M&A AND PRIVATE EQUITY

M&A Cybersecurity Due Diligence

For acquirers and private equity: at each deal stage we do only what is lawful and authorised, then hunt for existing compromise before any network, identity, data, tooling or device join.

Gate
BEFORE EVERY JOIN

Tri-party
TARGET AUTHORISES TESTING

Deal lever
NO VALUATION FIGURES

Two reports
DEAL TEAM & ENGINEERS

What we assess

Before signing
Passive review of public and licensed sources, then data room and interviews; answers marked verified, target-asserted or unanswered.

Before closing
Work the target authorises and counsel clears; you see a cleared summary via a clean team. The target keeps all operational decisions.

After close, before any join
A hunt for existing compromise in identity, edge, endpoints, cloud, SaaS and data stores, then gate conditions evidenced per join.

What you get

- ✓ A deal-team summary: the lever each finding may bear on
- ✓ A restricted technical annex for security engineers
- ✓ A compromise assessment with a plain coverage statement
- ✓ A gate evidence pack and recommendation for each join
- ✓ A 100-day plan sized in effort bands, never in currency
- ✓ Sponsors: the same measures, every company, every year
- ✓ Failed deal: evidence destroyed, confirmed to the target

How it works

1. Screen sector and conflicts; map who must authorise what
2. Passive outside-in look, then data room and interviews
3. Confirm what the target authorises; hunt after close
4. Evidence each join for your decision; then a 100-day plan

A good fit if

- ✓ You are buying a company and plan to join its network, identity, data, tools or devices to yours.
- ✓ You are a private equity sponsor wanting the same method and format on every deal and add-on.
- ✓ Your deal team needs to know which deal lever each finding bears on — not a generic report.
- ✓ You are selling and want your estate assessed and its security evidence ready before bidders ask.

Probably not, if

- × You need an audit, attestation, clean bill of health, valuation or legal opinion — we give findings.
- × You want the target tested without its written authorisation, or to direct its operations before close.
- × The target is a defence, aerospace, government-contractor or public-sector business.

How we engage

Priced per phase
Each phase is scoped and priced before it starts. No hourly meter running.

Senior-led
The practitioner who scopes the work does the work and writes the report.

Plain language
A plain summary for the deal team; technical detail in a restricted annex.

One side per deal
We act for one party to a deal: never buyer and seller, never two bidders.

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