Maintenance eats up IT budgets

Up to 80 per cent of IT budgets are being spent on operations and maintenance in organisations across the region, leaving little time to focus on their core business, according to Yasser Zeineldin, CEO, eHosting DataFort, the region's leading managed IT and advisory services provider and a member of Tecom Investments. Zeineldin put forward his views at the Executive Leadership Roundtable during the two-day Data Centre Strategies Middle East Forum and Exhibition held recently at the Injazat Auditorium in Abu Dhabi. During the session, Zeineldin presented the challenges businesses across the sectors and the data centre industry face in the Middle East today. He suggested that issues including data centre space, power and cooling, aligning IT with business activities and making the most out of tighter budgets are key concerns for companies.