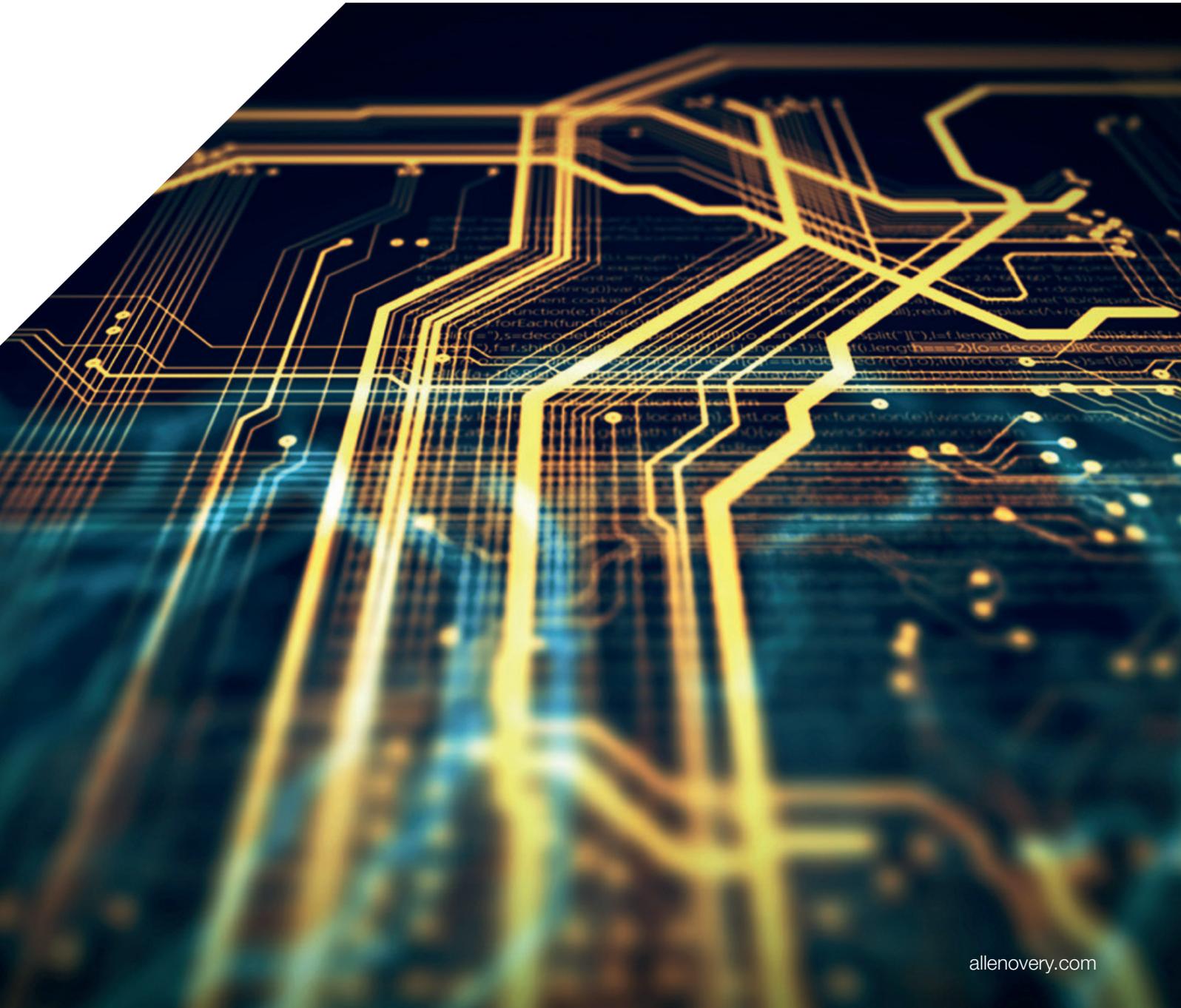


# Cybersecurity

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# Our cybersecurity practice

Computers, the internet, mobile devices and electronic transactions all play an important and ever-increasing role within the corporate environment, particularly for businesses with a strong online presence or with high volumes of customer data or other electronically stored information.

But the continued growth of “cyber” technologies and the growing phenomenon of cyber-attacks pose significant business risks. Cyber attackers are often quick to spot the potential vulnerabilities of new technologies and to

exploit them (and to frustrate detection of those activities). Businesses need to have in mind the range of possible consequences of a cyber-attack.



Damage to reputation



Business interruption



Financial loss



Litigation



Internal cost and out-of-pocket



Theft and/or disclosure of confidential information/IP



Regulatory investigations/fines



Theft, disclosure and/or deletion of customer/employee data



Reporting obligations

All of these consequences can result in cost or financial loss. In a worst case scenario a cyber-attack could be catastrophic, putting a company out of business. The value of data has increased as the volume of data that is available and capable of being collected, processed and retained by organisations has exploded. The more data companies have access to, the better they get to know the market and their customers and the more value they can extract from it. In common with other valuable “assets”, data is therefore subject to heightened risk of misuse, alteration, theft or loss.

Cybersecurity is about prevention of (and/or preparation for) cyber-attacks, but also about incident response once the risk has realised. It requires an integrated approach across traditional security disciplines proactively to understand, detect and respond to advanced and evolving threats. There is an important legal component and our integrated team of diverse practitioners reflects this requirement.

# Overview of threats and trends

Top Threats 2017	Assessed Trends 2017	Top Threats 2018	Assessed Trends 2018	Change in ranking
1. Malware		1. Malware		
2. Web Based Attacks		2. Web Based Attacks		
3. Web Application Attacks		3. Web Application Attacks		
4. Phishing		4. Phishing		
5. Spam		5. Denial of Service		
6. Denial of Service		6. Spam		
7. Ransomware		7. Botnets		
8. Botnets		8. Data Breaches		
9. Insider threat		9. Insider Threat		
10. Physical manipulation/ damage/ theft/loss		10. Physical manipulation/ damage/ theft/loss		
11. Data Breaches		11. Information Leakage		
12. Identity Theft		12. Identity Theft		
13. Information Leakage		13. Cryptojacking		<b>NEW</b>
14. Exploit Kits		14. Ransomware		
15. Cyber Espionage		15. Cyber Espionage		

This table is sourced from the European Networking and Information Security Agency publication, ENISA Threat Landscape Report 2018, published in 2019.

Trends	Ranking
Declining	Going up
Stable	Going down
Increasing	Same

## Legal risk management – a plentiful toolkit, but no magic bullets

From a business perspective, the ideal outcome would be to eliminate cybersecurity risk entirely. However, two things are clear. First, there is no panacea for the diverse and ever evolving range of threats that exists.

Second, there is no such thing as zero risk. Businesses must therefore design and implement plans that are focused on risk management and minimisation.



# Our experience

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## **A U.S.-based global bank**

on developing a pro-active strategy for responding to cyber-attacks, including participation in wargames and preparation of court papers for the purpose of pursuing remedies through the courts.

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## **A global financial services group**

on an electronic denial of service attack set up by a former customer combined with threats and other offences.

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## **A major UK retailer**

on responding to a data breach perpetrated by an employee, including liaison with the ICO and other law enforcement authorities.

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## **A leading provider of financial messaging services**

on the legal aspects of the security of its global network, including provision of penetration testing by third party vendors.

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## **A fund manager**

on an assessment of its approach to cyber-risk management, including a training programme targeting all levels of the organisation.

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## **An international bank**

on the legal risks associated with taking private action against attacks on its online banking platform co-ordinated by botnets.

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## **Toyota Motor Europe**

on the review of data retention and encryption issues relating to the IT security policy code of Toyota Motor Europe.

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## **A global bank**

on assessing its risk of different modes of cyber-attacks from different actors/jurisdictions.

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## **An online services provider**

in relation to third party disclosure applications, requesting customer information for asset-tracing purposes. We successfully defended a number of these Norwich Pharmacal applications on behalf of our client.

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## **A media organisation**

on freedom of information request and related regulatory and communications issues and reputation management aspects following a widely publicised attack on its networks.

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## **A global provider of service solutions**

to the power generation industry, on data privacy issues in connection with the rollout of data loss prevent software. This advice covers 18 jurisdictions.

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## **A major international hedge fund**

in relation to the hacking and theft of highly valuable confidential information and trading strategies by a rogue employee. This was a critical case for the client and involved civil and criminal proceedings in multiple jurisdictions to ensure that the breach was controlled and the employee extradited for criminal trial.

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## **An international bank**

on cyber-attacks co-ordinated by botnets (in particular, fraudsters infecting customers' computers with trojans which hid on their computers until the customer navigated to the online banking website, and subsequently client information was captured and uploaded by malware to a "dropzone").

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## **Several Luxembourg financial sector actors**

(including banks and electronic payment services providers) on the approach to be taken in responding to a data breach affecting customer data from both a banking regulatory and data protection law perspective.

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## **AVG Technologies**

a computer security software provider, on the USD60m acquisition of Privax, a leading global provider of desktop and mobile privacy services for consumers and parent company of innovative VPN provider HideMyAss.

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## **A life sciences company**

on the implementation of various cyber-defence tools, including software tools, managed services and other solutions.

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## **An emerging markets telecommunications firm**

in investigating potential cybersecurity breach and theft of confidential information.

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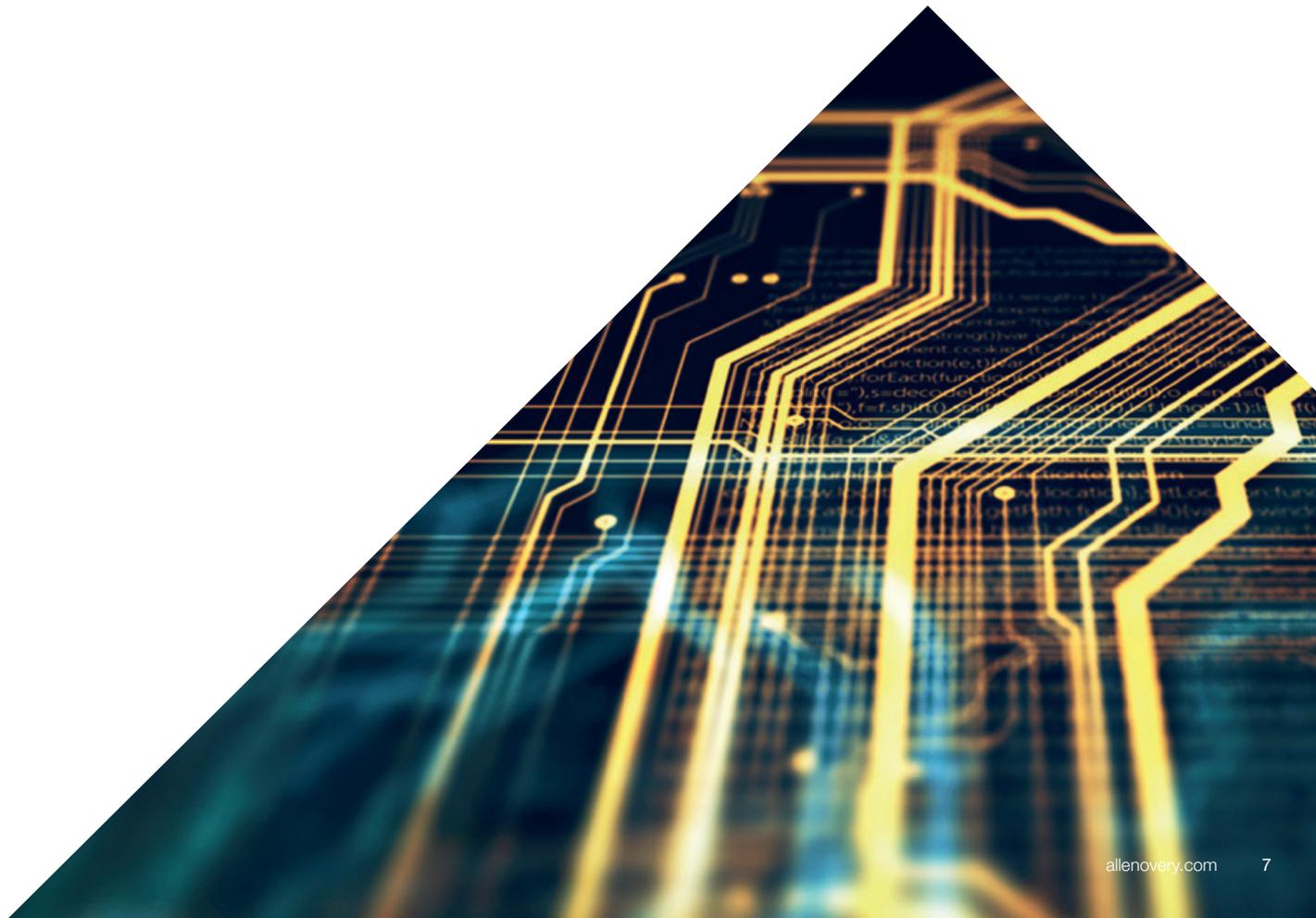
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