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Windows 365 VS Azure Virtual Desktop

Your Smart Guide to Digital Workspaces

Cloud Desktops for the Finance Enterprise

Windows 365 gives banks and insurers secure, ready-to-use Cloud PCs with predictable pricing.

Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD) delivers high-flexibility VDI for complex financial workloads.

Choosing wisely boosts compliance, performance, and cost control.

Facts That Matter

Organizations using Microsoft Cloud PCs + VDI achieved 40% ROI mentioned Forrester in its research.

Outcome

The right workspace strategy = faster onboarding, stronger compliance, and reduced costs.

Cloud PC Face-Off: W365 vs AVD

Category	Windows 365 (Cloud PC)	Azure Virtual Desktop (AVD)
Cost Model & Billing	Fixed per-user, per-month subscription (Cloud PC + licensing).	Consumption-based: pay for compute, storage, network usage varies with load and sessions.
User Assignment / Desktop Type	Dedicated Cloud PC per user: single-user, persistent desktop mapped to an individual.	Supports pooled or multi-session desktops (shared or session-host), suitable for many users on the same host.
Infrastructure Ownership & Management	Microsoft manages compute & storage; customer controls networking (in the Enterprise version) via their Azure tenant.	Entire infra: compute, networking, storage, session hosts, managed by customer. Full control, but requires VDI expertise.
Provisioning & Onboarding Speed	Quick provisioning: upon license assignment, Cloud PC auto-provisions and enrolls in management (e.g. Intune).	Requires setup of host pools, session hosts, networking, images, setup complexity depends on scale and customization needs.
Management & Endpoint Control	Managed via Microsoft Intune + Cloud PC portal; no need for deep VDI/infra skill.	Complete control, IT can define VM size, OS, scaling, networking, backups, image management, and is ideal for complex, custom environments.
Storage & Profile Management	Storage VM managed by Microsoft; no custom storage admin or manual profile container configuration. Simple but less flexible for backup/custom storage.	Flexible storage and profile management: you control OS disks, user profiles (e.g. using FSLogix), backup, customizing images, etc.
Networking & Connectivity Options	The Enterprise edition enables integration into your Azure tenant/VNET, as well as customer-managed network management (routing, IP addresses, and security) by the customer.	Complete control over virtual networks, subnets, IP addressing, firewall rules, VPNs, and connectivity to on-prem or other cloud resources.
Security, Compliance & Data Control	Data and desktops are in the cloud; centralized identity via Microsoft Entra ID and Intune simplifies compliance, secures access, and offers out-of-the-box solutions.	Enables detailed control over security, resource isolation, custom compliance, network security, and custom images, good for enterprises with stringent regulatory or compliance needs.
Flexibility & Customization	Lower: Because it's managed with fixed configs. Suitable for standard desktop needs, with predictable performance.	High: VM sizing, OS versioning, scaling, session/multi-user desktops, custom images, variable workloads.
Scalability & Workload Variability	Easy scaling by adding/removing users, ideal for stable or predictable workforce sizes. Cloud PCs spin up automatically for licensed users.	Scales dynamically; optimal for variable workloads, seasonal spikes, shifting user counts, big teams and cost-efficient if managed well.
Ideal Use Cases / Persona Mapping	Remote workers, contractors, field staff, standard knowledge workers, BYOPC, regulated data access, unpredictable device ownership, simple workspace needs.	Large teams, pooled-shift workers, dev/test environments, graphical compute, heavy application workloads, organizations needing full control/customization.
Anunta's Role (Implementation & Operations)	Structured rollout, identity/app configuration, user onboarding; Day 2 monitoring, incident management, policy tuning	Architecture design, infra configuration, image and host pool setup; Day 2 performance optimization, scaling, patching, and lifecycle management.

Decision Cheatsheet for IT Leaders in Banking and Financial Institutions

Pick Windows 365

For secure Cloud PCs, predictable cost, fast onboarding, and regulated access for branches & remote advisors.

Pick AVD

For high-volume ops, shared desktops, seasonal workload spikes, or Azure-heavy environments.

Pick Both

When different financial teams have different performance, compliance, and access needs.

Why IT Experts Trust Anunta + Microsoft?

- Persona-driven digital workspace assessments aligned with organization structure & workload needs.
- Seamless rollout of Windows 365, AVD, or hybrid environments.
- Expertise in finance-associated cost governance, performance optimization, & compliance.
- Managed digital workspace services that reduce IT load and improve uptime.

It's Time to Power-Up your Workforce

Unlock secure, compliant, and agile workstyles for banking & insurance teams.

Get Your Tailored Cloud PC Roadmap