



### About Blum Group

Julius Blum GmbH, founded in 1952, is entirely family-owned. The Blum Private Trust holds 48% of shares.

The main product groups are furniture hinge systems and drawers as well as pull-out systems for furniture, in particular for kitchens. Blum's philosophy is that of a "global customer benefit", which is advantageous for furniture manufacturers, resellers and fitters alike.

**Blum-USA:** Complete production of furniture hinges and drawer runner systems incl. sales

**Blum-Albras/Brazil:** A joint venture for the production of furniture hinges and drawer runner systems

**Blum subsidiaries (sales):** Great Britain, France, Canada, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Poland, Czech Republic, Turkey, Hungary, Romania, Australia, South-east Asia, China, Russia

### Barracuda NG Network Access Control - Cost Efficiency at a glance

- The integrated framework protects clients within the LAN as well as mobile devices. It also supports the lifecycle management of the OS and Software components.
- Barracuda NG's proven leading network access solution is a real costsaver compared to engineering solutions.
- All components can be efficiently administrated with the central management.
- As an integrated part of Barracuda NG Architecture, new or additional investments for dedicated NAC appliances aren't necessary.



## Security and connectivity an overall objective of the Blum infrastructure

Barracuda NG Firewall protects the world-wide VPN infrastructure without incurring additional resource expenses

### The challenge

The global organization of the Blum Group places the highest demands on the IT infrastructure. The backbone of all business processes is the worldwide availability of the network connections. Almost all connections between the subsidiaries were realized via inexpensive VPN-based Internet connections. This makes security and connectivity an overall objective of the infrastructure and managing these components must fulfil correspondingly high demands without incurring additional resource expenses.

### Barracuda NG Network Access Control

A further decisive element in the global VPN's architecture was the highest possible redundancy of the Internet connections for the main locations. Even without the complex implementation of the Border Gateway Protocol, the Barracuda NG VPN technology allowed Blum to be completely independent from the availability of individual Internet providers. Also, the problem of fluctuating availability for basic infrastructure settings - such as power supply and Internet connections especially in poorly developed regions - was also addressed. By implementing Barracuda NG products Blum was able to ensure that even subsidiaries in these areas have maximum connectivity and security.

With the integration of the external DNS services the Internet/security infrastructure is now completely consistent and can be managed globally and independently at considerably less expense than before. This success was possible thanks to the optimum implementation of all Barracuda NG components.

By implementing the Barracuda NG Control Center, which allowed administration to be centralised and localized at the same time, by fully utilizing the capabilities of the Barracuda NG VPN technology options, the manageability, connectivity and security could all be increased, while simultaneously reducing resource efforts.

### About Barracuda Networks Inc.

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