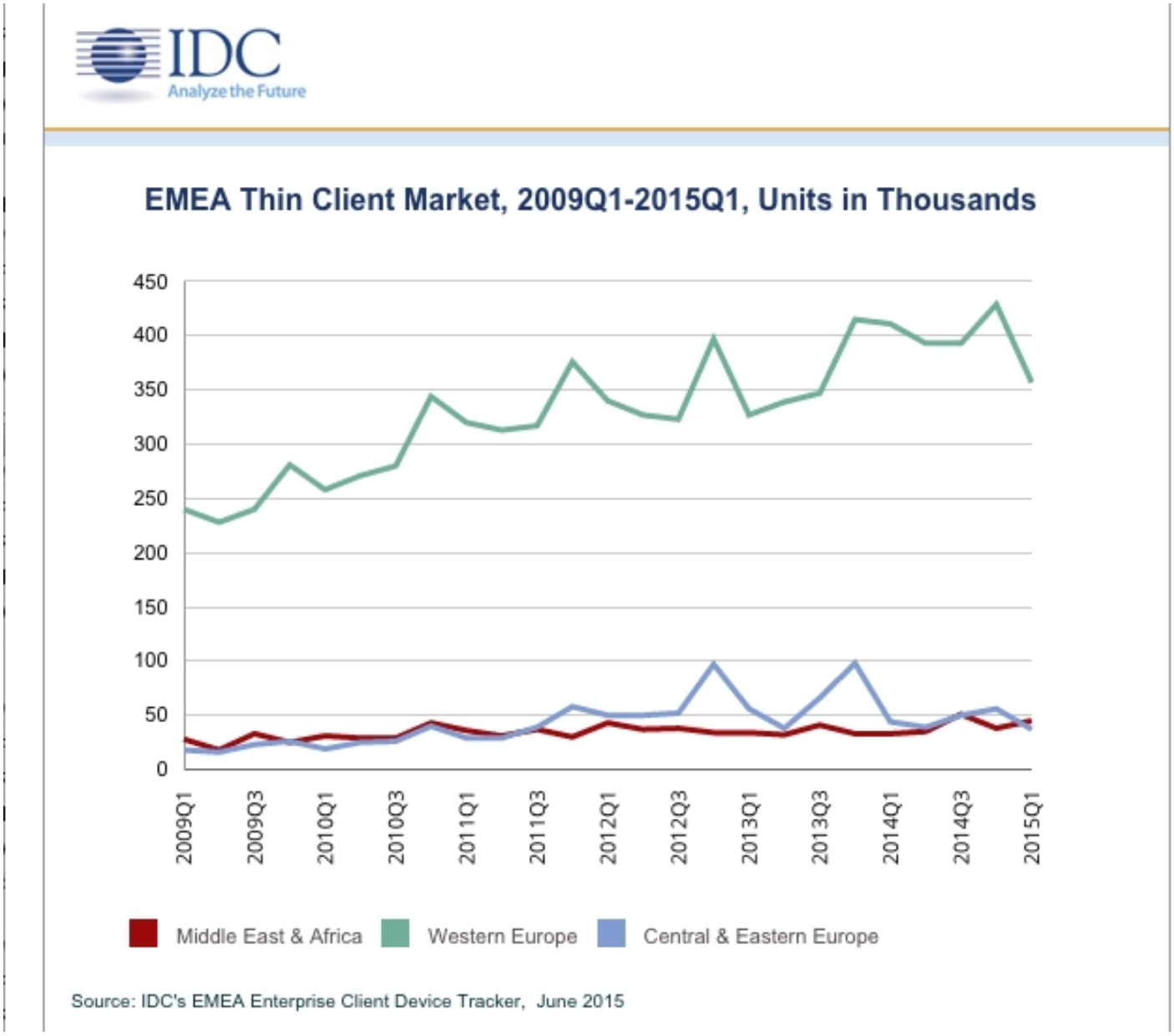
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IDC predicts short-term thin client market declines in EMEA, as the Q1 2015 market contracts by -10.2% Y-o-Y with shipments reaching 438000 units due to a market facing project shortage and weak demand.



W. European Q1 2015 thin client declines are double-digit at -13.3% Y-o-Y-- even if the analyst suggests factors such as virtualisation, PC to thin client transition and sustained economic expansion will drive the market in the long term. As such, shipments should return to "strong"

one-digit growth by Q4 2015.

CEE sees further declines (-16.3% Y-o-Y), in line with earlier IDC forecasts as demand contraction in Russia and Ukraine exceeds "steady" C. European growth. Meanwhile "brisk" shipments in S. Africa and Morocco drive growth in Africa, and the M. East shows "mixed" performance.

Thus IDC predicts a volatile CEMA thin client market rocked by political and economic disturbances, low oil prices impeding investment in oil-rich nations and escalating military conflict in Iraq, Syria and Ukraine.

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