



Louis Vuitton's UK operation is latest victim of cyber-attackers

Mark Sweney

Louis Vuitton said yesterday the data of some of its UK customers had been stolen in the latest cyber-attack on a leading retailer.

The flagship brand of LVMH, a French luxury group, said an unauthorised third party had accessed its UK systems and obtained information including names, contact details and purchase histories.

Louis Vuitton, which said last week that its Korean operation had suffered a cyber-attack, told customers no financial data had been compromised. "While we have no evidence that your data has been misused to date, phishing attempts, fraud attempts, or unauthorised use of your information may occur," the company said in an email.

Louis Vuitton said it had alerted

the authorities, including the Information Commissioner's Office.

The hack took place on 2 July, according to Bloomberg, which first reported the breach.

It is the third attack on LVMH's systems in three months. Its second-largest fashion label, Christian Dior Couture, said in May that thieves had accessed some customer data.

On Thursday, four people - three of them teenagers - were arrested as part of an investigation into cyber-attacks on Marks & Spencer, the Co-op and Harrods.

M&S was the first retailer to be attacked in April in an incident that forced the closure of its online store for nearly seven weeks.

The Co-op was attacked in the

same month and Harrods said on 1 May it had been targeted as well and had restricted website access.



▲ Louis Vuitton told customers their financial data had not been taken

