physical spaces, but also complex networks that support everything from tenant communications to building security systems.

This shift towards digitalization presents both opportunities and challenges. On one hand, advanced technologies enable property managers to optimize operations, enhance tenant experiences, and make more informed decisions through data analytics. On the other hand, these technologies introduce complexities such as increased cybersecurity risks, the need for constant network uptime, and the pressure to comply with ever-evolving data privacy regulations.



As a result, the role of IT in property management has expanded beyond traditional support to become a strategic enabler of business success. Reliable IT infrastructure is now critical for maintaining day-to-day operations, ensuring the security of sensitive information, and providing the flexibility needed to adapt to new demands.

LeeShanok, with its expertise in Managed IT services and strategic partnership with Cisco, plays a crucial role in helping property management companies navigate this environment. By providing scalable, secure, and efficient IT solutions, LeeShanok ensures that property managers can focus on their core responsibilities while being supported by a resilient IT framework.

## **Property Management Trends and Insights**

The property management industry is at the crossroads of several converging trends that are reshaping how businesses operate and compete. As technology continues to advance, property managers are increasingly adopting IT-driven solutions to enhance their operations, security, and overall business strategy. Here are the key trends directly addressed by LeeShanok's services:

## **Increased Security Threats**



The rise of cyber threats poses a significant risk to property management companies, which handle vast amounts of sensitive data and operate critical infrastructure. With more devices connected to networks and the increasing sophistication of cyber attacks, the need for proactive and comprehensive security measures has never been greater.

## **Growing Data Volumes**



The volume of data generated by property management operations is expanding rapidly. This data, ranging from tenant information to building management system logs, holds the potential to provide valuable insights if managed and analyzed effectively. However, many companies struggle to harness this data due to the complexity and scale of their operations.

#### **Regulatory Compliance**



Compliance with data privacy regulations is a growing concern as property management companies collect and store increasingly large amounts of personal data. Regulations such as GDPR and CCPA require strict controls over how data is managed, shared, and protected. Failure to comply can result in significant penalties and damage to reputation.

## **Adoption of AI and Automation**



Al and automation are becoming integral parts of managing complex property portfolios. These technologies enable property managers to automate routine tasks, predict maintenance needs, and enhance the overall efficiency of their operations. Al-powered tools can also help in monitoring and optimizing energy use, reducing operational costs, and supporting sustainability initiatives.

#### **Integration of Smart Building Technologies**



The shift towards smart buildings is another significant trend in the property management industry. Smart building technologies, which include IoT devices, advanced sensors, and connected systems, allow property managers to monitor and control various aspects of their properties remotely. This not only improves efficiency but also enhances the tenant experience by providing more responsive and personalized services.

These trends highlight the growing importance of IT in property management and the critical role it plays in ensuring security, efficiency, and compliance. By staying ahead of these trends, LeeShanok helps property management companies navigate the complexities of the digital age, ensuring they are well-equipped to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.





LeeShanok offers a suite of IT solutions designed to meet the specific needs of the property management industry. These solutions, built on Cisco's industry-leading technology, provide the security, efficiency, and data-driven insights necessary for property management companies to excel in a competitive, technology-driven environment.

## **Managed IT Services**

Managing IT internally can be overwhelming and resource-intensive in the property management industry, where operations often span multiple locations and involve numerous systems. LeeShanok's Managed IT services provide a comprehensive solution that alleviates this burden by offering full-spectrum IT management, from routine maintenance to advanced troubleshooting.

LeeShanok's team of experts monitors your IT infrastructure around the clock, ensuring that any potential issues are identified and resolved before they can disrupt operations. This proactive approach reduces downtime, enhances system reliability, and ensures your IT environment remains secure and up-to-date. The managed services include everything from software updates and security patches to network management and data backup, freeing your internal teams to focus on core business activities.

Moreover, LeeShanok's Managed IT services offer scalability, allowing property management companies to easily adjust their IT resources as their needs evolve. Whether it's expanding into new locations, integrating new technologies, or adapting to changing business requirements, LeeShanok provides the flexibility and expertise to support growth without the need for additional in-house IT resources. This results in reduced operational costs, improved IT performance, and peace of mind knowing that your IT infrastructure is in capable hands.

## **Cisco Network Solutions**

A resilient network infrastructure is essential for property management companies that rely on seamless communication and data transfer across multiple sites. LeeShanok implements Cisco Meraki solutions to deliver a cloud-managed network that is both secure and scalable, tailored to the unique demands of property management.



Cisco Meraki's cloud-based platform provides centralized control of all networked devices, enabling property managers to monitor and manage their network from a single dashboard. This includes everything from Wi-Fi networks and security cameras to smart building systems and tenant management platforms. The platform's intuitive interface allows for real-time monitoring and management, with automated alerts and reporting features that help identify and address issues quickly, minimizing downtime and ensuring continuous service delivery.

The scalability of Cisco Meraki's solutions means that property management companies can easily expand their network infrastructure as their portfolio grows, without the need for complex and costly overhauls. Additionally, advanced security features such as encrypted communication, automated security updates, and built-in firewalls ensure that the network remains secure against evolving cyber threats. This combination of ease of use, scalability, and security makes Cisco Meraki an ideal choice for property management companies looking to build a future-proof network infrastructure.

## **Cisco Security Solutions**

In an era where cyber threats are increasingly sophisticated and pervasive, property management companies must prioritize security to protect sensitive data and critical systems. LeeShanok deploys and manages Cisco's comprehensive security solutions, designed to safeguard property management operations against a wide range of threats.

Cisco's security portfolio includes Next Generation Firewalls (NGFW) that provide deep packet inspection, Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS) that detect and block malicious activity, and Web Content Filtering that protects users from accessing harmful sites. These solutions are essential for protecting the digital assets of property management companies, which include tenant data, financial records, and operational systems.

LeeShanok also implements Advanced Ransomware Protection and Endpoint Security solutions, which are crucial in today's threat landscape where ransomware attacks and endpoint vulnerabilities are on the rise. Cisco's Advanced Malware Protection (AMP) continuously monitors for threats and provides real-time threat intelligence, ensuring that attacks are detected and mitigated before they can cause damage. Additionally, Endpoint Security solutions protect devices used by employees and tenants, ensuring that all access points to the network are secure.

Beyond digital security, LeeShanok's solutions also enhance physical security through the integration of video surveillance and access control systems. Cisco's security solutions offer end-to-end encryption and real-time monitoring, ensuring that all aspects of property management—from data centers to on-site facilities—are protected against unauthorized access and potential security breaches.





## **Cisco Security Solutions**

In today's data-driven world, the ability to collect, analyze, and act on data is crucial for making informed business decisions. Property management companies generate vast amounts of data from various sources, including tenant interactions, building management systems, and IoT devices. LeeShanok leverages Cisco's advanced data and analytics platforms to help property managers turn this data into actionable insights.

Cisco's analytics solutions provide a unified platform for aggregating and analyzing data across multiple systems and locations. By integrating data from IoT sensors, HVAC systems, lighting controls, and other building management systems, property managers can gain a comprehensive view of their operations. This data can then be used to optimize building performance, reduce energy consumption, and improve tenant satisfaction.

One of the key advantages of Cisco's analytics platform is its ability to utilize AI and machine learning to predict maintenance needs and identify inefficiencies. For example, the system can analyze usage patterns to predict when HVAC systems need servicing or when energy usage can be optimized to reduce costs. This predictive capability not only helps in maintaining the operational efficiency of properties but also supports sustainability initiatives by minimizing waste and reducing the carbon footprint of buildings.

Furthermore, LeeShanok's integration of these analytics solutions enables property management companies to enhance their decision-making processes. By providing detailed reports and dashboards, the platform helps managers visualize data trends and make data-driven decisions that improve operational outcomes and enhance tenant experiences.

By offering these comprehensive solutions, LeeShanok ensures that property management companies are well-equipped to meet the challenges of today's digital landscape. From managing complex networks and securing sensitive data to leveraging analytics for better decision-making, LeeShanok provides the expertise and technology needed to drive success in property management. Through its strategic partnership with Cisco, LeeShanok delivers reliable, scalable, and secure IT solutions that empower property managers to focus on what they do best—managing properties and delivering exceptional service to tenants.







## **Bryten (Formerly MEB Management Services)**

Bryten (Formerly MEB Management Services) faced significant challenges as they grew from managing a few properties to overseeing over 22,000 units across multiple locations. Their rapid expansion highlighted issues with network connectivity and communication between offices, which were critical for efficient operations. By partnering with LeeShanok, Bryten was able to establish a powerful IT infrastructure that streamlined communication and ensured all locations were connected securely and efficiently.

LeeShanok provided IT support for emails, phone systems, networking, and essential security measures for handling sensitive financial data. Bryten emphasized the importance of security due to the nature of their business, which involves managing substantial client funds. LeeShanok's proactive approach to keeping systems updated and secure has been crucial in maintaining the integrity and reliability of Bryten's operations.

Heidi Pierce, Director of Strategic Marketing and Technology at Bryten, praised LeeShanok for their ability to set up a scalable infrastructure from the start, which has allowed Bryten to continue building on its success without needing frequent IT overhauls. The relationship between Bryten and LeeShanok has been marked by trust and shared values, with Bryten appreciating LeeShanok's commitment to providing the right solutions without unnecessary upselling. This partnership has allowed Bryten to focus on its core business while relying on LeeShanok for all its IT needs.

Learn more about our work with Bryten (Formerly MEB Management Services) by watching the full video here.



## **HSL Properties:**

HSL Properties, a major player in Arizona's real estate market, encountered challenges in supporting its diverse portfolio of properties, which includes residential, commercial, and industrial real estate. Ensuring seamless communication and access to necessary documents for their teams in the field was a primary concern.

LeeShanok's deep understanding of the real estate industry and their expertise in managing IT for multi-unit housing properties made them the ideal partner for HSL. LeeShanok implemented secure, compliant IT solutions that ensured HSL could process rental and other payments electronically while maintaining security protocols to protect sensitive data.

Andrew Teich, VP of Operations at HSL Properties, highlighted the importance of LeeShanok's industry-specific knowledge, which allowed them to provide tailored support and security solutions. The partnership has enabled HSL to operate more securely and efficiently, protecting not only their business but also the many families and clients they serve. Teich strongly recommends LeeShanok for their reliability, accessibility, and deep industry expertise, noting that they have provided top-notch support and have been a critical component of HSL's operational success.

Learn more about our work with HSL by watching the full video here.







## Critical Data and Research Highlights

Cisco's 2024 Global Networking Trends Report highlights several critical trends that are shaping the future of networking and IT infrastructure. These findings are especially relevant to the property management sector, where the demand for secure, scalable, and data-driven solutions is rapidly increasing.

## **Network Platform Adoption**

As organizations strive to support dynamic IT and business initiatives, the adoption of network platforms is on the rise. Cisco's report indicates that while 21% of organizations currently use separate management systems for different domains, 39% are leveraging platform architectures across some networking domains. The adoption of these platforms is expected to grow, with 72% of respondents planning to implement a platform architecture across one or more domains within the next two years. The benefits of this approach include faster innovation, improved network performance and security, and cost savings.

## **Security Convergence**

With the expansion of cloud adoption and the increased complexity of networks, the convergence of networking and security is becoming a priority. The report reveals that **42% of organizations identified integrating networking and security as a top area requiring improvement.** 

Furthermore, 76% of organizations plan to deploy a secure access service edge (SASE) architecture within the next two years, integrating SD-WAN and security services for enhanced protection and streamlined management.

## **AI-Powered Operations**

Al is rapidly being integrated into network operations to improve efficiency and reduce manual workloads. Cisco reports that 67% of IT teams have begun adopting Al capabilities, with 60% expecting to implement Al-enabled predictive automation across all domains within the next two years.

This shift towards Al-driven operations will help property management companies manage complex networks more effectively, reduce operational costs, and enhance the overall user experience.



## **Cloud-Based Security**

As the workforce becomes more dispersed, and reliance on cloud-based applications increases, cloud-based security has become the top networking investment area for many organizations. The report indicates that 49% of respondents plan to significantly invest in cloud-based security tools over the next two years. The move to cloud-native security solutions is driven by the need for centralized access control, threat protection, and secure data management in a multi-cloud environment.

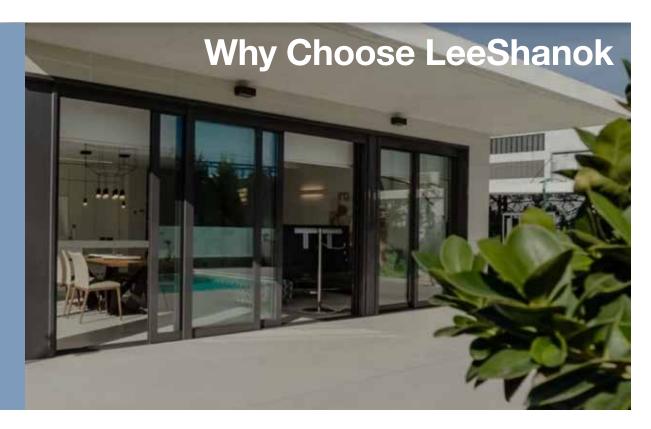
## Sustainability and IT-Led Strategies

Sustainability is increasingly integrated into IT strategies, with 56% of respondents expecting IT to be embedded in organization-wide sustainability strategies within the next two years. Network-driven energy management solutions, such as real-time telemetry and platform dashboards, are expected to have a significant impact on sustainability efforts. This data-driven approach to sustainability allows property management companies to optimize energy usage, reduce carbon emissions, and contribute to broader environmental goals.

These findings underscore the importance of adopting advanced networking technologies and strategies to stay ahead in the evolving world of property management. LeeShanok, leveraging Cisco's solutions, is well-positioned to help property management companies capitalize on these trends, ensuring they remain competitive, secure, and efficient in a digital-first world.







LeeShanok Network Solutions stands out as a trusted partner for property management companies seeking to enhance their IT infrastructure, security, and operational efficiency. Here's how LeeShanok delivers exceptional value:

## **Expertise in Cisco Solutions and Managed IT Services**



LeeShanok's deep expertise in Cisco technologies ensures that property management companies receive cutting-edge solutions tailored to their specific needs. This expertise covers a wide range of Cisco offerings, from network infrastructure and security solutions to advanced data analytics and cloud-based services. By leveraging Cisco's technology, LeeShanok provides reliable, scalable, and secure IT solutions that help property managers optimize their operations and enhance tenant satisfaction.

## **Customized Implementation Process**



LeeShanok's approach to IT implementation is consultative and highly customized, ensuring that each solution is tailored to the unique requirements of the client. The implementation process begins with a thorough assessment of the client's IT environment and business objectives. LeeShanok then designs a solution that addresses these needs, whether it's enhancing network security, improving data management, or integrating advanced analytics. This process ensures a smooth transition and minimizes disruptions, allowing property management companies to continue their operations without interruption.

## **Strategic Partnership with Cisco**



Through a strategic partnership with Cisco, LeeShanok offers access to the latest technological advancements and support. This partnership allows LeeShanok to deliver comprehensive IT solutions that integrate seamlessly into existing systems, providing property management companies with the tools they need to manage complex networks, secure sensitive data, and make data-driven decisions. This collaboration ensures that clients benefit from the most current and innovative technologies available.



#### **Ongoing Support and Maintenance**



After implementation, LeeShanok provides ongoing support and maintenance to ensure optimal performance and security. This includes regular system updates, security monitoring, and proactive maintenance to prevent potential issues before they arise. LeeShanok's commitment to ongoing support means that clients have access to expert assistance whenever they need it, ensuring that their IT systems remain secure over the long term.

#### **Focus on Client Relationships**



LeeShanok places a strong emphasis on building lasting relationships with clients. By understanding the unique challenges and goals of each property management company, LeeShanok can provide solutions that not only meet immediate needs but also support long-term growth and success. This client-focused approach is reflected in the high level of satisfaction and trust that LeeShanok's clients express, as seen in the testimonials from Bryten (Formerly MEB Management Services) and HSL Properties.

LeeShanok's value proposition lies in its ability to deliver tailored, high-quality IT solutions that are backed by industry-leading expertise, a strong partnership with Cisco, and a commitment to exceptional customer service. This combination ensures that property management companies can rely on LeeShanok to provide the IT infrastructure and support needed to thrive in a competitive and technology-driven environment.

## **Looking Ahead with LeeShanok**

As the property management industry continues to evolve, emerging trends such as Al-driven automation, smart building technologies, and increased focus on sustainability will become increasingly important. LeeShanok is well-positioned to help property management companies navigate these trends by providing forward-thinking IT solutions that are both innovative and sustainable.

Looking ahead, LeeShanok will continue to integrate advanced technologies into its service offerings, ensuring that clients are equipped to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future. By staying at the forefront of technological advancements, LeeShanok remains committed to supporting the ongoing success of property management companies in a digitally connected world.





# Summary and Next Steps

In the constantly evolving property management industry, having a reliable and secure IT infrastructure is no longer optional—it's essential. LeeShanok Network Solutions, in partnership with Cisco, offers comprehensive Managed IT services that address the key challenges faced by property management companies today, from enhancing network security to optimizing operations through data-driven insights.

By adopting LeeShanok's tailored IT solutions, property management companies can secure their digital assets, streamline communication and workflows, and gain a competitive edge through cutting-edge technology. LeeShanok's commitment to delivering expertise, efficiency, and excellence ensures that clients are well-equipped to meet current demands while staying ahead of future trends.

For property managers looking to modernize their IT infrastructure and enhance their operations, LeeShanok offers a strategic partnership that goes beyond basic IT support. By leveraging Cisco's advanced technologies, LeeShanok provides a scalable, secure, and innovative approach to IT management that drives business success.

If you're ready to transform your property management operations with IT solutions, <u>contact LeeShanok</u> today to schedule a consultation or request a demo. Let us help you build a secure, data-driven future for your business.





# Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. What are Managed IT Services and how can they benefit my property management company?

Managed IT Services involve partnering your IT operations to a specialized provider like LeeShanok. This includes proactive monitoring, maintenance, and support of your IT systems, allowing your company to focus on core business activities. Benefits include improved efficiency, reduced downtime, enhanced security, and access to expert IT professionals without the overhead of an in-house IT team.

#### 2. How does LeeShanok ensure the security of our network and data?

LeeShanok implements a multi-layered security approach using Cisco's advanced security solutions. This includes Next Generation Firewalls, Intrusion Prevention Systems, Endpoint Security, and Al-powered threat detection. We also provide ongoing monitoring and regular updates to protect your network and data from emerging threats, ensuring compliance with industry regulations.

#### 3. What is Cisco Meraki, and why is it recommended for property management?

Cisco Meraki is a cloud-managed IT solution that provides centralized management for network devices such as switches, routers, and security appliances. It's recommended for property management because it offers real-time monitoring, simplified network management, and scalable infrastructure, making it easier to manage multiple properties and locations efficiently.

#### 4. What support does LeeShanok provide after implementing IT solutions?

After implementation, LeeShanok provides continuous support and maintenance, including 24/7 monitoring, troubleshooting, system updates, and security patches. Our ongoing support ensures that your IT systems remain secure, efficient, and up-to-date, allowing your team to focus on managing properties.

## 5. Why is AI important in modern property management IT solutions?

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#### 6. Can LeeShanok help with regulatory compliance in property management?

Yes, LeeShanok helps property management companies meet regulatory compliance requirements, particularly concerning data privacy and security. We implement secure IT practices and provide the necessary tools and monitoring to ensure that your operations comply with industry regulations, reducing the risk of penalties and breaches.

#### 7. How can I get started with LeeShanok's IT services?

Getting started with LeeShanok is simple. <u>Contact us</u> to schedule a consultation where we'll assess your current IT environment and discuss your specific needs. From there, we'll design and implement a tailored IT solution that supports your business goals and ensures long-term success.

If you have more questions or need further details, feel free to reach out to us directly! To reach our Phoenix location, call 602-277-5757. To reach our Tucson location, call 520-888-9122.

## Resources

- <u>LeeShanok Client Testimonials</u>
- Cisco 2024 Global Networking Trends Report
- · LeeShanok Website





