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INDUSTRY INSIGHTS - LATEST NEWS

MWC pushed back but the industry continues to grow

Even with the global pandemic and uncertainty that brings to our day to day lives, we have seen several major announcements within the Connectivity market during September.

Various mergers and acquisitions have led to companies strengthening positions in their own respective markets. NVIDIA's acquisition of Arm is yet another significant investment into Artificial Intelligence and certainly a major growth area for the market.

The Open RAN excitement continues to grow with significant investment in pilots and trials as R&D moves out of the lab and into real world application. Initiatives and deployments have now come from the likes of Rakuten Mobile, DISH, Telefonica, Deutsche Telekom, Vodafone, Orange, Parallel Wireless, Turkcell & Mavenir.

The GSMA has pushed MWC21 Barcelona back to July and we're very much hopeful that this can be one of the first major events to take place in 2021.

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Nokia signs 5G deal to become BT's largest infrastructure partner

Nokia will provide equipment and services at BT radio sites across the UK, evolving BT's RAN to 5G.

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GSMA Announces Date Changes for its MWC21 Series

The GSMA has announced rescheduling of its MWC21 calendar starting with Shanghai in February then Barcelona in July, it wouldn't be a surprise to see the dates moved again.

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EKINOPS Hires New CTO

EKINOPS announces the appointment of Vincent Munière as its new Chief Technology Officer and Vice President of Research and Development (CTO and VP of R&D), previously of SFR (Altice Group) and Alcatel / Alcatel-Lucent.

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Mavenir Acquires ip.access to Expand OpenRAN Radio Portfolio for CSPs and Enterprise Private Networks

The acquisition extends Mavenir's leadership in OpenRAN radio across Communication Service Providers, Enterprise & Non-traditional Networks.

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NVIDIA to Acquire Arm for \$40 Billion, Creating World's Premier Computing Company for the Age of AI

This combination brings together NVIDIA's leading AI computing platform with Arm's vast ecosystem, accelerating innovation while expanding into large, high-growth markets.

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Why Open RAN is just too hot to ignore

CommScope & Google launch Orion WiFi, a platform designed to bring private, secure roaming for consumers while helping public venues solve cellular dead zones and monetize their networks.

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CommScope Partners with Google to Bring Orion WiFi to Public Venues

As recent wildfires in California have caused over 100,000 people to evacuate their homes, Maxar and Mapbox join forces to provide SWIR images to monitor evacuated properties.

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DISH chooses Nokia cloud-native, 5G standalone Core software to build U.S. 5G network with scale, performance, and efficiency

The deal follows months of joint testing as Nokia and DISH proved their respective "any cloud" capabilities in multiple cloud environments, along with Nokia's ability to integrate and deliver a fully cloud-native, containerized, end-to-end solution.

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