

CYBER RISK

Recent high-profile hacks have pushed cybersecurity towards the top of the agenda for law firms, which represent a honeypot of confidential information for hackers to exploit. This infographic explores some of the notable hacks of recent years, the biggest vulnerabilities for firms, and the extent of leaked legal documents on the dark web



2015

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Hackers penetrated email accounts of partners at these US-based firms, amongst others, in an apparent effort to obtain information about publicly listed companies to facilitate insider trading. While it is unclear who conducted the hack, the breach may have been part of a larger initiative by the Chinese government, according to information obtained by *Fortune* magazine

31%

of law firms in the US have formal cybersecurity training programmes, according to LogicForce



2015

PANAMA PAPERS

More than 11.5 million documents from Panamanian offshore law firm Mossack Fonseca were leaked by an anonymous source and obtained by *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. The documents were shared with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ), which revealed how hundreds of high-profile politicians, business people and celebrities were exploiting offshore tax havens

2.6

terabytes of data were leaked in the breach



2016

DLA PIPER

The Petya ransomware attack that hit Microsoft Windows-based computer systems across Europe and the United States also took down law firm DLA Piper, bringing the company to a virtual standstill for almost a week

3.6k

thousand lawyers at DLA Piper were blocked from accessing their email accounts



2017

WORDPRESS

Websites of many US-based law firms were hacked due to vulnerabilities with site-building platform WordPress, allowing the attackers to edit content and deface homepages

100k

websites were hacked in total over a fortnight



2017

PARADISE PAPERS

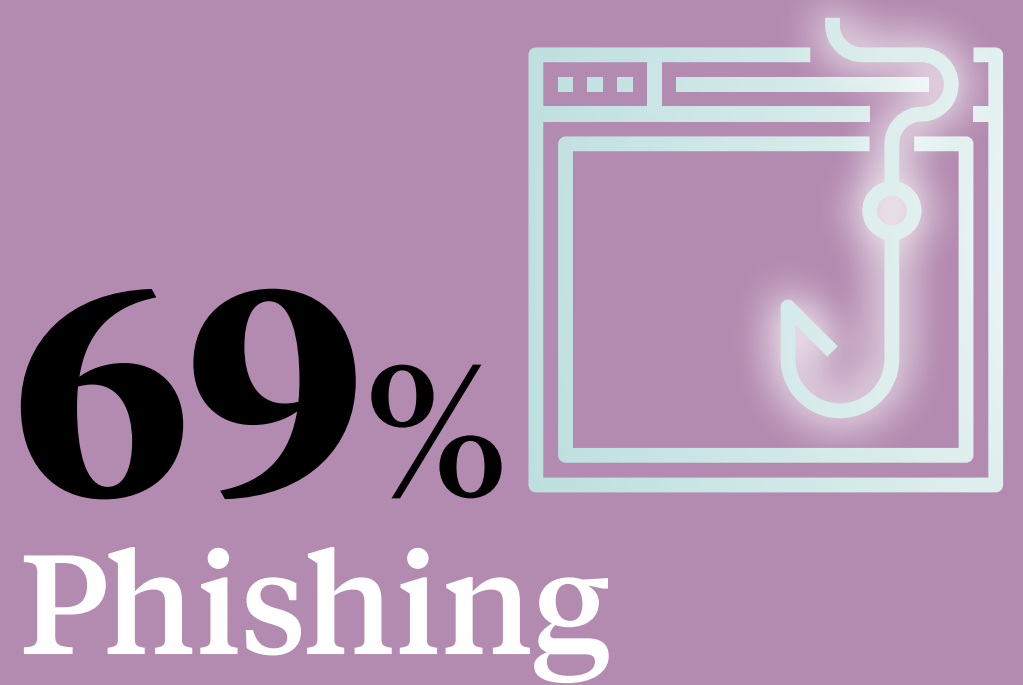
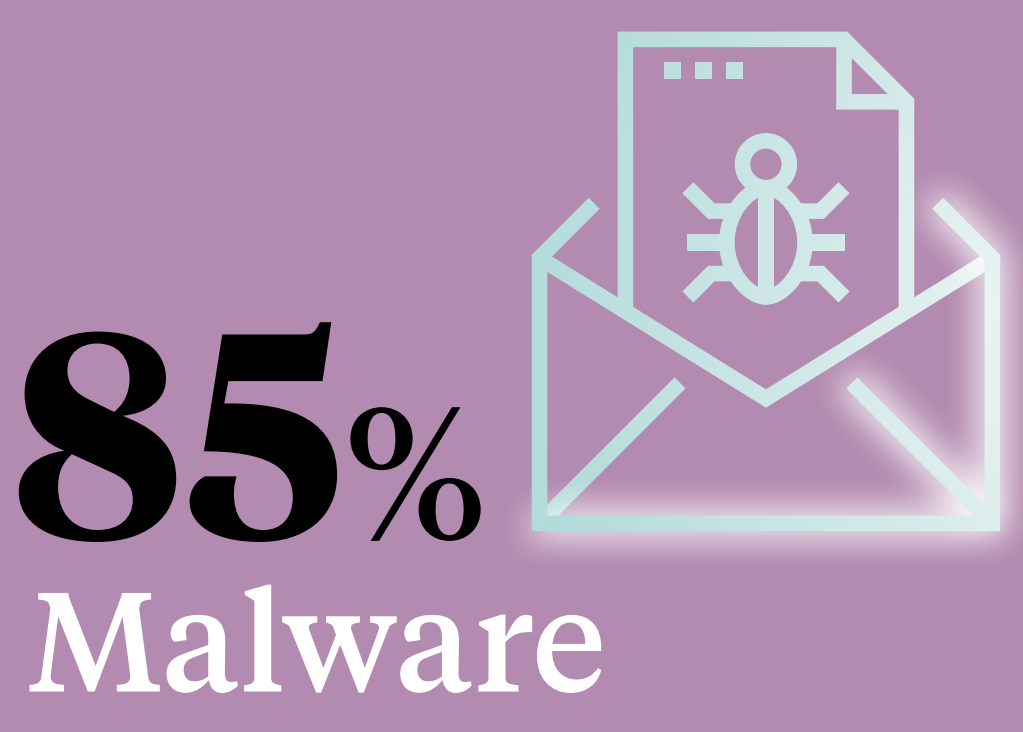
Some 13.4 million confidential electronic documents (1.4 terabytes) from Bermuda-based offshore giant Appleby were leaked to *Süddeutsche Zeitung* and shared with the ICIJ. They contained details of offshore investments by high-profile figures and businesses

120k

people and companies were identified in the breach

Biggest cyber-vulnerabilities

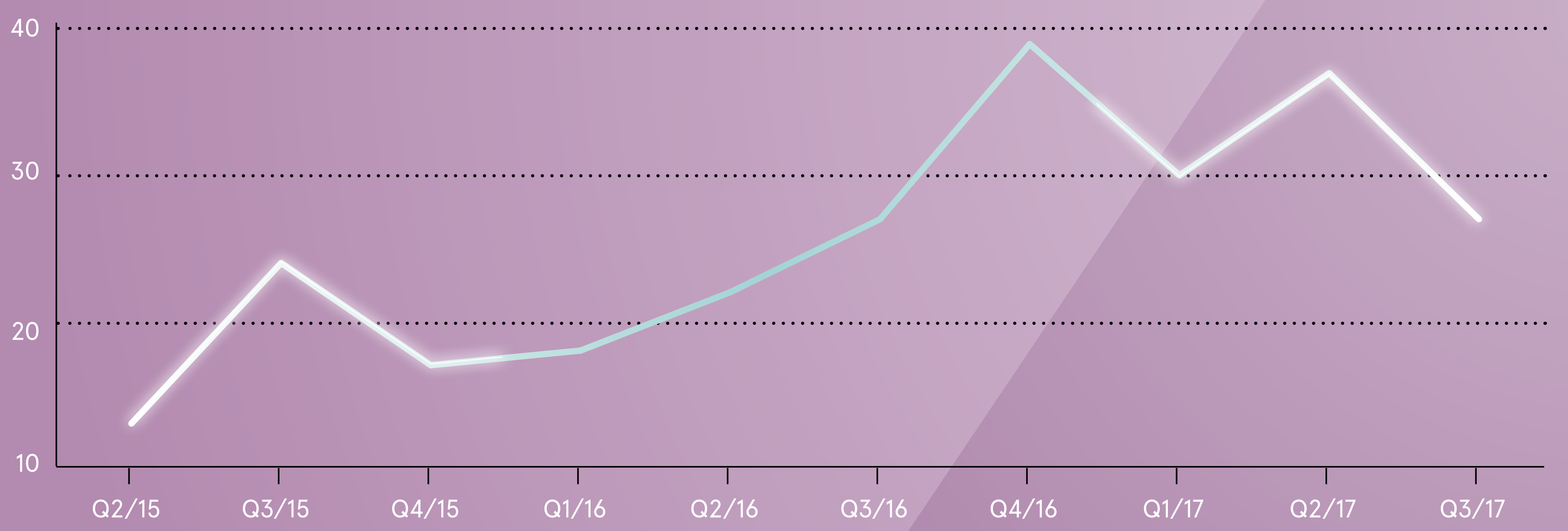
Percentage of law firms ranking the following in their top three issues
Smith and Williamson 2017



Data breaches in the UK legal sector

Information Commissioner's Officer 2018

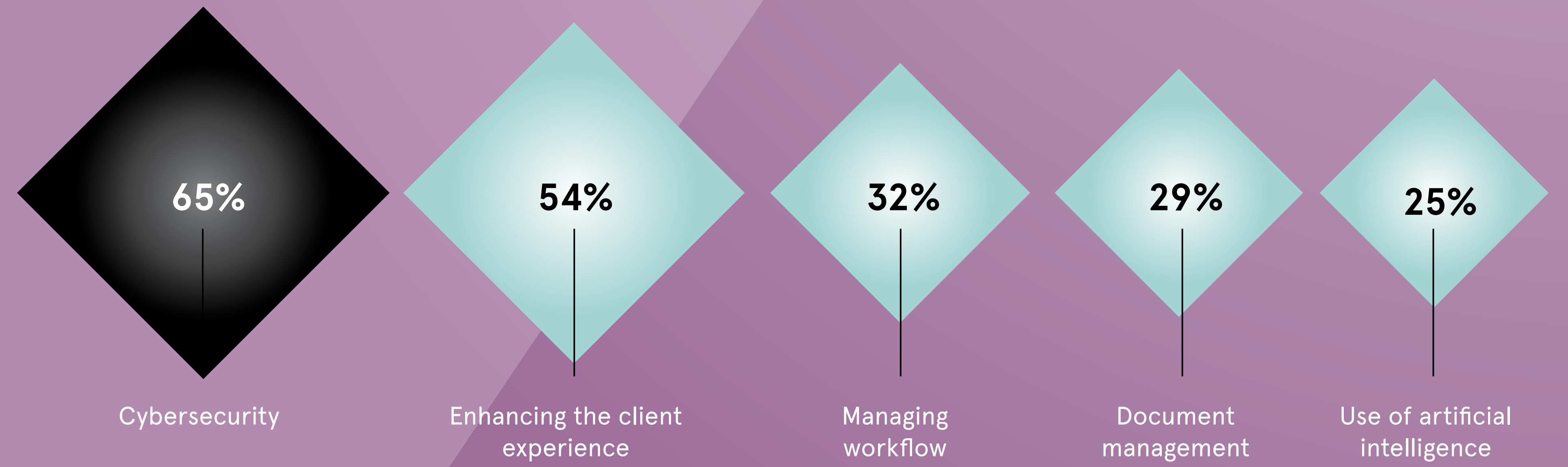
Breaches reported to the Information Commissioner's Officer



Biggest technology issues facing law firms

Smith and Williamson 2017

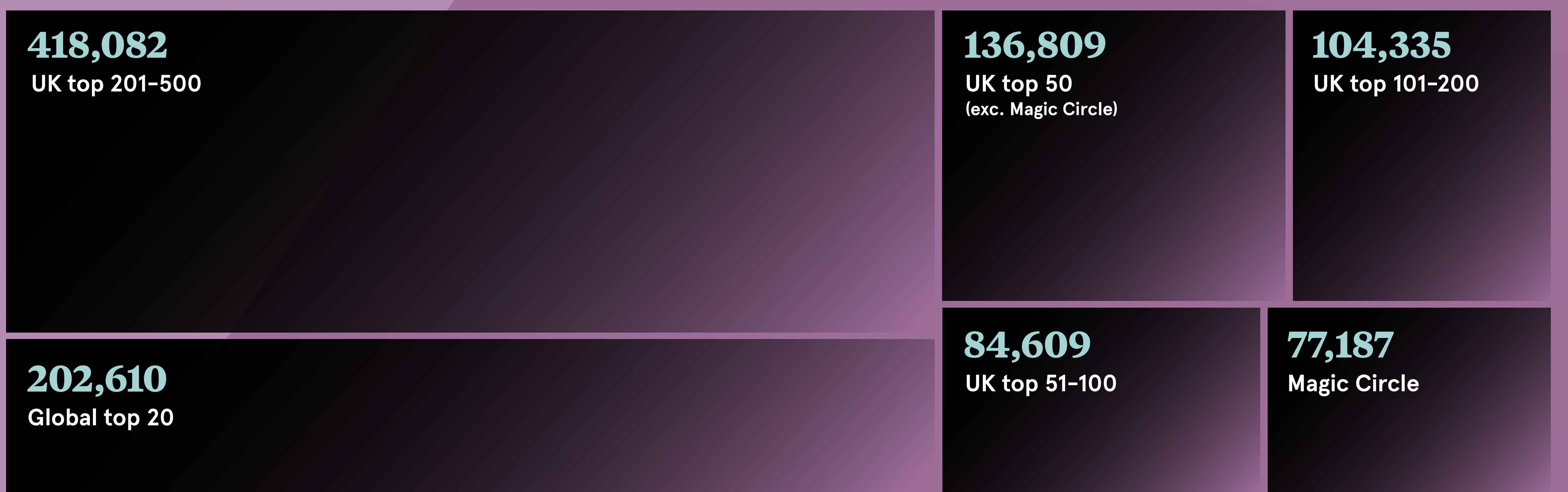
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Number of breached credentials on the dark web

RepKnight 2018

The top 500 law firms in the UK have more than one million credentials exposed online on the dark web, such as clients' addresses, contact details and bank account numbers



Cyber insurance policy

Legal Week Intelligence/Kroll 2018

Percentage of general counsels whose insurance policy cover excludes the following:

