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Tuesday, 10 November: Conference

09:00-09:45 **Atatürk Remembrance with the Nationwide Moment of Silence at 09:05.**
Arrivals and Coffee

09:45 **Chairperson's Welcome: Türkiye Perspective: Panel and Questions Security at the Crossroads – Regulation, Energy and Resilience Lessons from Türkiye**
Betania Allo, Head of TMT, AI Governance & Privacy, Legal Tracks. Ex-NEOM (Saudi Arabia)

10:00 **Case Story & Questions: A Middle East Media Organisation and Geopolitical Perspective**
Media organisations operate at the crossroads of geopolitics, public opinion, and digital influence. As global tensions rise, we face cyber attacks, disinformation campaigns, and political pressure aimed at shaping narratives and eroding trust. Success depends not only on cybersecurity, but also on protecting editorial integrity, ensuring operational resilience, and maintaining public trust. ·Geopolitical Drivers of Cyber Attacks ·The New Information Battlefield ·Information Warfare and Media Manipulation ·Media During Regional Conflicts ·Global geopolitical flashpoints impacting media ·Cyber attacks against trust ·The CEO and Editor-in-Chief Agenda
Anoop Paudval, Head of Information Security and GRC, GulfNews, UAE

10:15 **Spotlight: A Chief Security Officer's Operating Model for AI in High-Risk Environments**
AI budgets are accelerating across the enterprise. Yet much of that spend is being decided by the technology function - not by the people accountable for protecting the workforce. That leaves the Chief Security Officer with a defining choice: own the AI agenda for protecting people, assets and operations, or inherit tools selected without security's duty of care in mind. Explore a clear position for CSOs to lead from - a practical three-part operating model: software for precision, AI for interpretation, humans for judgement keeping accountability and control firmly with the security leader while AI accelerates the response.
Botan Osman, CEO, Restrata

10:35 **Fireside Chat: The Next Security Frontier - AI, Quantum and the Future of Human Control and Trust. How do we Harness Emerging Technologies while Protecting People, Information, Assets?**
A focus on the decisions boards and security leaders face now: where accountability sits, how converging risks are governed, and how to move at pace without losing trust.

- Human control: As AI takes on more decisions, where must human judgement remain, and who owns that line?
- Converging threats: As AI-enabled attacks, deepfakes and disinformation blur cyber, information and physical risk
- Quantum readiness: What should boards be asking for now, and how does quantum rank against nearer threats?
- Trust: How can organisations adopt emerging technologies at pace while keeping the confidence of customers, employees, regulators and boards?

Moderator: **Betania Allo, Head of TMT, AI Governance & Privacy, Legal Tracks. Ex-NEOM (Saudi Arabia)**
With: **Joseph Volkan Ozcan, Chief Transformation Officer / Quantum Computing Ambassador, Izmir Institute Advanced Technology, Koyuncu Group (Türkiye)**
Botan Osman, CEO, Restrata
Adam Drabik, CISO (UK)
Dr. Viktor Polić, Cryptographer and Former CISO of the ILO, UN (Switzerland)

11:15-12:00 **Morning Coffee Break + 1-2-1 Innovation Speed-Meetings**



Connect with technology luminaries in our dynamic informative 'speed-meeting' setting to discover key technology market movers and shakers, in an efficient and engaging way for 5-minute voluntary door-openers. You'll be pre-matched based on your mutual interests. A unique opportunity to evaluate new tools and strategies.

12:00 **Spotlight: Resilience in an AI-Connected World: Containing Breaches Across Your On-Prem Estate**
Mohamed Amr, Senior Engineer META, Illumio

12:20 **Case Story: The Crisis Nobody Owns - From Security to Resilience**
A practical discussion drawing on real experiences, challenging why preparation doesn't always translate into readiness, what actually works during disruption, and how organisations move from reporting risks to making decisions that matter.
James Sarner, Managing Director, JMS Risk | Founder, CrossRisk (UK); Milena Maneva, Head of Business Continuity & Resilience EMEA, Cantor Fitzgerald (UK)

12:45 **Spotlight & Open Discussion: Lessons from a CSO - Regional Conflict, Travelling Staff and Duty of Care**
For organisations operating in and around the Middle East, geopolitical risk now has a direct effect on people, sites and operations. Delegates have highlighted Syria, Israel, the Gulf, the Black Sea and Ukraine as the theatres they are watching most closely. How are security leaders reading those signals and turning them into decisions about where staff travel and how they are supported.
Signals: which developments in Syria, Israel, the Gulf, the Black Sea and Ukraine are security leaders watching, and which sources do they trust? Exposure: how quickly can you establish who and what is exposed – staff in country, travellers in transit, sites, suppliers and shipping routes? Travel and duty of care: how are approval, monitoring and evacuation decisions being made, and who owns them when events move faster than policy? Business impact: how are regional conflicts affecting commercial relationships, supply chains, insurance and investment decisions?
With: **Mark Wolsey, CEO, Convergent Risk (Former Chief Security Officer for Smiths Group, Cadbury, Philip Morris International and CRH)**

13:15-14:10 **Lunch**

14:10 **Case Story: Logs Are Not Evidence: Who Authorised That AI Agent, and Can You Still Prove It in 2035? Lessons for Cyber and Corporate Security**
Dr Viktor Polić, Cryptographer and Former CISO of the ILO, UN (Switzerland)

14:30 **Case Story: Cybersecurity in the Age of AI: Rethinking Security in a Changing Threat Landscape**
Asimina Basdani, CISO, IDIKA SA (Greece)

14:45 **Panel: AI in the Holistic SOC – What Is Working, What Is Noise, and What Needs Controlling.**
- Where has AI reduced analyst workload or improved detection, and how do you know? Where has it added alerts, false positives or blind spots,?
- Agents and machine identities: what controls are needed when AI acts on its own – privileged access, audit trails and the ability to show who authorised what?
- Cross-security learnings: how can SOC and corporate security teams share intelligence and alerts so that a cyber signal about people, sites or travel reaches the right decision-maker quickly?

Moderator: **Salpi Stojan, Security and Compliance Manager, Vivicta (Czech Republic)**
Panellists: **Asimina Basdani, CISO, IDIKA SA (Greece); Esin Longman, Cyber Security Lead (UK); Gökhan Polat, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Business Development at Defy and Member, ISACA Global Emerging Technologies Advisory Group (Türkiye)**

15:05-15:30 **Afternoon Tea Break**

15:30 **Cyber-Physical Case Story: When Geopolitics Hits Home**
- Duty of care, business continuity and how the company read the threat that followed
- How physical incidents, cyber reconnaissance and espionage attempts connect
- Why treating them as separate problems leaves gaps, and how security and cyber teams have worked together on intelligence, insider risk and site protection
- Lessons learned

Adam Drabik, CISO, Manufacturing Company (UK)

16:00 **Fireside Chat: Crisis and Recovery. When Everything Is Green. The Business Is Down. When Protection isn't Enough. Turning Security and Resilience into Business Advantage**
A thought-provoking discussion exploring why organisations can have effective security controls, tested plans and established processes yet still struggle to operate during disruption. Focus on hidden dependencies, fragmented accountability, leadership decisions, recovery and Supply Chain Risk, and what genuine organisational resilience looks like in practice, using real incidents to challenge the audience.
Moderator: **Milena Maneva, Head of Business Continuity & Resilience EMEA, Cantor Fitzgerald (UK)**
With: **Philip Jacobs, Principal Intelligence Solutions Advisor, Intel 471**
James Sarner, Managing Director, JMS Risk | Founder, CrossRisk (UK)

16:30 **An Anonymous Whistle-blower's First-Hand Account:**
A Real Case. When the Truth Becomes the Threat
What happens when someone repeatedly raises concerns, challenges decisions and refuses to look the other way? Hear a remarkable first-hand account of the decisions, consequences and personal costs of challenging the status quo from within. A candid conversation about organisational culture, accountability, trust and the difficult choices individuals face when they believe something is wrong.
Your chance to question.
Anonymous Whistle-blower. Interviewed by: Mark Wolsey, CEO, Convergent Risk



17:00 **Keynote and Questions: What Resilience Means in Today's World**
Lady Olga Maitland, Founder, President, Defence and Security Forum (UK)

17:30 **Close of Day One Sessions**

17:45 **Meet in the lobby of the InterContinental Istanbul**

18:00 **Depart from the lobby of the InterContinental Istanbul to walk as a group to TOPAZ Restaurant**

18:30-22:00 **Supper at TOPAZ Istanbul**
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Don't miss our conference dinner at Topaz Istanbul - an evening of exceptional dining and iconic Bosphorus views!

Wednesday, 11 November: CISO + CSO 360 Roundtables Middle East

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Closed peer roundtable. The Chatham House Rule. Practitioner-led. A peer-led session drawing on the community rather than positioning any one person as presenter. No slides. No products. Just peers, in confidence, solving it together. Key talking points shaped by cyber, corporate security, geopolitical intelligence risk, investigations practitioners.

TIMINGS

09:30 Arrivals and Coffee

09:45 Welcome & Objectives (CISO + CSO)
Mark Wolsey, CEO, Convergent Risk

10:00 Roundtable Session 1 (CISO + CSO)
The Threat Inside – Insider Risk Where Corporate Security and Cyber Meet

10:40 Roundtable Session 2
CISOs: Securing AI Adoption – Shadow AI, GenAI and AI Agents: Who Owns the Risk?
CSOs: Investigations Under Pressure – Fraud, Misconduct and Evidence in a Converged World

11:20 Short Comfort Break

11:35 Roundtable Session 3
CISOs: Identity Is the New Perimeter – Privileged Access, Zero Trust and Machine Identities
CSOs: Protecting People, Leaders and Critical Sites – Executive Protection, Energy and Port Security, and Active Threat Preparedness

12:10 Roundtable Session 4
CISOs: Resilience Under Regulation – Ransomware, Third-Party and OT Risk, and Türkiye's New Rulebook
CSOs: From Signal to Decision – Geopolitical Intelligence, Travel Security and Duty of Care

12:40 Closing Roundtable (CISO + CSO)
The Future of the Security Leader – The Profession, Burnout and What Comes Next for CISOs and CSOs, followed by Key Take-Aways

13:00 Close of Roundtables

13:00-14:00 **Lunch and Goodbyes**



