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# What to expect today

Overview of how S&P Global Ratings embeds cyber risks in our analysis: Governance and stakeholder trust as key themes

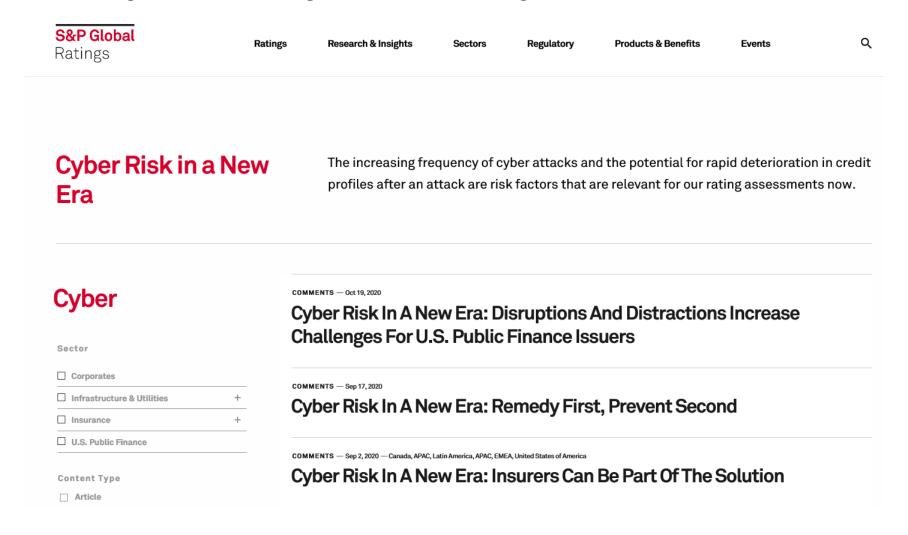
2 Results from a quantitative study of historic cyber data breaches

External insights provided by Erin Kenneally Director of Cyber Risk Analytics, Guidewire-Cyence



# Cyber Insights: Single Point Of Contact

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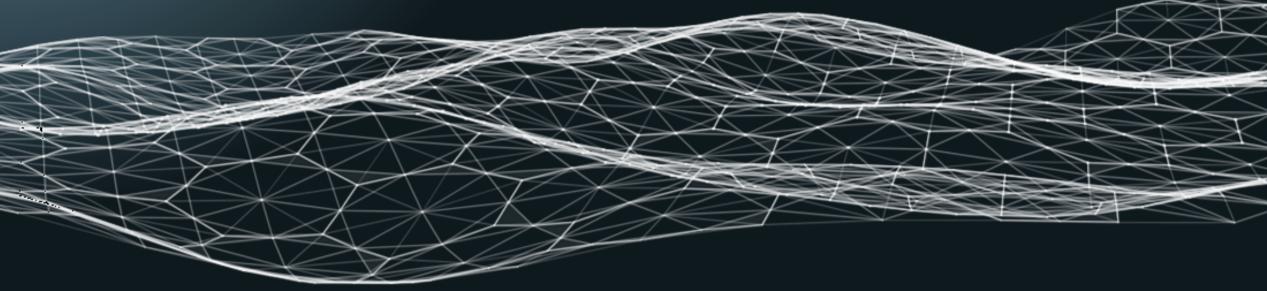
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# **Cyber Risk Insights**

Lead with Data. Follow the Tech.



**Erin Kenneally | Director Cyber Risk Analytics | Guidewire-Cyence** 





### **Human Element**

- **Phishing**
- BEC
- Scams
- - **Drive-by Download**
  - **Malvertising**
  - **Exploit kits**



- Password re-use
- Weak credentials
- Vulnerabilities, Misconfigurations
- Supply chain attacks
- **Active Network Attacks**
- **Privilege Misuse**
- **Misinformation**
- **Fileless attacks**





Hacking Kits



19B



\$6T/yr



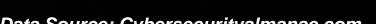
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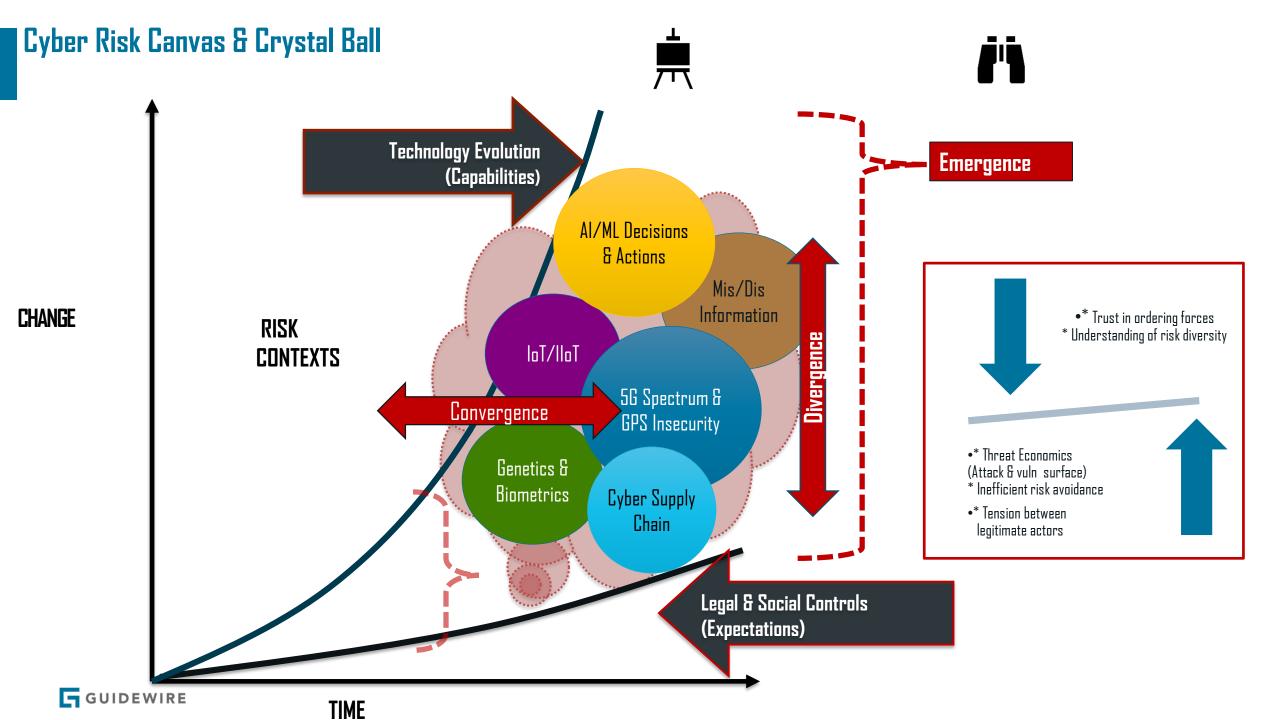




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### **Cyber Risk Sensemaking**





**Data Types** 

**Data Points** 

**Resolutions** 

**Metrics &** Measures



Proprietary



Private



Open Source



Firmographics



Outside-In





Threats



Process & Policy



Incidents



SPF Configurations



**Cloud Service Providers** 



**DNS** Leakage



Malicious Indicators



Patching Cadence



1000+



**Bad Activity** 



Infrastructure



Perimeter Posture



Risky Tech



**External Presence** 



Cyber Supply Chain



Risk Rating



Peer Comparison



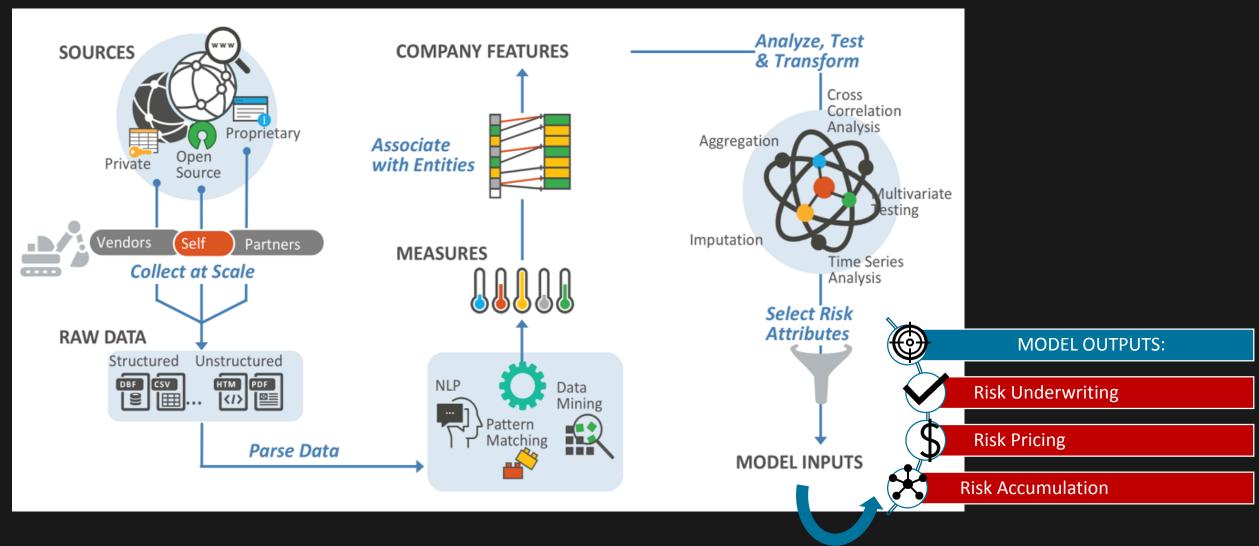
Accumulation Models Loss Models





←Company/Portfolio→

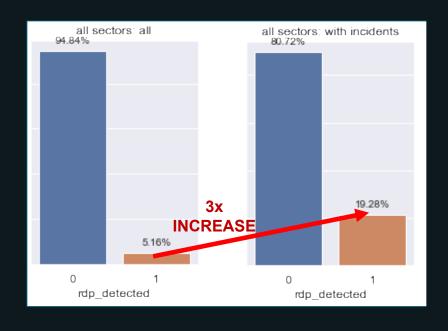
# **Cyber Risk Sensemaking Under the Hood**

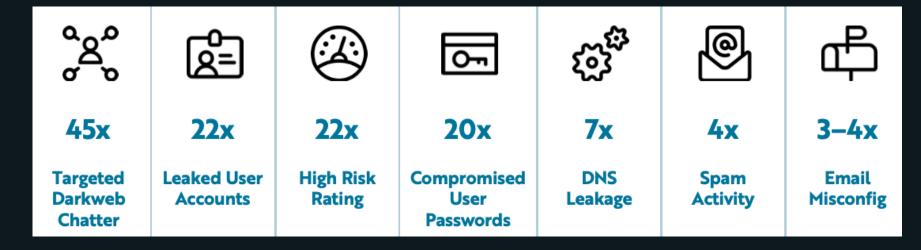


## Data to Assess Risk: Exposure Signals & Perils



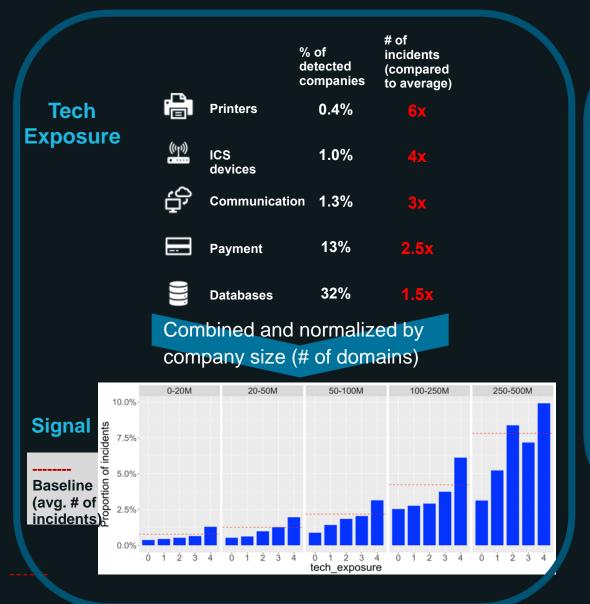
- How to identify if a company is at a higher risk of Ransomware attack?
- Exposure Signal: Proven correlation between having Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP) exposed & Ransomware incidents
- The likelihood of a company having a Ransomware incident increases by over 3x if they've had RDP exposed





## **Data to Select Risk: Exposure Signals Combined**





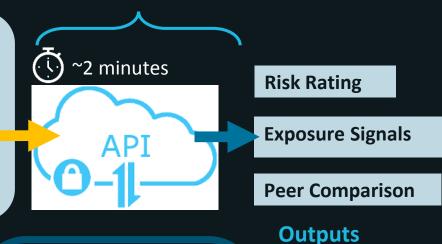


## Data to Price Risk: Quick Quotes & Loss Modeling

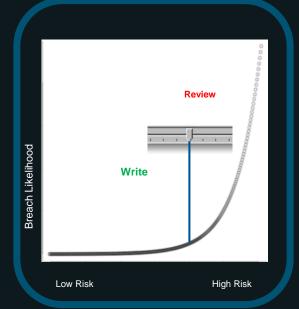
### Price Risks Quickly

#### **SME Firmographics:**

- Company Name
- Website
- Revenue
- Employee Count
- Industry
- Country



**Inputs** 



### **Price Risks by Coverage**

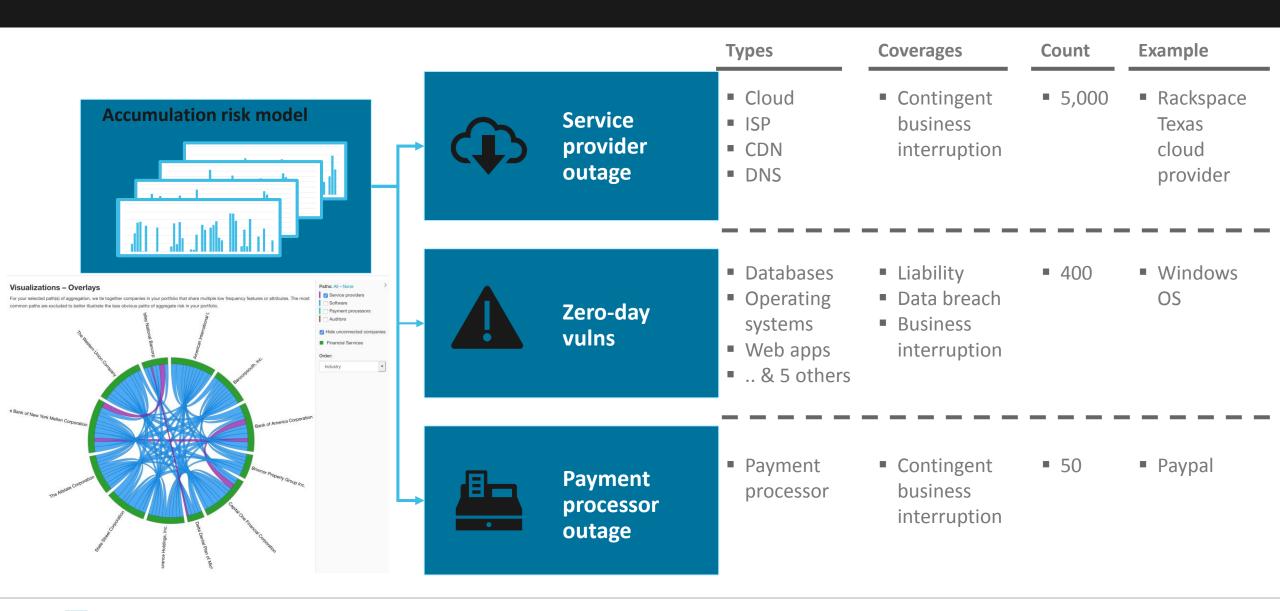


#### Exceedance probability curve

| Average annual loss ②            | \$17,142,038 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Liability                        | \$540,995    |
| First party breach costs         | \$7,230,164  |
| Business interruption            | \$3,898,426  |
| Contingent business interruption | \$5,472,454  |



## **Data to Understand Risk Accumulation**







# Navigate what's next.

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# Cyber Risk In A New Era Cyber Risk Analytics – Cyber In Ratings



# Methodologies

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## **Overview | Cyber In Ratings Analysis - FAQs**

Is considering cyber risk a new development at S&P Global Ratings?

**No.** We published our first substantive commentaries on the emerging importance of Cyber Risk to issuer creditworthiness as far back as June 2015 in articles such as:

Corporate ratings: Cyber Risk And Corporate Credit (6/9/2015)

Financial Institutions: U.S. Financial Services Credit Ratings Are Resilient To Cyber US Public

Finance Security--For Now (6/9/2015)

USPF, Corporate Should Cyber Threats Scare You? Public Finance, Utilities,

And Infrastructure Roundtable Asks (12/6/2018)

And more recently, we identified key aspects of issuer Governance we consider when considering cyber risk management in articles such as:

US Public Finance Cyber Risk Management For U.S. Municipal Utilities Should Be Routine And

Requires Vigilance And Flexibility (2/3/2020)



## **Overview | Cyber In Ratings Analysis - FAQs**

Where would or could cyber risk appear in S&P Global Ratings analysis?

We consider cyber risk through the lens of ESG.

While sometimes resulting from Environmental considerations, and sometimes due to Social considerations, we view cyber risk as first and foremost a Governance consideration in our corporate, insurance, financial institutions, infrastructure and government ratings analysis.

- Because cyber risk is typically reflective of the susceptibility of an issuer to a successful cyber-attack and of the motivation of those outside the company to executing a cyber-attack, we consider the issuer's focus on and commitment to cyber-defense and what we sometimes call 'good cyber-hygiene'.
- While each team considers issuer cyber risk management from its sector specific focus, our questions and issuer management practice often reflects aspects of the NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology)
   Framework Core:
  - Identify
  - Protect
  - Detect
  - Respond
  - Recover



# **Overview | Cyber In Ratings Analysis - FAQs**

Where else would or could cyber risk appear in S&P Global Ratings analysis?

In our corporate, insurance, financial institutions, infrastructure and government ratings analysis, cyber risk could appear in one or more of the following:

- Perceived or real risk of potential successful cyber-attack may weaken
  - Business or Enterprise Position or Risk due to weakened client confidence and competitive position
  - Funding due to weakened confidence of capital providers
- Successful attacks may cause swings in:
  - Capital, Cash Flow and/or Earnings
  - Liquidity

We view cyber risk as similar to Event Risk. Cyber-attacks, like any event risk, can pressure liquidity and operational balance, and can further create contingent liabilities.

We do not model cyber risk events as a base case, but we actively assess operational risks and controls. We may consider the potential financial impact of cyber-attack, of additional costs and losses after a cyber-attack, and we do have access to the Guidewire platform's for additional insight.



## **U.S. Public Finance**

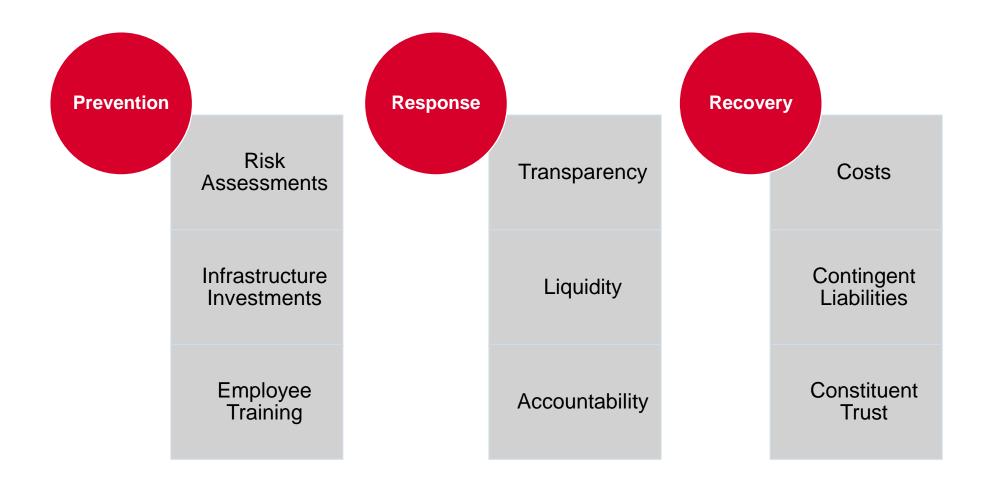
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# **USPF** | Immediate Liquidity Risk – Long-term Credit Risk

- Cyber related risks are likely to become greater in public finance before they are mitigated
- The very nature of public finance attracts criminals
- Revenue declines driven by the pandemic make it hard for governments to counter the cyber threat
- Professionalism of the cybercriminals is giving the attackers a current advantage
  - Additionally periods of disruption are times when attacks could occur
- Although each cyberattack is an event that could affect credit, the recurring nature and impact on public trust is potentially a greater risk to public finance

# **USPF** | Immediate Liquidity Risk – Long-term Credit Risk





# **USPF | Cyber Risk As An ESG Consideration**

Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors are key features embedded in credit analysis. Environmental and social events can be drivers for cybercriminal actions; however, in U.S. public finance, we view cyber risk mitigation mainly as a governance opportunity.



**E** – Cybercriminals use environmental disasters as cover for attacks. They expect an entity's focus will be elsewhere or it will pay quickly to remove the cyber risk. Emergency planning for both natural disasters and cyberattacks can help maintain credit quality.



**S** – In some cases, public finance issuers make decisions to protect their enities that could elicit an emotional response leading to hacktivist actions. These attacks could have the long-term effect of causing reputational damage, should the attacks be seen as avoidable. Hacktivist attacks are not typically motivated by money, but simply aim to send a message.



G - We believe the inability to minimize cyber vulnerability illustrates poor risk management and failure to develop a long-term strategy for protective measures. This could lead to headline risk and negatively affect credit quality. Conversely, a proactive approach to planning and prevention, and maintaining good cyber hygiene can support our view of strong governance.

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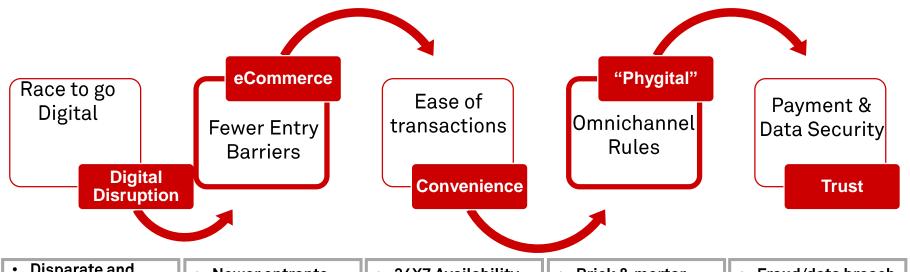
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# **Corporate Ratings**

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## **Corporates | Vital To Adopt A Holistic Approach In A Digital World**



- Disparate and legacy systems
- Processes not fully fit for purpose
- Newer entrants
- Brands equity -Trust amid choice
- 24X7 Availability
- Interconnected value chain, Automation & Al
- Brick & mortar ops & digital function in sync
- Outsourcing is inevitable
- Fraud/data breach is costly
- Loss of customer trust is often > Monetary fines

Credit Impact

- > Business Risk: Well managed and secure systems can drive Competitive advantage and Operating efficiency, while operations and profits can be significantly impacted in the event of a cyber incident/attack.
- Financial Risk: Ongoing need to invest (often when cash flows are pressured) is a challenge for smaller & leveraged companies; Loss of earnings, fines and remediation opex and capex can impact financial position and liquidity.
- ➤ Management and Governance: Cyber risk resilience and incident management speaks to effectiveness of risk management, internal controls, operating efficiency & communication of messages.

# **Insurance Ratings**

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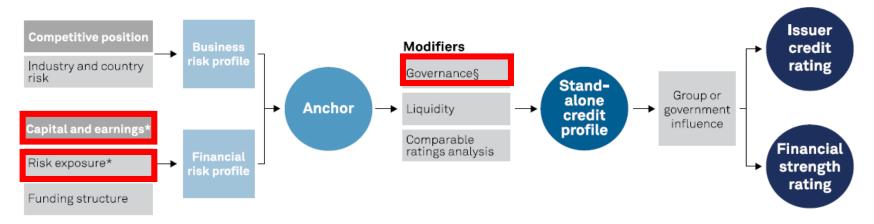


## **Insurance | 2-Sided Approach**

### Where is cyber captured in our analytics?

- Direct exposure considered within our wider assessment of governance. This assessment applies to all insurers regardless of whether they offer cyber insurance protection.
- Governance includes a focus on risk culture and also how internal procedures, policies and practices can create or mitigate risk, including operational risks.
- Cyber risks as part of the business model of some insurers in providing cyber protection this is captured in our capital modelling and also in our assessment of potential earnings and balance sheet volatility (capital & risk exposure assessment).

#### Insurance Criteria Framework





<sup>\*</sup>Factors most likely to include consideration of cyber risks as an underwriting and technical insurance risk. §Governance includes the management and handling of an insurer's own operational cyber risks, Copyright © 2020 by Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, All rights reserved.

### **Insurance | Increasing Impact Of Cyber Risks In Our Insurance Ratings**

#### Future risks on the horizon to watch:

- 1) Too rapid an **expansion into cyber exposure** without sufficient risk and pricing considerations.
- 2) Insurers underestimate the importance of associated cyber services for their policyholders, such as prevention measures, crisis management and legal advice when underwriting cyber insurance. Such cyber services strongly correlate with lower cyber claim payments.
- 3) Reputational damage or loss of confidence following potential outage of systems from cyber events such that policyholders can't transact in an increasingly digital insurance world or insurers fail to protect the sensitive data of their stakeholders.

# Type of an event for a ratings or outlook impact on an insurance company:

- We detect a material increase in risk exposure

   (accumulation risk, higher policy values) or an increase in capital requirements by writing cyber insurance on a larger scale.
- 2) A large scale global cyber event occurs for those insurers which provide cyber insurance which may combine with other events or expand to require payouts for perils potentially in scope of coverage such as business interruption, leading to a material capital event.
- Our cyber risk analysis highlights wider governance deficiencies prior to a cyber event or potentially failure to extract risk management learnings from previous attacks.

## **Financial Institutions**

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# Financial Institutions | Cyber Risks and Bank Ratings

### Where is cyber captured in our analytics?

We believe that banks are clear targets for cyber-attacks, since they usually have a lot of sensitive customer data. A successful cyber attack on a bank could cause reputational, legal and monetary damages.

#### General focus area:

 We look at the bank's ability to manage and prevent cyber risks as a part of our broader risk management and governance assessment. We consider the bank's inability to manage and control cyber risks could weaken its overall risk profile.

#### If a successful attack occurred:

- Successful cyber-attacks may impair customer loyalty and expose the bank to franchise volatility and unstable earnings.
- Reputational damages from cyber events may result in the loss of customer confidence and cause the outflow of clients' funds.
- Potential losses from cyber events, as well as possible regulatory fines, could hurt bank's profitability and capital.

We can also capture cyber-risks as a part of our system-wide banking sector analysis in a given country, in cases when the banking industry as a whole suffers from a series of repeated, serious breaches of security.

# Financial Institutions | Cyber Risks and Bank Ratings

### Case study

In February 2019, Bank of Valetta suffered from an attack targeting its international payment system. We viewed that as another challenge for the bank to defend its reputation and to prove its IT and compliance monitoring tools are robust and efficient.

At that stage, the bank's ratings were already on negative outlook, reflecting the risk that its ongoing litigation cases could tarnish its reputation and ultimately affect its business and financial profiles. The cyber attack was another setback the bank had to overcome. In July 2019, we have downgraded the bank from BBB/Neg/A-2 to BBB-/Stable/A-3 on increased doubts regarding the robustness of the bank's operational risk management.

### Summary

Although the bank's vulnerability to cyber risks is rarely the single factor for a rating movement, exposure to cyber risks, losses from attacks and management's track record can be one of the decisive factors for any rating outcome.

## **Structured Finance**

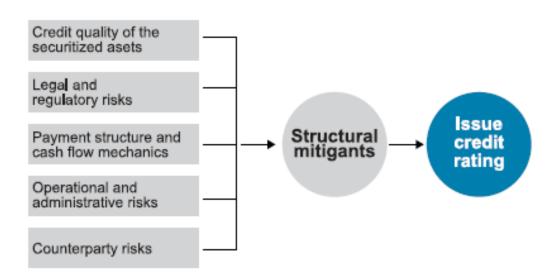
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# Structured Finance | Cyber Typically An Indirect Risk

### Where is cyber captured in our analytics?

- Cyber risks are typically indirect exposures for structured finance transactions. Given that issuers are
  established as special purpose entities (SPE), cyber threats are more likely to impact one of the related
  transaction parties, such as the originator or servicer.
- We consider cyber risks as a governance credit factor under our ESG framework.
- We believe consumer receivables would be more exposed to potential legal or regulatory action following a data breach than commercial receivables.





# Methodologies

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## **Key Takeaways And Companies Included**

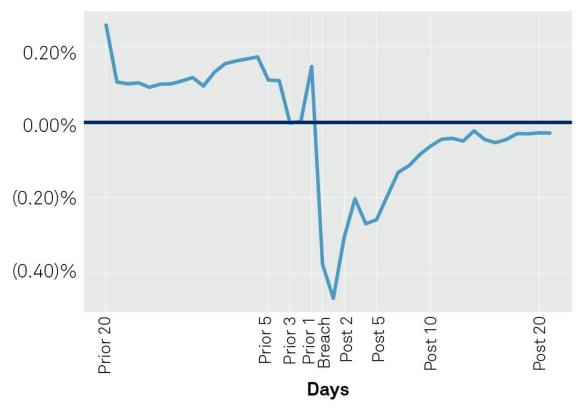
- We analysed cyberattacks (data breaches) since 2007 to 2019 for 32 rated companies for a total of 41 events—as reported on Google News.
- We found that the data breaches didn't have a lasting effect on revenue and EBITDA.
- However, they may weaken equity prices and widen credit default swap spreads in the short term.
- The study does not cover non data breach cyber events the analysis of which may lead to a different conclusion.
- Cyber events may impact credit worthiness if material and expose previously undetected governance weaknesses.
- Technology: Apple, Adobe, Microsoft, Sony, T-Mobile, Vodafone, and Verizon.
- Financial Institutions: Citigroup, Capital One, First American Financial, JPMorgan Chase, and Wells Fargo.
- Corporates: Anthem, Boeing, Community Health Systems, Delta, Equifax, Quest Diagnostics, Disney, eBay, Global Payments, Home Depot, Health Net, Marriott, Rite Aid, Staples, Target, TJ Maxx, Under Armour, Walmart, and British Airways.

## **Findings**

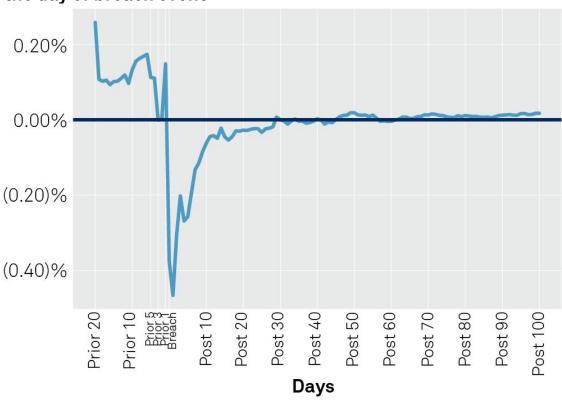
- **Equity prices:** Most data breach events cause a drop in equity prices after the event has been reported in the news, which rebound and normalize in subsequent weeks.
- **CDS spreads:** Some data breach events may cause a rise in spreads after the event is reported, which normalize in subsequent weeks.
- **Financial ratios:** We did not see clear evidence of quarterly deterioration when analyzing the impact on revenue and EBITDA. Due to the nature of quarterly reporting, that may give time for companies to mitigate any effects on financials.
- We found only half of the events in the studied sample in filings to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

# The Average Equity Price Return Was Close To -0.5% The Day After Data Breach Event

## The average equity price return 20 days before and after the day of breach event



The average equity price return 20 days before and 100 days after the day of breach event



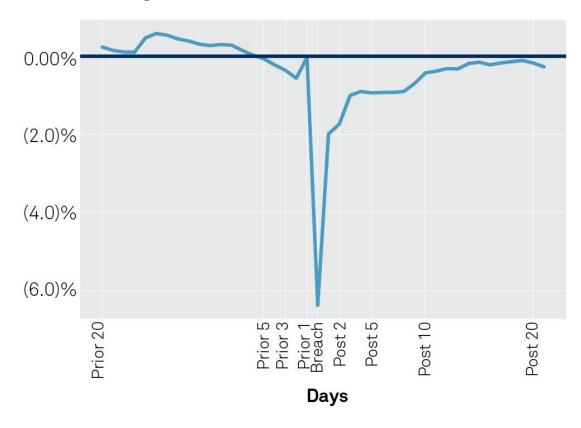
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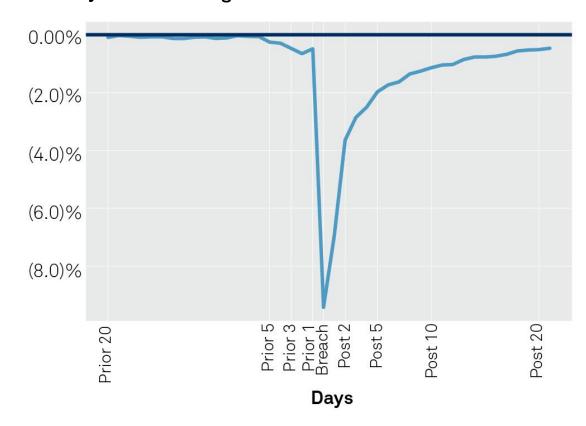


# Marriott And Global Payments Showed The Largest Drops In Equity Price Returns, During the Breach Events

#### Marriott – average abnormal stock return



#### Global Payments – average abnormal stock return



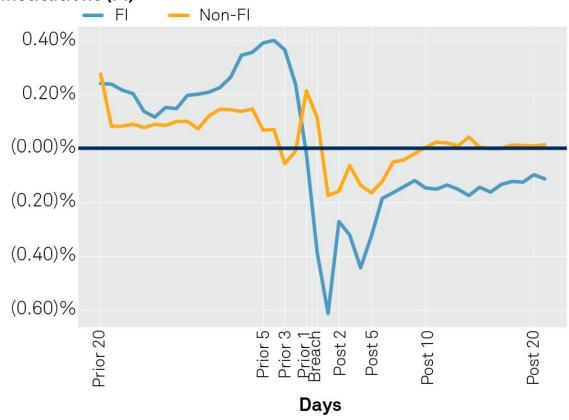
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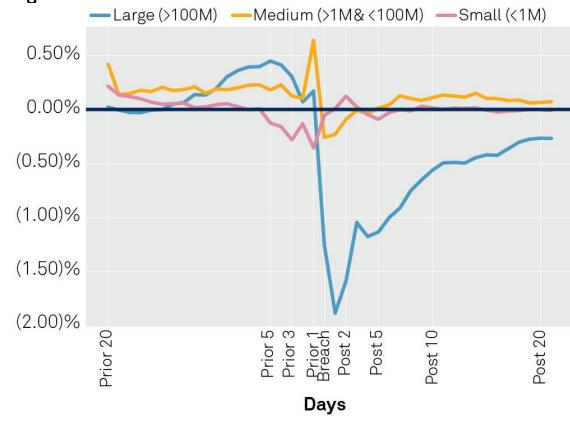
# Large Breaches And The Financial Institutions Sector Experienced Sharper Declines

## Equity price returns declined more sharply for financial institutions (FI)



Source: Compustat, S&P Global Market Intelligence.

## Equity price returns declined more sharply for companies with large breaches

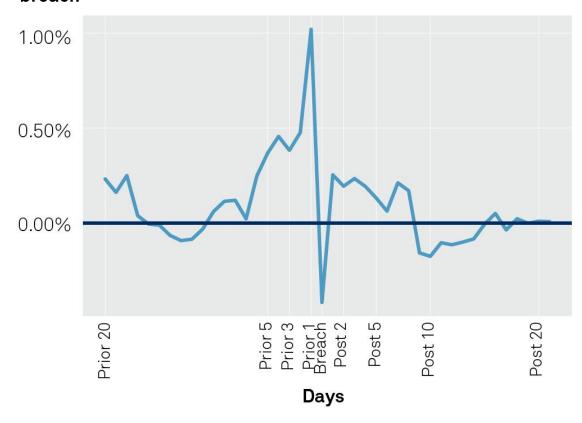


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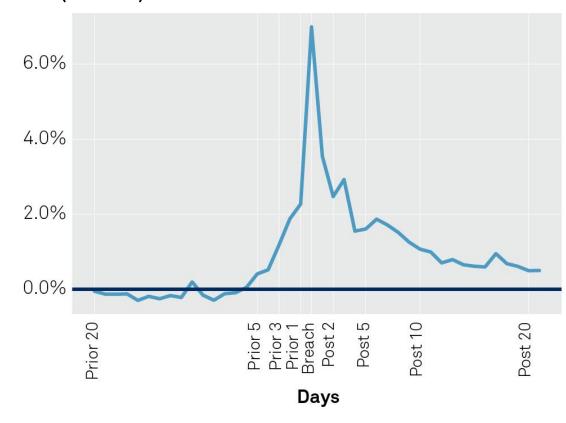
### CDS Spreads Widen 0.2% On Average One Day After Data Breach

## CDS spread percent changes 20 days prior and after day of data breach



CDS data was available for 20 events (17 companies). Source: S&P Global Ratings, Intercontinental Exchange Credit Market Analysis (ICE CMA)

## CDS spread percent changes 20 days prior and after day of data breach (Marriott)

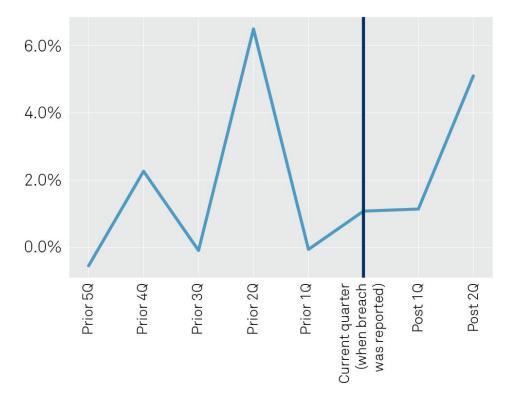


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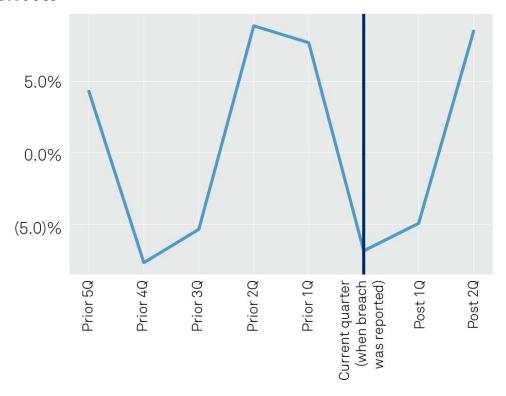
# We See No Clear Evidence Of Declines In Quarterly Revenue Attributed To Data Breaches

Average quarterly revenue changes in the five quarters prior and two quarters after the data breach



The average above is based on 35 events with quarterly data. Source: S&P Global Ratings

Some companies saw revenue decline in the quarter of the data breach and subsequent quarter, but those could be seasonal effects



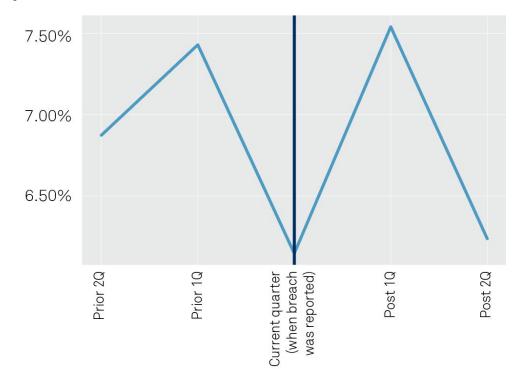
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# We See No Clear Relationship Between Year-On-Year Changes In Quarterly Revenue And Data Breach Events

- On average, returns remained positive, but some companies saw declines in revenue.
- We believe companies that handle cyberattacks well can manage and maintain revenue in the aftermath of an attack.

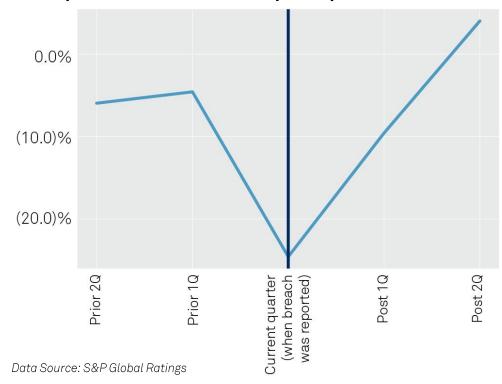
## Average changes in quarterly revenue are non-negative year on year



The average above is based on 36 events. Data Source: S&P Global Ratings

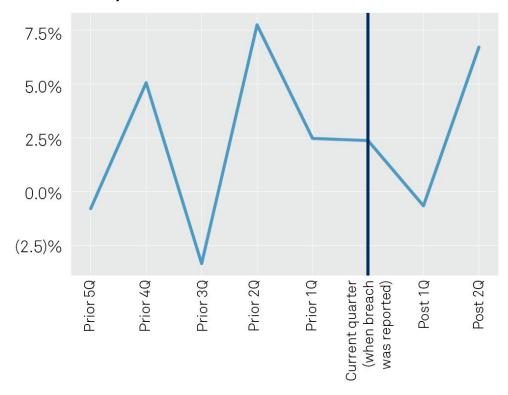
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## Some companies saw drops in revenue in the quarter the breach was reported and in the subsequent quarter



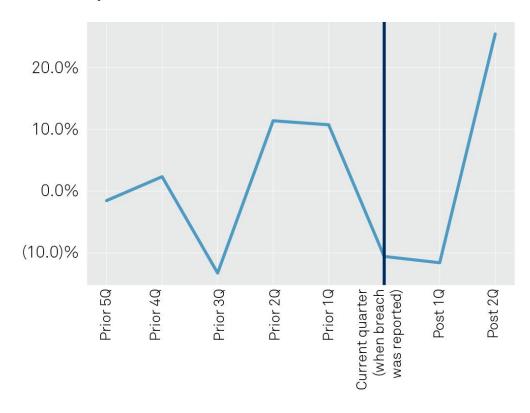
# We See No Clear Negative Relationship Between Quarterly Changes In EBITDA And Data Breaches

## Average changes in quarterly EBITDA in the five quarters before and the two quarters after the data breach



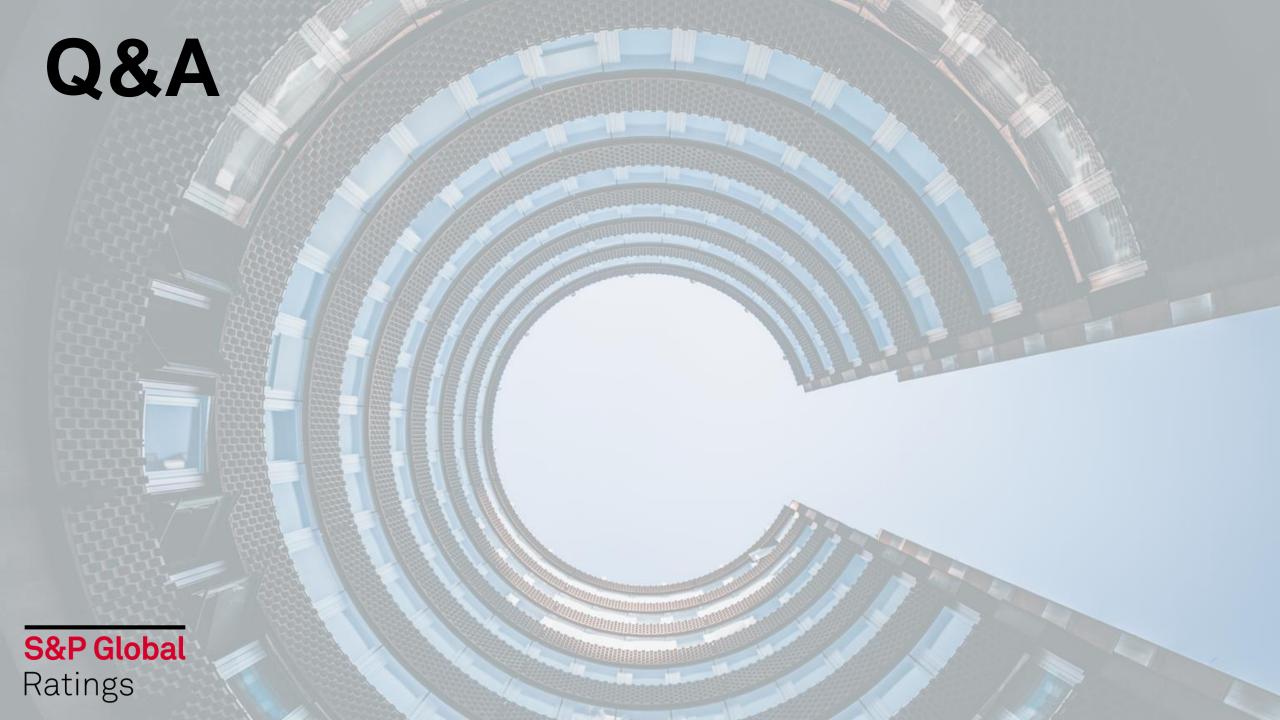
The average above is based on 29 events with quarterly data. Selected outliers are excluded. Data Source: S&P Global Ratings

## Some companies saw drops in EBITDA in the quarter of the breach and one quarter after, but those could be seasonal effects



Data Source: S&P Global Ratings





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