

Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) Cyber Due Diligence

Trusted Cyber Due Diligence
for Buyers & Sellers



Overview

Global M&A activity fluctuates year to year, influenced by factors from macroeconomics to regional tech trends. 2025 forecasts a steady uptick in global deal-making, but as businesses become increasingly reliant on technology, data and connectivity, the importance of identifying hidden cyber risks and potential threats only takes on ever greater importance.

Recent cases show that uncovering a major data breach or vulnerability during acquisition can slash deal value, disrupt negotiations, or even halt the process entirely. This underscores the need, both for the buyer and the seller, for expert cyber advisors to be embedded in the due diligence process, ensuring no risk goes unnoticed.

Similarly, strengthening cybersecurity across a portfolio of acquired companies isn't just about risk mitigation, it's a driver of value creation. When cybersecurity is treated as a strategic asset rather than a defensive measure, it can make all the difference at the point of divestment.

Our services

M&A engagements can take many forms and your requirements could change from one to the next. The table below offers a guide of what our clients value at each stage, but we'll always design a programme of work based on your specific requirements.

Key benefits

Eyes wide open to cyber risks, from day zero

Due diligence can begin long before formal negotiations take place. We help you conduct early reconnaissance to identify potential red flags that could influence your next steps, ensuring you enter negotiations with full awareness of cyber risks.

Expert support from the data room to the boardroom

Our multidisciplinary team of technical specialists and cyber risk advisors work closely with all stakeholders, ensuring critical insights and findings are effectively communicated to decision-makers. From the data room to the boardroom, we provide the intelligence you need to make informed decisions.

Your long-term partner in value creation

Cyber threats don't stop once the deal is done, and neither do we. Post-acquisition, we work with you to strengthen cybersecurity, mitigate risks, and enhance long-term value, ensuring security becomes a strategic asset, not just a compliance exercise.

Cyber Due Diligence Throughout the M&A Lifecycle				
Scanning the Market	Engagement	During Transaction	Post-Transaction	Long-Term Value Creation
Cyber Risk Profiling	Cyber Risk Assessment	Technical Assessment, Penetration Testing & Code Review	Urgent Risk Remediation Strategy & Code Review Timelines	Acquired Portfolio Management and Governance
Targeted Online Exposure Assessment & Assessment Monitoring	Compromise Assessment	Cyber Governance, Policy & Compliance Review	Align Security Controls Cyber Maturity & Policies	Cyber Maturity Dashboarding & Improvement
Sector Specific Threat Landscape Analysis		Third Party & Supply Chain Risk	Legacy Vulnerability Resolution	Managed Threat Detection & Response Services
		Quantified Cyber Risk Reporting	Digital Forensics & Incident Response Retained Services	Software Escrow Services
End to End Executive Level Advisory & Reporting				



NCC Group has been helping clients navigate complex M&A deals for over 20 years. Our global M&A Due Diligence team combines deep technical expertise with scale, enabling us to handle deals of any size, from specialised product assessments to multi-billion dollar acquisitions. As your trusted security partner, we support every stage of a deal from initial research through to post-deal integration, security enhancement and organisational resilience.”

Chris Anley

Chief Scientist and M&A Expert, NCC Group

About NCC Group

At NCC Group, we combine over 25 years of cyber security and M&A experience to deliver fast, high-impact insights under tight deadlines. We offer tailored services for different deal sizes and complexities, supporting you throughout the acquisition lifecycle—from market scanning to portfolio risk management. Trusted by strategic clients, we work with buyers, sellers, brokers, and legal teams to manage risks, protect value, and ensure successful outcomes.

Experience

Over two decades providing cyber expertise to some of the largest and most complex acquisitions in the technology sector.

Breadth of capability

Our diverse portfolio addresses the broad range of challenges and considerations which are inherent to the M&A lifecycle.

Agile & responsive

M&A often requires a swift response and the ability to pivot quickly to meet deadlines.

Global and regional capabilities

We operate across all continents and can support acquisitions of all sizes.

Cross-vertical

M&A drives growth across all industries and sectors, and we work with clients across each of these.

Trusted advisors

Reliable guidance and cyber risk expertise when you need it most.

From scanning the market to unlocking post-deal value, we embed cyber due diligence at every stage of the M&A lifecycle.

Our experts are here to help you.

Speak to us today about protecting your investment and powering confident decision-making.

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