

IDC MarketScape

# IDC MarketScape: Worldwide Cybersecurity Risk Management Services 2023 Vendor Assessment

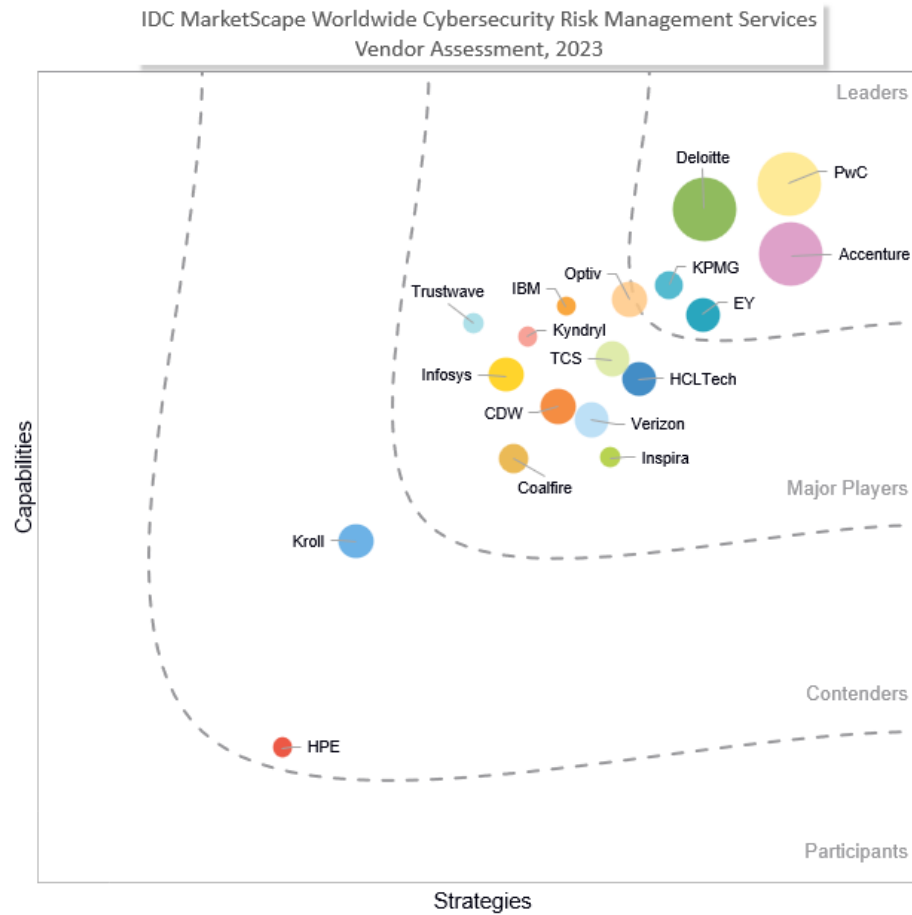
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## IDC MARKETSCAPE FIGURE

FIGURE 1

### IDC MarketScape Worldwide Cybersecurity Risk Management Services Vendor Assessment



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Please see the Appendix for detailed methodology, market definition, and scoring criteria.

## IN THIS EXCERPT

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## IDC OPINION

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Cybersecurity risk management (CRM) services continue to evolve not only in value-added service offerings but with making CRM a key component in overall business risk management. This set of services can play a role as a strategic capability enabling organizations to highlight threats and the risks they pose to the organization and drive this strategic capability into ongoing business strategy. This set of services can also provide a tactical escalation of real risks posed to the organization that require immediate risk treatment in a responsible way. Essentially, this service establishes a life cycle of CRM from risk identification to risk closure telling the story along the way to other key stakeholders, informing them these risks have been managed effectively and responsibly.

Within this CRM life cycle, there have been several notable enhancements including standardized assessment and programmatic frameworks, risk quantification, and continuous CRM that are now more a reality and less a dream; elevation to the C-suite and boards of directors and a main topic of concern and discussion; and proprietary and COTS solutions that automate much of the tedious and laborious activities that most always brought news of risks late.

Cybersecurity buyers continue to examine and view CRM from a strategic, business, and industry viewpoint – the right direction and context – to understand how they can be proactive and demonstrate a trusted brand. Cybersecurity buyer priorities include relieving the cumbersome and tedious nature of identifying, prioritizing, and remediating risks; conducting both control and maturity assessments; creating reports that speak to executives in financial terms; tracking risks from identification to closure; having a complete CRM program; and quantifying risks. Many struggle to understand their current state and are unclear how to proceed and make poor buying choices without understanding their complete risk posture, prioritizing these risks over time, and what the total cost of ownership is. Some CRM service providers are stepping up to aid such organizations in solving these challenges.

IDC believes CRM programs can be powerful and effective because of technology automation and orchestration integration, strong processes, and trained risk management professionals. This will elevate the awareness and management of cybersecurity risks shepherded through identification, treatment, and closure of risks, with executive management involvement. Optimally, CRM services enable organizations to maintain a consistent level of awareness and protection, along with the flexibility to reprioritize, reassess, and reconfigure their risk as well as detection and response tolerances and activities. Increasingly, security buyers view CRM as a necessity to help mature their cybersecurity programs.

CRM services is not just about having a service provider come into your organization and perform a one-time risk assessment and then helping you remediate the findings. The goal should be for any organization to engage a CRM services provider that can establish a complete program from

beginning to end with cybersecurity teams, IT, and the business and executive management all being aligned as to how this new program will contribute to adding value to the business and ultimately aiding the organization in demonstrating that its brand, services, products, and so forth are trusted.

The most complete CRM services portfolios include the following capabilities:

- Ensures a clear picture of current cybersecurity risk posture and a strategy for risk reduction
- Establishes an appropriate security framework as a baseline set of requirements that is rightsized for the maturity of the organization
- Enables executive management to understand how, where, and why to invest in managing cybersecurity risks
- Implements and executes a strategy and overarching cybersecurity program that allows for rigorous, structured decision making and financial analysis of cybersecurity risks
- Includes technology components that provide orchestration and automation of processes within the program
- Achieves and sustains compliance (regulatory or otherwise) using an appropriate security framework as a base set of requirements for the outcome of a well designed and executed CRM function
- Builds a risk-aware culture through education and awareness to reduce the impact of human behavior
- Operates a sustainable program that is resilient in the face of ever-evolving cyberthreats and digital business strategies
- Develops an in-depth strategic road map and total cost of ownership (TCO) analysis

Ultimately the risk management program is designed to ensure all cybersecurity risks are properly handled, documented, and closed. If successful, this program could be a model for managing all risks within the company eventually. You want the program to be “beyond reproach.”

The Market Definition section in the Appendix provides a description of what IDC believes is the minimum set of capabilities a CRM services provider should offer.

IDC encourages buyers to evaluate CRM service providers based on the outcomes they want to achieve related to day-to-day identification, treatment, and closure of risks.

## **IDC MARKETSCOPE VENDOR INCLUSION CRITERIA**

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Using the IDC MarketScape model, IDC studied vendors that provide CRM services throughout the world. The vendors included in the study had to meet certain criteria to qualify for this vendor assessment:

- **Geographic presence.** Each vendor is required to operate CRM services in more than one region throughout the world.
- **Sales presence.** Each vendor has a sales force across one or more regions throughout the world.
- **Customer base.** Each vendor has at least 100+ customers.
- **Revenue.** Vendor revenue exceeds \$20 million per annum.

- **CRM services capability.** Each vendor possesses a CRM service that has trained professional cybersecurity staff with expertise in cybersecurity risk management.

## ADVICE FOR TECHNOLOGY BUYERS

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Technology buyers should consider several factors when looking at CRM services. A couple of key questions to ask at first are:

- Do I want to build and run this service myself?
- Do I want a service provider to build the service and then I run it?
- Do I want a service provider to build and run the CRM service?

Once you have concluded how you want to proceed, then utilize one or more of the advised factors:

- Understand the service provider's distinctive service capabilities, how long it has been performing such work, are there customers to speak with for testimonials, and so forth.
- Determine whether the service provider is interested in understanding the problem to solve and its willingness to work with you to refine the problem statement versus just giving you a rundown of its services in the hope that you will just buy.
- Understand what the differences in services are from other service providers in the field. What do they really bring to the table?
- Ask yourself if the service provider has demonstrable knowledge and skill in competence.
- Get clarity on the limits of the service provider's knowledge and skill in this area.
- Understand the various use cases from the service provider as to the types of projects it has engaged successfully and also, if the service provider is willing, have it describe instances where a project did not result in complete satisfaction.

## VENDOR SUMMARY PROFILES

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This section briefly explains IDC's key observations resulting in a vendor's position in the IDC MarketScape. While every vendor is evaluated against each of the criteria outlined in the Appendix, the description here provides a summary of each vendor's strengths and challenges.

### CDW

CDW is positioned in the Major Players category in the 2023 IDC MarketScape for worldwide cybersecurity risk management services.

Quick facts about CDW include:

- **Employees:** 500+ security professionals
- **IAM specialists:** 100+
- **Security professionals trained:** 300+
- **Ecosystem:** 15,000+ security partners

CDW is a worldwide multibrand provider of integrated technology solutions to business, government, education, and healthcare customers for 35+ years. CDW provides a full stack of technological solutions and services across the entire IT life cycle from multicloud to services to software and

hardware, all working together to advise, design, orchestrate, manage, and optimize across IT environments. CDW offers 100,000+ products and services from 1,000+ brands to more than 250,000 customers mostly located in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada. CDW's typical customer size is <5,000 employees and has an attractive business model with a demonstrated record of accomplishment of profitable growth through organic expansion and acquisitions.

One such acquisition included a cybersecurity services firm known as Focal Point, which brings a strong advisory and risk professional services capacity to CDW. Focal Point, along with other acquisitions, has enhanced CDW's enterprise services capacity including an enhanced managed services capability. These acquisitions enable CDW to support customers with staffing to address talent gaps that are at a premium now. CDW can provide those engineering or risk resources that build and even extended staff augmentation. Today, CDW is providing a series of professional risk and advisory services as follows:

- **Risk and advisory services.** Enables customers of all types to develop practical, cost-effective strategies and road maps to tackle security projects
- **vCISO.** Helps with the maturity and scope of an existing security practice by providing a technology-neutral security consultant
- **Security maturity assessment.** Combines a high-level security framework review and technical security assessment of your environments to provide you with an integrated review of your security posture, as well as recommendations for remediation
- **Security workshops.** Provides additional workshops for architecture and remediation to develop an appropriate long-term strategy and determine the best approaches to mitigate risks
- **Incident response.** Provides emergency assistance or proactive help to ensure you have a solid incident response plan as well as incident response preparedness services, which include program and playbook development, readiness assessment, and tabletop exercises
- **Compromise assessment.** Provides active threat hunting to develop indicators of compromise based on the recognized MITRE ATT&CK framework
- **Security operations center (SOC) advisory.** Provides various assessment and benchmark capabilities to evaluate a SOC against industry peers and standards

## **Strengths**

CDW is a large technology and service provider with experience in business, government, education, and healthcare industries. CDW's major business is technology integration and implementation and can be very instrumental in providing the right solutions to meet customer needs and outcomes. CDW recently expanded its cybersecurity services capabilities from its acquisitions of Focal Point (50%), Sirius (20%), and an additional 30% from organic growth; CDW already has an extensive client list that could take advantage of these new services. CDW is flexible and adaptive to change; hence its entry into the cybersecurity services area and expansion to other international locations as well. This international expansion has allowed CDW to gain relevant exposure and experience of working with unfamiliar cultures.

## **Challenges**

The main challenge for CDW will be to extensively market its cybersecurity services capability so the market can understand the depth of its capabilities.

## Consider CDW When

Consider CDW if your organization is a small to midsize organization looking to establish a new cybersecurity program or risk management program or is in need of a comprehensive assessment to understand the current gaps and next steps to reduce risk.

As an important side note regarding CDW for this study, CDW was not on the radar of common service providers that are widely known in the industry to provide CRM services. CDW has quietly and steadily been building its services over the past few years, and it is an interesting and notable accomplishment for a traditional VAR/systems integrator to take on CRM services in a successful way.

## APPENDIX

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### Reading an IDC MarketScape Graph

For the purposes of this analysis, IDC divided potential key measures for success into two primary categories: capabilities and strategies.

Positioning on the y-axis reflects the vendor's current capabilities and menu of services and how well aligned the vendor is to customer needs. The capabilities category focuses on the capabilities of the company and product today, here and now. Under this category, IDC analysts will look at how well a vendor is building/delivering capabilities that enable it to execute its chosen strategy in the market.

Positioning on the x-axis, or strategies axis, indicates how well the vendor's future strategy aligns with what customers will require in three to five years. The strategies category focuses on high-level decisions and underlying assumptions about offerings, customer segments, and business and go-to-market plans for the next three to five years.

The size of the individual vendor markers in the IDC MarketScape represents the market share of each individual vendor within the specific market segment being assessed.

### IDC MarketScape Methodology

IDC MarketScape criteria selection, weightings, and vendor scores represent well-researched IDC judgment about the market and specific vendors. IDC analysts tailor the range of standard characteristics by which vendors are measured through structured discussions, surveys, and interviews with market leaders, participants, and end users. Market weightings are based on user interviews, buyer surveys, and the input of IDC experts in each market. IDC analysts base individual vendor scores, and ultimately vendor positions on the IDC MarketScape, on detailed surveys and interviews with the vendors, publicly available information, and end-user experiences to provide an accurate and consistent assessment of each vendor's characteristics, behavior, and capability.

### Market Definition

Cyber-risk management services is a multibillion-dollar value-added service offering that supports organizations with making CRM a key component in overall business risk management. Organizations of any size and industry can be a target of attack with attackers generally being motivated for financial gain. The threat of potential disruption to the business or to a business reputation by a cyberattack is called cybersecurity risk. Cybersecurity risk also includes any risk of monetary loss, disruption, or damage to the reputation of an organization from some sort of failure of its information technology (IT) systems. Cybersecurity risks can materialize in the following ways:

- Deliberate and unauthorized breaches of security to gain access to information systems for the purposes of espionage, extortion, or embarrassment
- Unintentional or accidental breaches of security, which nevertheless may still constitute an exposure that needs to be addressed
- Operational IT risks due to poor systems integrity or other factors

The set of processes for identifying potential cyber-risk is at the core of a cyber-risk management program, which can be utilized by a cybersecurity services provider either to execute for an organization or to develop and implement a program for an organization. Many cybersecurity consulting service providers offer cyber-risk management programs in the form of services. A cyber-risk management program includes a set of activities conducted with the intention of identifying those control and maturity risks faced by an organization. The services performed by providers with experts in the field of cybersecurity aim to assist organizations with:

- Providing a clear picture of current cyber-risk posture and a strategy for risk reduction
- Understanding how, where, and why to invest in managing cyber-risks
- Development, implementation, and execution of a strategy and overarching CRM program that allows for rigorous, structured decision making and financial analysis of cyber-risks
- Achieving and sustaining compliance (regulatory or otherwise) using an appropriate security framework as a base set of requirements for the outcome of a well designed and executed cyber-risk management function
- Building a risk-aware culture through education and awareness to reduce the impact of human behavior
- Operating a sustainable program that is resilient in the face of ever-evolving cyberthreats and digital business strategies
- Development of an in-depth strategic road map and total cost of ownership analysis
- Execution models where the organization fully operates the program, or a hybrid where both the service provider and the organization execute aspects of the program, or the service provider solely executes the program on behalf of the organization
- Establishing the organization as a “trusted” organization with which to do business
- CRM services being performed throughout the world in regions such as North America, EMEA, LATAM, and APAC

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### Related Research

- *Worldwide and U.S. Comprehensive Security Services Forecast, 2023-2027* (IDC #US50047523, June 2023)
- *Worldwide and U.S. Governance, Risk, and Compliance Professional Services Forecast, 2023-2027* (IDC #US50824523, June 2023)
- *IDC's Worldwide Security Services Taxonomy, 2023* (IDC #US50332523, March 2023)
- *IDC TechScape: Worldwide Cybersecurity Risk Management Services, 2022* (IDC #US49710322, December 2022)
- *IDC PlanScape: Cybersecurity Risk Management Services* (IDC #US49076222, May 2022)

- *IDC's Worldwide Cybersecurity Risk Management Services Taxonomy, 2021* (IDC #US48407121, December 2021)

## Synopsis

This IDC study explores the services underpinnings required to enable a successful and fully implemented CRM program that can be managed either by the end customer or by the service provider that built it and recommends questions that buyers and vendors in this space can ask to get actionable direction in approaching the right decisions and outcomes. The discipline and design of CRM services can provide a framework for orienting organizations from optimizing standard check box outcomes to optimizing a value-added program to effectively manage cybersecurity risks and a very prescriptive way as a life-cycle approach that drives commitment and support from senior executives and board members throughout the different stakeholders in between.

“A well-defined CRM program is critical in today’s ever-changing and growing threat landscape,” says Phil Harris, research director, IDC’s CRM Services. “Attackers are in their business for the long game where they can extract as much valuable data or intelligence over a long period of time undetected to reap as much money as possible. A key way to combat this is having an ongoing methodical approach for inspecting the depth and breadth of cybersecurity controls and maturity to cull out those new or not so apparent vulnerabilities and exposures that attackers exploit. This is an ongoing race, and organizations with strong CRM programs will be better prepared to withstand ongoing attacks.”



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