

Agthia Group gains sustainable protection against ransomware

Stops threats and saves time with Malwarebytes

INDUSTRY

Food and beverage

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Identify, block, and quarantine malware and ransomware while complementing the existing security infrastructure

IT ENVIRONMENT

Traditional antivirus product, standard corporate protection measures from endpoints to network perimeter

SOLUTION

Malwarebytes Endpoint Security

RESULTS

- Gained visibility into endpoints for monitoring malware and other threats
- Saved time with built-in remediation and notification
- Reduced threat of ransomware and malware

Business profile

Agthia Group is a leading Abu Dhabi-based food and beverage company, committed to the highest standards of sustainability and quality at every stage of the food chain—from field to fork. With ransomware becoming a billion-dollar concern for businesses worldwide, Agthia Group chose Malwarebytes to increase endpoint protection across its organization.



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—Mr. Zeeshan Khalid, Group IT/Information Security Manager, Agthia Group

Business challenge

Fighting multiple flavors of malware

Agthia Group operates in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman, Egypt, and Turkey. More than 3,000 employees are engaged in manufacturing, distributing, and marketing water, flour, animal feed, juices, dairy, and assorted frozen food products. Recently, however, the flood of ransomware, Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs), and multi-stage malware began targeting Agthia Group. In several incidents, ransomware attacked various users and servers. The conventional, signature-based antivirus solution wasn't able to timely and effectively stop these aggressive new forms of malware.

“We urgently needed a more effective way to stop ransomware and other advanced threats,” said Mr. Zeeshan Khalid, Group IT/Information Security Manager at Agthia Group. “With operations spread across multiple locations, we began looking for a cost-effective, centrally managed way to deploy additional protection and monitor threats trying to gain entry.”



The solution

Malwarebytes Endpoint Security

The Agthia Group's primary requirement was to identify, block, and quarantine malware and ransomware while complementing its existing security infrastructure. Beginning with solutions recognized by Gartner in the anti-malware market, Mr. Khalid and the Agthia Group team conducted an extensive evaluation and deep technical analysis of several potential solutions. After a proof of concept, Agthia Group chose Malwarebytes Endpoint Security.

"We found Malwarebytes to be the right solution for countering malware threats and also to be cost effective," said Mr. Khalid. "Malwarebytes gave us the additional protection we were seeking with remediation capabilities that save time and increase effectiveness."

Mr. Khalid also said that Malwarebytes integrated smoothly with Agthia Group's existing security infrastructure. The Malwarebytes team worked closely with Mr. Khalid's team during the proof of concept and implementation. As a result, Malwarebytes immediately began detecting, blocking, and quarantining malware and exploits.

Achieving daily benefits

Mr. Khalid said that Malwarebytes actively blocks exploits every day. The Malwarebytes Management Console provides the team with instant visibility into endpoints to make sure that they are protected, regardless of where the endpoint is located. The team can monitor status at a glance and easily push updates. Malwarebytes also notifies them of any issues that require further investigation, but otherwise automatically remediates malware trying to enter their environment.

Real return on investment

Ease of use, effectiveness in stopping malware and ransomware, budget friendliness, and time savings add up to a solid return on investment for Agthia Group. Combined with Malwarebytes support, Agthia Group can respond instantly to address malware-related threats.

"The Malwarebytes team is very responsive, and issues are typically resolved well before the agreed SLAs," said Mr. Khalid. "We plan to continue using Malwarebytes and look forward to adding new capabilities as they become available."

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Malwarebytes is the next-gen cybersecurity company that millions worldwide trust. Malwarebytes proactively protects people and businesses against dangerous threats such as malware, ransomware, and exploits that escape detection by traditional antivirus solutions. The company's flagship product combines advanced heuristic threat detection with signature-less technologies to detect and stop a cyberattack before damage occurs. More than 10,000 businesses worldwide use, trust, and recommend Malwarebytes. Founded in 2008, the company is headquartered in California, with offices in Europe and Asia, and a global team of threat researchers and security experts.

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