

Cybersecurity: the question is not if you will be hacked, but when

What do I need to know?

The investment fund industry is exposed to specific risks : with their significant assets under management, investment funds are an interesting target for a hacker involvement of multiple actors, all interconnected, strongly relying on digitalisation



Why is this important for me?

The board of directors is potentially liable if it has not taken all reasonable measures that a normally prudent and diligent board would have taken to protect the fund against cyberattacks

It is impossible to completely eliminate the risks, but the board must use appropriate efforts to limit these risks as far as possible



What should I do?

The board cannot remain passive, hoping that no incident will occur. The board must ensure that the firm is prepared, that it has a response plan readily available in case of an incident.

- Have you put in place strategies, policies and procedures to limit the likelihood of an incident to occur?
- Is cybersecurity an integral part of the due diligence process on your delegate service providers?
- Which actions plans have you set up to determine what happens in case of an incident?
- Do all key persons know what they have to do in case of an attack?
- Are your systems and action plans tested on a regular basis?
- Is cybersecurity a standing item on the agenda of your board meetings?

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