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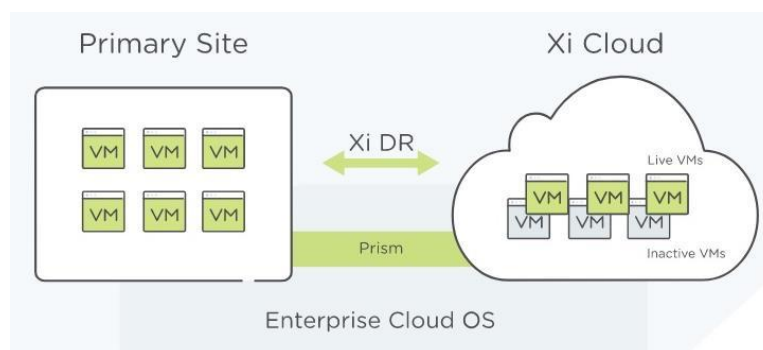
Contrary to a report by Bloomberg, we don't believe there is a change to the expected launch of Xi Cloud Services

What's changed: On Friday afternoon, Bloomberg reported that Nutanix might delay the launch of Xi Cloud Services due to engineering issues and the complexity of the service. Following the report, shares of NTNX closed down nearly 5% on the day.

What's our take: We had a chance to catch up with management and believe that while there is a lot of complex engineering with the new set of services, there is **no change** to the launch of Xi Cloud from what was discussed at the company's [March 12th analyst day](#). At that event, management indicated that the plan was for early customer trials of Xi Cloud in the summer of 2018 and, based on that, making it available to additional customers in the second half of the year. We think the confusion was based on the original timing of Xi Cloud when it was announced at .Next in June 2017. At the time, management indicated that the Disaster Recovery Xi Cloud Service would be available in early 2018. Again, we think the launch of Xi Cloud is progressing as planned and we would expect to hear more when the company reports Q3/18 results in late May.

What are Xi Cloud Services? Xi Cloud Services provide a native extension to the Nutanix Enterprise Cloud Platform, delivering an integrated public cloud environment that can be instantly provisioned and automatically configured with the Nutanix management console, Prism. Xi Cloud's goal is to make the hybrid-cloud invisible. One of the first services will likely be Disaster Recovery. With this service, enterprises can leverage Xi Cloud Disaster Recovery running in Google Cloud Platform (GCP), for example, and then run BigQuery analytics against the full application data set without expensive, repetitive data migration operations.

Exhibit 1: Xi Cloud Disaster Recovery



Source: Company reports

Sector: Software

Outperform

NASDAQ: NTNX

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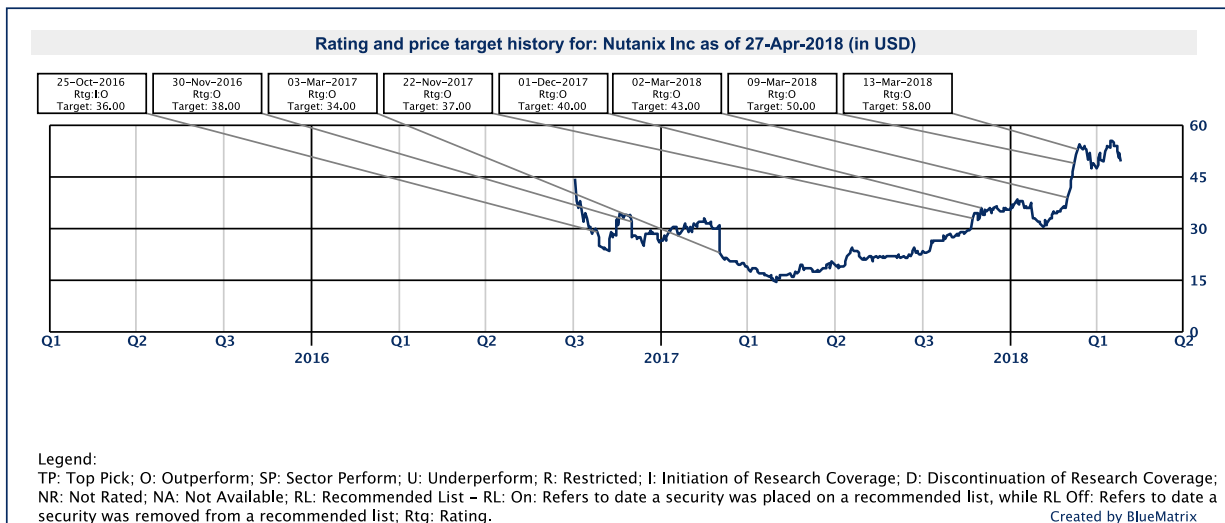
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