Country view: Germany

Of all of the countries surveyed in this year's Cyber Defence Monitor, Germany stands out as having some of the most divergent attitudes and approaches to cyber security, both against peers and between German C-suite and ITDM respondents.

There's a great deal of confidence from C-suite respondents – and compared to their peers in other countries, it's a striking figure. Fifty-nine per cent of C-suite executives in Germany see the increasing level of alerts compared to just 32% of ITDMs. Nine in ten C-suite respondents in Germany expected the volume of attacks to increase, while only 60% of their ITDM counterparts agreed.

When asked how likely they thought it that their business would be targeted for a cyber attack in the next 12 months, nearly a third (32%) of ITDMs in German organisations felt confident they would not be attacked. This is low when compared to counterparts in the UK (79%) and Malaysia (80%).

Two in five (40%) of German C-suite respondents expected an attack – compared to the global average of 57%. Half of German C-suite respondents felt that attackers would be most likely to be competing businesses; only 24% of C-suites worldwide picked competitors as a threat.
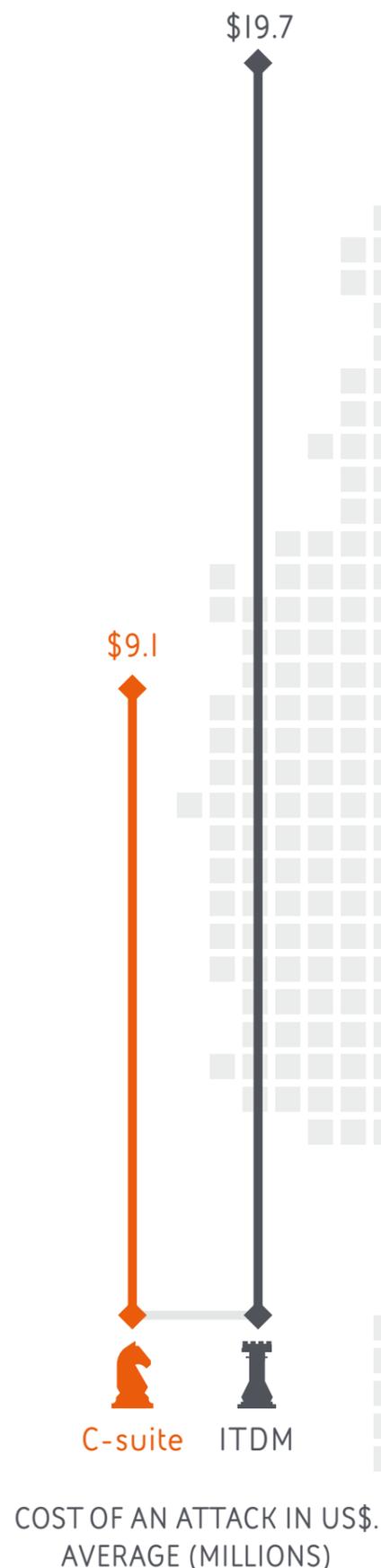
Perhaps the biggest difference in perceptions within German organisations is that of cloud adoption. Three in five (60%) C-suite executives say their organisation does not use cloud services – yet only 16% of German IT Decision Makers agreed with them.

One potential reason for the C-suite saying their businesses do not use cloud services could be that they have concerns about the implications of storing data in the cloud. Only 37% of German business leaders expressed confidence that their organisation had the right cloud security controls in place - a figure only matched by business leaders in Singapore at 33% and Malaysia at 35%.

That said, German respondents were unanimously confident in the resilience of their security governance and IT security software – although mobile device usage and home working were not so confidence-inspiring.

Only 37% of C-suite respondents had confidence they had the right cloud security in place

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German ITDMs are some of the **most confident** on tackling cyber crime

75%
We have enough support from suppliers, enforcement agencies and government to tackle cyber security

82%
We have enough information to make informed decisions on cyber security

81%
Our board takes the risk of cyber attack seriously

	C-SUITE	ITDM
Very confident	10%	18%
Fairly confident	60%	66%
Not very confident	20%	10%
Not at all confident	0%	2%

GERMANY

CONFIDENCE THEY ARE EQUIPPED TO PREVENT A CYBER ATTACK

$19.7

$9.1

C-suite   ITDM

COST OF AN ATTACK IN US$. AVERAGE (MILLIONS)

ITDM 66%

C-SUITE 40%

LIKELY TO BE TARGETED BY A CYBER ATTACK IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS