

Talion: UK's largest cyber security start-up launches during COVID-19 lockdown

Talion – the Managed Security Service business born out of BAE Systems – shows impressive growth despite the pandemic

London, UK – February 15, 2021 - [Talion](#), born out of the Applied Intelligence division of the UK's largest defence contractor, BAE Systems, has emerged onto the UK cyber market as one of the newest, most advanced, managed security providers. In this fiercely competitive market, which contributed £8.3bn to the UK economy in 2019, Talion operates one of the most advanced Security Operations Centres in the country.

Talion's roots began at BAE Systems when the UK government requested they protect a major UK sporting event. Highly targeted secure government departments and large global organisations followed suit, leveraging the service to protect their critical assets and information. In Spring last year, Talion was the subject of a management buy-out and the commercial managed security service of BAE Systems became an independent company.

“We exited BAE Systems at the beginning of the global pandemic, which was a leap of faith, but I am pleased to say it has been a success. We migrated our Security Operations Centre to a new secure location during lockdown and have managed to operate it remotely without incident, which has been a tremendous achievement” said Keven Knight, COO of Talion.

Talion is based in the UK, with its Security Operations Centre located in Leeds, meaning its customers can feel safe in the knowledge that their data never leaves UK soil, while Talion security experts have got their back 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Talion offers its customers robust managed security solutions which detect, investigate, and defend against the latest security threats, taking pressure off under-resourced internal security teams, that do not have the time or budget to manage the relentless flood of attacks they are facing every day.

“With cybercrime damages projected to cost the world \$6 trillion this year, coupled with the increased risk of entire companies working remotely, UK organisations are at a greater risk of attack than ever before. Our team of experienced security experts have unrivalled knowledge of the threat landscape, coupled with deep technical understanding of security monitoring technologies. We are a tight knit, highly skilled organisation and when a threat arises, we move quickly. After all, a minute is often the difference between thwarting a threat and suffering a breach” said Mike Brown, CEO of Talion.

Talion is changing the way security vendors interact with their customers and intends to be the most transparent and collaborative cyber security provider in the market, bringing visibility of security operations to in-house security teams. But collaboration goes beyond just their customers, Talion is assembling a community of experts and innovators, a comprehensive team of industry partners primed to tackle the threat from all angles.

“We are very proud of our friends at Talion and continue to partner with them. Cyber security is an increasingly important part of government security and a core element of stewardship for companies in a sophisticated and persistent threat environment. Threat actors collaborate every day

to make their attacks more effective and we need to do the same,” said Andy Broom, Chief Strategy Officer at BAE Systems Applied Intelligence.

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Customer quotes:

A British semi-conductor and software design company said:

“Talion have been fantastic partners to work with and I really see them as an extension of our team. Having the skillset and agility of a growing organisation but the talent and capability of a much larger organisation from which they were formed, BAE, has proven to a great combination. The team work hard to continuously demonstrate and add value to their customers and are always receptive to feedback”.

People:

Mike Brown, CEO and Co-Founder:

As Chief Executive Officer, Mike brings to Talion more than 30 years of experience as a global executive. He has a demonstrated track record of value creation through experience and operational excellence. Mike is recognised for his success in helping companies—in high-growth technology and Software-as-a-Service—scale globally and innovatively. His leadership and experience were developed working with large global technology leaders such as IBM, Oracle, and Siebel, and with small, high-growth security companies including Solidcore, Algosec, and Siemplify.

At Talion, Mike challenges all team members to push past the status quo and discover innovative security services and solutions for today’s complex cyber threat landscape.

Keven Knight, COO & Co-Founder

As Chief Operations Officer, Keven oversees the Talion product portfolio, client services, and operational delivery. Prior to Talion, Keven played a pivotal role with BAE Systems for seven years where he managed and grew the Enterprise Managed Security Service business and positioned it as a leader in the MSSP market. Keven comes from a strong Service Delivery background, developed, and enhanced through blue chip organisations such as IBM, ICI, and AT&T. With a history of designing and implementing global delivery models and projects, Keven leverages his wealth of experience to ensure a modern, agile, and collaborative approach to the customers that Talion serves.

Chris Sedgwick, Security Operations Director

Chris Sedgwick is the Director of Security Operations for Talion and is responsible for the efficient running of our Security teams and our services we offer clients from a security perspective. A key element of this is ensuring that our coverage is threat relevant against the latest attack techniques. Prior to Talion, Chris led the Threat Intelligence team in the Security Operations Centre at BAE Systems Applied Intelligence for five years. With an extensive career in UK and British Overseas Territory Police Forces, Chris is extremely well versed in the art of obtaining and utilising intelligence, both for the investigation of Organised Crime groups and the prevention of crime, but also for Cyber Threat actors and malware campaigns.

About Talion

At Talion, we're changing the way organisations interact with their Managed Security Service Provider. Born out of BAE Systems, our service is built on first-hand knowledge of military engineering and defence-grade security, together with an in-depth understanding of the threat landscape facing the commercial world today.

When it comes to cyber security, we believe every organisation deserves full visibility and complete control over how threats are monitored, how decisions are made, and how their business is protected. That's why we prioritise transparency and collaboration across our service lines, implementing security programs that give businesses the control and freedom to pursue ambitions and realise goals, safe in the knowledge that we've got their back, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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