

**Subject Line:** 72% of portfolio companies experience cyberattacks

Hi there,

A 2025 survey by cybersecurity consultants S-RM found that [72% of portfolio companies have experienced a cybersecurity attack in the last three years alone](#). Even more alarming, parent companies may not be aware of ongoing cybersecurity weaknesses, as only 65% of PortCos have requirements to report cyber events.

### **Why are portfolio companies attractive targets?**

Portfolio companies often have fewer cybersecurity resources and less mature practices than their PE parent companies.

During acquisitions and IT system changes, there is greater confusion among portfolio company employees about how to securely share access to IT systems and financial data. They're receiving requests to use unfamiliar systems and are eager to provide the PE firm with all required information. These chaotic periods provide an environment where social engineering, phishing, and email attacks thrive.

Due to inconsistent cybersecurity controls, attackers view these companies as easy targets to gain access to investor data and proprietary information long after acquisition. They then use this data to demand ransoms, threaten reputational damage, and potentially manipulate markets. 51% of asset managers feel unprepared to recover from a ransomware attack, according to an Omega Systems survey reported on in [CFO.com](#).

### **PE Firms are also high-value targets**

Insight Partners, a private equity and venture capital firm with investments in over 800 companies, experienced a [cybersecurity attack](#) in January 2025. While the attacker was kicked out on the same day, investigations can last weeks and sensitive data was likely exposed.

### **How can you protect your portfolio?**

The first step in improving your cybersecurity posture across your portfolio is auditing the practices, maturity, and risks at each PortCo.

Our [PortCo Cyber Defense](#) service measures 20 key security indicators using a sliding scale that aligns risk severity and mitigation prioritization with your business objectives. Your PortCo's IT team will gain the knowledge needed to make informed decisions about when and how to implement changes to mitigate risks.

Ready to learn more? We offer free consultations; just reply or call me at 720.999.3199.

Best regards,

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