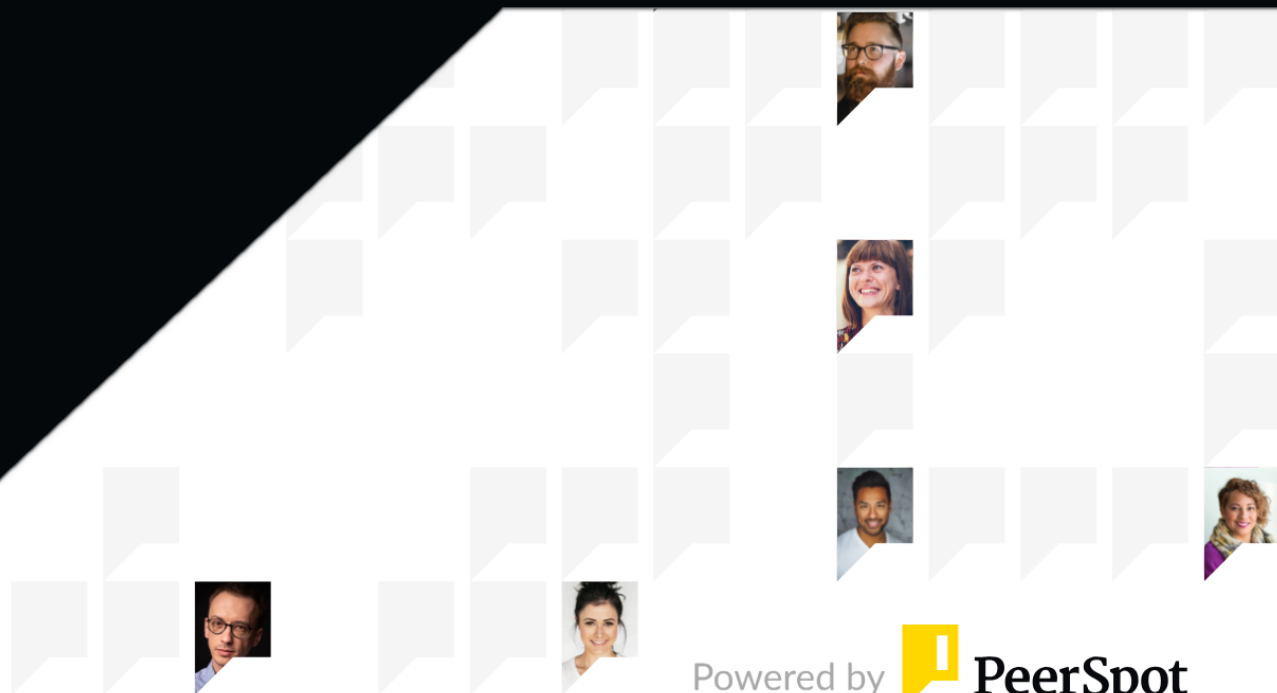




Cato SASE Cloud Platform

Reviews, tips, and advice from real users



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Product Recap



Cato SASE Cloud Platform

Cato SASE Cloud Platform Recap

Cato SASE Cloud Platform delivers a comprehensive approach to network security and connectivity, integrating SASE, CASB, and zero-trust network access for improved performance and scalability in diverse locations.

Cato SASE Cloud Platform offers robust security solutions, including a next-gen firewall and VPN support. It provides a unified management system that is easy to use and integrates seamlessly with existing infrastructures. The platform's self-healing model ensures real-time threat mitigation, enhancing connectivity and performance even in challenging locations. Users appreciate the platform's scalability, integration capabilities, and significant cost savings. However, there is room for improvement in security, network integration, feature enhancement, and affordability to better support larger enterprises and improve user experience.

What are the essential features of Cato SASE Cloud Platform?

- **SASE:** Integrates security and networking functions for seamless performance.
- **CASB:** Provides secure access to cloud applications.
- **Zero-trust Network Access:** Offers secure and direct access without the need for traditional VPNs.
- **Unified Management:** Centralizes control for ease of use and improved efficiency.
- **Next-Gen Firewall:** Robust protection against diverse threats with advanced firewall capabilities.

What benefits or ROI can users expect?

- **Scalability:** Easily adapts to growing organizational needs.
- **Cost Savings:** Reduces expenses through efficient integration and operations.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Streamlined processes save time and resources.
- **Responsive Support:** Quick access to help when needed enhances user satisfaction.

Organizations in sectors like finance, telecommunications, and construction use Cato SASE Cloud Platform for enhanced network security and global connectivity. It effectively replaces MPLS with a cloud-native SD-WAN, integrates security measures for public clouds, and provides centralized management. Its implementation supports a zero-trust model, redundancy, and ISP integration, ensuring scalable remote access and improved security measures.

Valuable Features

Excerpts from real customer reviews on PeerSpot:



“It is difficult to find types of companies I would not recommend Cato SASE Cloud Platform to, and I believe you can use Cato SASE Cloud Platform in most environments, although there could be some cases where organizations are really cost-sensitive.”



Verified user

Product & Services Integrator at a comms service provider with 10,001+ employees



“I rate Cato SASE Cloud Platform at 9.5 out of 10.”



AjayKollipara

Product Lifecycle manager at Air Spring



“Unified management and internet duplication are our most valuable features. They provide a seamless experience for end users—if one link goes down, they can still work without noticing.”



Alexander Azikov

It Manager at Diamond Braces



“The tool's advantage is that it provides a hassle-free solution that is easy to manage across all customers. For instance, we have a few customers with as few as 50 users, including one with a branch in Vietnam and others with thousands of users.”



GinoMessina

Owner at ITechScout



“Additionally, Cato has a global point of presence, which means instead of using other technologies to connect branches and provide access for a retail organization or any organization with branches, we can utilize Cato's backbone. Furthermore, by consolidating different technologies into one solution, there are additional cost savings from that perspective.”



IgmarRautenbach

Managing Director at Tegra Solutions



“The solution is a simple WAN solution. We've onboarded the socket on the Cato platform, and it provides connectivity. There is no complex routing.”



SasikumarRamachandran

Senior Network Engineer at Irdeto B.V.



“The Cato SASE Cloud Platform supports my customers' needs for connectivity and security by removing the throttling from the headquarters and putting a firewall in the cloud, instead of having to use a costly MPLS network to perform security inspection on all traffic from various branches.”



Anas Abdu Rauf

Network Security Engineer , CCIE Certified Engineer at FSD Innovative Technologies L.L.C

What users had to say about valuable features:

“The product's most valuable features include advanced firewall capabilities for robust security, a secure gateway for safe data transmission, and next-generation anti-malware for threat prevention. Additionally, the SASE framework integrates well with our operational needs, ensuring comprehensive security and compliance..”

Livin Sunil

Information Security Engineer at M.Tech

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“All features are toggle switches on the platform, making it easy to turn them on and off. It integrates with AI systems, and the dashboard provides insights into faults through an XDR platform. It offers network and security event workbenches, AI history, and summaries of faults. It is scalable for end users across network and cloud sides and saves operational costs..”

AjayKollipara

Product Lifecycle manager at Air Spring

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“Unified management and internet duplication are our most valuable features. They provide a seamless experience for end users—if one link goes down, they can still work without noticing.

It has improved our efficiency because we don't need to configure individual devices, reducing configuration errors. It also provides additional security. Unlike our previous solution, the solution uses certificates to inspect all traffic, effectively blocking malicious content..”

Alexander Azikov

It Manager at Diamond Braces

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“Cato SASE Cloud Platform is a remarkable solution for managing and controlling all aspects of Zero Trust network access functions through its SASE capabilities. It's designed with an exquisite and practical architecture, making it a worthwhile investment for organizations looking to optimize IT spending and streamline management processes. The single SASE cloud engine, known as the space engine, is particularly effective for threat prevention as it integrates critical functions related to network security seamlessly. This engine simplifies the management of flow control, segmentation, threat prevention, and application protection through an intuitive interface, offering a comprehensive solution from a single pane of glass..”

DR. Ovidio MAIURI

Chief Digital Officer at Challenger Stone

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“The Cato SASE Cloud Platform supports my customers' needs for connectivity and security by removing the throttling from the headquarters and putting a firewall in the cloud, instead of having to use a costly MPLS network to perform security inspection on all traffic from various branches. Now, with Cato SASE Cloud Platform solutions, branches no longer need to go to headquarters for inspection; they are picked up from the cloud, which increases efficiency and protection.

“The most useful security feature of Cato SASE Cloud Platform for my customers is the Firewall as a Service (FaaS), which provides a single firewall solution that scales regardless of the size of the enterprise.

“Cato's global SD-WAN capability impacts network performance positively by partnering with global tier-one networks, which increases efficiency, guarantees SLAs, improves speed, and reduces packet losses, making it a more efficient solution compared to traditional IPsec..”

Anas Abdu Rauf

Network Security Engineer , CCIE Certified Engineer at FSD Innovative Technologies L.L.C

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“I think all of the functionalities, such as the secure web gateway feature, are quite good. I also believe Cato SASE Cloud Platform is one of the only solutions that has not only a software firewall solution but also a physical software solution where you can change the company's firewalls and put in sockets from Cato SASE Cloud Platform, which I see as an advantage for them.

“The single-pass architecture has improved user experience with Cato SASE Cloud Platform as it provides security teams in companies a platform where they can easily obtain information if there are breaches or security issues.

“I assess the benefit of integrating WAN optimization as good. There is ease in making rules between WAN optimization, especially when it comes to global connections because of all their points of presence that are spread over the world.

“I think the real-time threat protection of Cato SASE Cloud Platform is also good. Their points of presence are quite efficient, and I do not see any delays in that area..”

Verified user

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Product & Services Integrator at a comms service provider with 10,001+ employees

Other Solutions Considered

“We looked through Zscaler back in the day. We also considered firewall vendors like Palo Alto and Fortinet. We chose Cato because it had a single vendor..”

MarkThomas

Chief Revenue Officer at Vizst Technology

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“My company previously used MPLS for network service. The decision to switch from MPLS to Cato Networks was made by those at our organization's headquarters in Germany. MPLS was a really good service..”

Daehyun Hwang

Central Domain Administrator at a manufacturing company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“If Cato SASE Cloud Platform does not fit the budget, I usually recommend a more on-site solution, such as FortiGate firewalls, or if they would prefer a cloud solution, I would suggest a full Meraki solution with MX Gateways from Meraki..”

Verified user

Product & Services Integrator at a comms service provider with 10,001+ employees

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“I have worked with solutions from Fortinet and Palo Alto. Cato offers a built-in platform perspective with all features integrated into a single platform, unlike competitors who have acquired various components like SD-WAN or CASB that may run on different platforms..”

AjayKollipara

Product Lifecycle manager at Air Spring

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“The primary reason for switching to Cato SASE Cloud Platform was the ease of connecting branches with SD-WAN. We were in search of a solution, and it offered a very simple and easy-to-implement solution that also proved straightforward to manage. So, we made the switch to the Cato SASE Cloud Platform..”

SasikumarRamachandran

Senior Network Engineer at Irdeto B.V.

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“I think our headquarters had considered various services like Palo Alto Networks and Cisco, but finally, they decided to use Cato Networks. From what I heard from my colleagues working in our company's finance department, the cost of Cato Networks is slightly lower than its competitors. The setup and deployment phases of Cato Networks are easy..”

Daehyun Hwang

Central Domain Administrator at a manufacturing company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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ROI

Real user quotes about their ROI:

“Based on studies from Forrester, our organization has achieved a significant return on investment of approximately 246% within less than six months of deploying Cato..”

Livin Sunil

Information Security Engineer at M.Tech

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“We have seen a return on investment from using Cato Networks. Year over year our costs are down by approximately 10 or 15 percent for maintaining the inner branch network..”

Greg Altman

IT Infrastructure Manager at Strike

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“The SD-WAN functionality improves network connectivity by optimizing traffic and reducing latency, which can lead to a return on investment with cost savings. Specifically, it replaces costly MPLS links with SD-WAN and utilizes an internet-based backbone with intelligent routing, resulting in a cost reduction of 40% to 60%..”

Anas Abdu Rauf

Network Security Engineer , CCIE Certified Engineer at FSD Innovative Technologies L.L.C

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“The ROI is typically achieved within a few months, making it a cost-effective solution. Using Cato as a complete SASE solution or solely for security as a service (SSE 360) provides flexibility and caters to specific business needs. This business model benefits Cato and us as a managed service provider. The ROI from the Cato SASE Cloud Platform has been quite good. While the solution is expensive, Cato's comprehensive management reduces the need for extensive support and expertise..”

DR. Ovidio MAIURI

Chief Digital Officer at Challenger Stone

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“We haven't noticed any measurable ROI outcomes since implementing the Cato SASE Cloud Platform, but we've seen a significant improvement in our internet reliability. Previously, we had many complaints when the internet went down, as there were disruptions when it didn't switch over immediately. Now, we hardly have any issues or tickets related to this. We either notice problems on time and address them with the carrier, or end users usually don't notice any disruptions due to having two network connections. This has increased overall internet reliability across all our sites..”

Alexander Azikov

It Manager at Diamond Braces

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“It is going to give a return on investment. We have AT&T, Comcast, and a couple of others, but AT&T stability was hit or miss, and it would go down. The ability for this system to handle outages on one circuit out of four meant that we didn't have any downtime because of one of our circuits going down or having a performance issue. It kept our network up, whereas our previous solution, even at the cost of it, had to fail over, and even when it failed over, there were manual things you had to do for the other issues, which caused the downtime..”

Verified user

IT Manager at a retailer with 51-200 employees

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Use Case

“We utilize the Cato SASE Cloud Platform for network security, which ensures organized item management and comprehensive security across the entire network. Additionally, it enables appropriate access rights for all network users..”

IgmarRautenbach

Managing Director at Tegra Solutions

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“We mainly use the Cato SASE Cloud Platform to provide internet and increase reliability. We have two links on each site, which gives us network security through the cloud and unified management from one portal. Any changes we make are automatically applied to the on-site device..”

Alexander Azikov

It Manager at Diamond Braces

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“For the past three years, our company has operated as a managed service provider across various continents. We assist clients in choosing the most suitable platforms or managing their existing ones. Our services aim to control costs, optimize IT spending, and effectively streamline necessary IT management processes..”

DR. Ovidio MAIURI

Chief Digital Officer at Challenger Stone

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“I can see that I am a consultant at a reseller and I am the architect of Cato SASE Cloud Platform designs. In the baseline, I usually recommend Cato SASE Cloud Platform for international companies that have many different setups spread globally..”

Verified user

Product & Services Integrator at a comms service provider with 10,001+ employees

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“It's a turnkey cloud solution for comprehensive patching. The tool has three main use cases. The first one is for remote users, instead of VPNs, they can use zero-trust or SDP technology with the tool. This feature allows high scalability to the user. There are many more functionalities in Cato SASE Cloud Platform than any other traditional VPN service. The product allows deep inspection of every session with varying security engines, including firewall-as-a-service, IPS, next-generation anti-malware, and DLP. The multiple features of the Cato SASE Cloud Platform can be used parallelly. The second use case of the product is the security of public clouds. For instance, if you have applications running on Amazon, Azure, GCP, or OCI, Cato SASE Cloud Platform provides security for the VMs. .”

PabloCousino

Executive VP at Active IT SpA

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“In construction, we have a company in the steel industries, where we are doing the POCs currently, and we have one exchange, Al-Jabr Exchange. We have a few others lined up, but currently, we manage this construction group.

“Basically, we are providing the solutions for industries, such as the manufacturing industry, construction group, and a money exchange group. Additionally, we have another customer lined up, which is RPM, a rapid response team in the medical field.

“My relationship with the Cato SASE Cloud Platform vendor is as a partner..”

Anas Abdu Rauf

Network Security Engineer , CCIE Certified Engineer at FSD Innovative Technologies L.L.C

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Setup

The setup process involves configuring and preparing the product or service for use, which may include tasks such as installation, account creation, initial configuration, and troubleshooting any issues that may arise. Below you can find real user quotes about the setup process.

“The initial setup process was straightforward, taking about one to one and a half hours. It involved minimal complexities, handled efficiently by two individuals, primarily myself..”

Livin Sunil

Information Security Engineer at M.Tech

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“The product is very simple to implement. The implementation doesn't take a long time, and the level of effort required is minimal. Even if you have hundreds of sites, onboarding, and deployment are straightforward. I rate it a nine out of ten. It takes less than a day to get a site onboarded. You need two to three resources to handle the deployment. .”

SasikumarRamachandran

Senior Network Engineer at Irdeto B.V.

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“The initial setup of the Cato SASE Cloud Platform is straightforward and can be quickly implemented by an experienced team. Cato SASE Cloud Platform is typically deployed as a software-as-a-service (SaaS) solution. Cato manages its infrastructure, including firewalls and security tools, in its environment. For network access, managed service providers may need to deploy limited hardware, such as access points, at client premises. Cato provides all the tools and services in the cloud, making deployment straightforward for users..”

DR. Ovidio MAIURI

Chief Digital Officer at Challenger Stone

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“The initial setup of Cato Networks is very easy and straightforward.

The solution is deployed on a hybrid cloud.

For deployment, you just plug the cable into Cato's setup box and Cato's suite. The deployment can be done in 30 minutes.

Only one person is needed for the solution's installation..”

Daehyun Hwang

Central Domain Administrator at a manufacturing company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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“The setup and onboarding process is very straightforward – I'd rate it a ten out of ten for ease. We use CatoCloud as our cloud provider. They have points of presence, and we connect to the nearest one to our physical location. All the routing, inspection, and logic for what to route, block, or allow happens in the cloud, not on the local device. Our deployment took a couple of weeks because we installed the sites manually.

If we had a team to help switch locally, it could have been done in a week. The deployment process is straightforward. We set up all the sites in their cloud system; then, they ship the sockets directly to the location or our main office. We connect the device to the internet, it gets activated, we assign it to a specific site inside the cloud, and it's online and ready to use. It's very easy..”

Alexander Azikov

It Manager at Diamond Braces

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“The product has a highly straightforward setup process. Cato SASE Cloud Platform uses a concept of zero-touch. The product utilizes SD-WAN for the network site, boxes, and end devices. As part of the deployment, the end device is placed in the on-prem data center, and all the racks, network, and cybersecurity boxes are replaced with one box, which is the SD-WAN. Followed by the aforementioned step all the LANs from that data center will get connected to the cloud. The VMs in the public cloud will also get replaced by a virtual socket or device that will protect the public-cloud applications. Cato SASE Cloud Platform provides an overview of the enterprise cybersecurity and networking from a single console. The deployment process of Cato SASE Cloud Platform is majorly handled by the vendor. For example, in a retail network with a hundred stores, the network user will need to send a hundred boxes, and the responsible individual of every branch will take the boxes and put them in a rack, following which all connections will be implemented. Only one professional with a knowledge of cybersecurity and networks will be required in the organization in which the product is being implemented. .”

PabloCousino

Executive VP at Active IT SpA

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Customer Service and Support

“Cato Networks supported the technical support team in-house. The product and support team helped us resolve the ticket and prepare. I'm satisfied with their support team..”

Nicky Tham

Evaluator of SD-WAN at Fullerton Health

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“As a partner, I receive very good support from Cato. Their knowledge portal and Cato Academy portal are excellent resources. Features are updated weekly and automatically, which is very convenient..”

AjayKollipara

Product Lifecycle manager at Air Spring

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“We reach out to the support occasionally for minor problems. They're pretty quick, but if an issue needs to be escalated to a higher level, it can take two to three days to get a result..”

Alexander Azikov

IT Manager at Diamond Braces

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“The product has excellent customer support. The support team is available 24/7 and they are able to respond in twenty minutes to a raised ticket. I would rate the tech support a nine out of ten. .”

PabloCousino

Executive VP at Active IT SpA

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“The solution's technical support is available 24/7. Once, we raised a ticket for our customer, and the executive immediately reached us in 10 minutes via Zoom meeting. Further, he solved the problem in the next 20 minutes. I am impressed with their service..”

PabloCousino

Executive VP at Active IT SpA

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“The solution's technical support keeps an eye on our company's network service. If there is anything wrong with our company's network service, the technical support contacts us immediately and gives us good support. The technical support team's speed of response is really good.

I rate the technical support a nine out of ten..”

Daehyun Hwang

Central Domain Administrator at a manufacturing company with 1,001-5,000 employees

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Other Advice

“Cato's user-friendly dashboard has contributed positively to our experience, making it suitable for our current operational needs.

Integrating SD-WAN has significantly optimized our network performance by enabling path selection for optimal traffic routing, WAN optimization through protocol acceleration, and seamless traffic encryption without compromising performance.

I rate it an eight. .”

Livin Sunil

Information Security Engineer at M.Tech

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“We tested the product to see if it worked in our environment, as each setup is different. It works well for us because we have many locations, and it helps greatly with managing all of them. It's an easy solution to connect everything instead of manually managing everything. It can suit small and enterprise businesses, but it might work better for businesses with multiple locations. It could even work for a large corporate building, but it needs to be tested thoroughly.

I rate the solution a ten out of ten. .”

Alexander Azikov

It Manager at Diamond Braces

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“My rating for the Cato SASE Cloud Platform is very high. I've known it since 2015 when it first entered the Italian market, and I appreciate its new philosophy and roadmap. From my feedback, customers are very positive about the product. However, one challenge we face is convincing customers to try the solution, especially when they are already familiar with larger vendors like Palo Alto or Cisco.

Every proof of concept we've conducted so far has been successful. Customers typically start with a trial for a specific pain point, often at one or two branches, and then expand their deployment once they see the benefits.

I rate the overall solution a nine out of ten. .”

GinoMessina

Owner at ITechScout

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“It is difficult to find types of companies I would not recommend Cato SASE Cloud Platform to, and I believe you can use Cato SASE Cloud Platform in most environments, although there could be some cases where organizations are really cost-sensitive.

“I measure the effectiveness of Cato SASE Cloud Platform using metrics such as milliseconds for connections and bandwidth, comparing it with its efficiency to see if it delivers on their bandwidth choices.

“I believe that the centralized cloud-native management helps with policy configuration by allowing users to build their own environment without many issues, which is key to going cloud-based. I would rate this review an overall eight out of ten..”

Verified user

Product & Services Integrator at a comms service provider with 10,001+ employees

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“AI is integrated into the Cato SASE Cloud Platform through various security tools like CASB, Kaspersky solution, DLP, and intrusion prevention system. These tools utilize AI to identify anomalies and patterns to enhance security measures. The AI integration in Cato's solution is practical enough for average retail, logistics, and manufacturing clients.

However, additional robust solutions may be necessary for clients in highly regulated sectors or those with more sophisticated security needs. As for incident response times, Cato's competent team continuously updates their AI-based security tools to protect against evolving malware attacks and maintain high security.

I would recommend the Cato SASE Cloud Platform to others. It's a trusted solution in the industry, and Cato is known for reliability and leadership. Various research companies like Forrester, Gartner, and others have recognized Cato as a leader in SASE solutions. Overall, I would rate the SASE solution from Cato an eight out of ten..”

DR. Ovidio MAIURI

Chief Digital Officer at Challenger Stone

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“I am also a partner with Cato SASE Cloud Platform.

“Mentioning the bypassing feature and traffic engineering would be fine.

“Currently, I find no need for any small improvements for Cato SASE Cloud Platform, but I have noticed that they implement suggestions rapidly, and although I'm not facing challenges now, I could think of potential additional features in the future, such as improvements in DHCP IP release functionality, which I have already requested.

“To summarize, I recommend this solution for medium to enterprise-sized businesses. I am Mr. Anas Abdul Rauf, working for FSD Innovative Technologies as a network security engineer, and I hold a CCIE certification. I am set to work on [FishOS](#) as the first authorized partner in the GCC region, enabling me to provide further reviews after some months.

“I rate the Cato SASE Cloud Platform a 10 out of 10..”

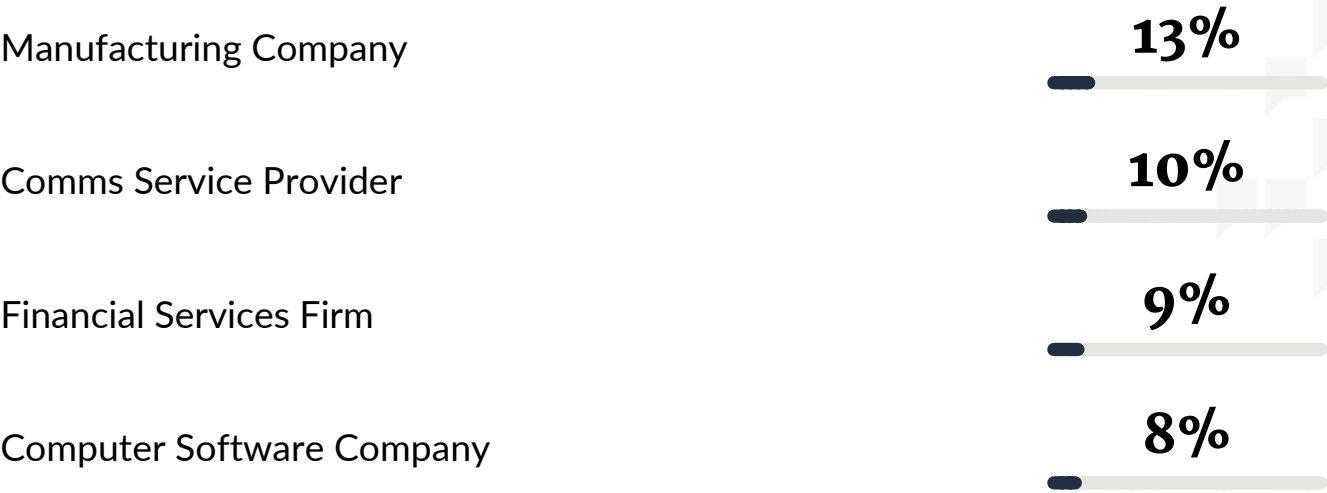
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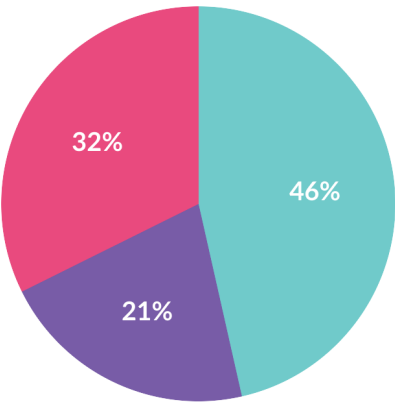
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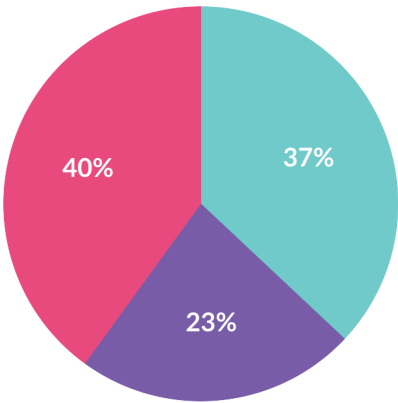
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