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10-11 November 2026
Intercontinental Istanbul | Türkiye

Security and Resilience as Business Enablers

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Welcome to the 7th CISO + 2nd CSO 360 Middle East

Built Around Practitioner Priorities: Security and Resilience in a Changing Gulf: Protecting Growth, Innovation and Regional Stability

Dear Colleague,

We are delighted to invite you to actively participate in the 7th CISO 360 + 2nd CSO 360 Middle East, taking place 10–11 November 2026 at the InterContinental Istanbul, Türkiye.

Our 2026 theme: Balancing Innovation, Resilience & Readiness - A TRULY CONVEGRED AGENDA!
Geopolitical tensions, regional conflict, rapid advances in AI, evolving cyber threats and increasingly complex supply chains are reshaping the environment in which organisations operate. For CISOs and Chief Security Officers, the challenge is no longer simply protecting systems, people and assets. It is anticipating what comes next, making informed decisions under uncertainty, and enabling the business to innovate and grow without compromising resilience.

How prepared are we for the risks we can see - and those we cannot?
Over 1.5 days, the 7th edition of the CISO + 2nd edition of the CSO 360 Middle East will bring together senior practitioners from across the region and internationally to exchange experiences, challenge assumptions and explore practical approaches to the security and resilience challenges facing organisations today.

Why join us in Istanbul?

- **Real-world experience, not theory.** Hear directly from security leaders navigating cyber incidents, geopolitical uncertainty, emerging technologies and complex operational risks. What worked, what didn't, and what would they do differently?
- **Peer-to-peer, candid conversations.** Benchmark your priorities and approaches with fellow CISOs, CSOs and senior practitioners in a trusted, independent environment, with discussions under The Chatham House Rule.
- **Security as a business enabler.** Explore how to translate cyber and physical security risks into meaningful business decisions, strengthen board engagement and demonstrate the strategic value of resilience.
- **Bridging Security. Distinct disciplines. Shared challenges.** CISO 360 and CSO 360 run side by side, each with its own specialist focus, while creating opportunities for collaboration across cyber security, corporate security, intelligence, investigations and resilience.
- **New perspectives and meaningful connections.** Discover emerging innovations, participate in curated 1-to-1 meetings and build relationships through informal networking and cultural experiences in Istanbul.

From AI and cyber defence to geopolitics, supply chain resilience, insider threats and board accountability, our conversations will focus on the decisions security leaders are making now — and the capabilities they need for what lies ahead. Whether you lead cyber security, corporate security or enterprise resilience, we hope you will join us to contribute your perspectives, learn from peers and help shape the conversation.

One holistic agenda. A connected cross-security community of **CISOs, cybersecurity, corporate security, geopolitical risk intelligence and investigations practitioners.** A 360° perspective on risk, innovation and resilience.

Join us in Istanbul, 10–11 November 2026!
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Warm regards,
CISO + CSO 360 Middle East Team
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"Great networking and learning from various cyber Guru's!"
Director of Security, DP World (UAE)

"One of the things I enjoy about a Pulse event is that you get a global view. You're bringing folks together from around the world to share and it helps us to understand the bigger implications of what we're doing and to develop best practices. Pulse gives us a bigger audience to see wider."
Co-Founder and CTO, Knostic (US)

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CIO, EAL Bank (Egypt)

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Agenda at a Glance

Monday, 9 November 2026

Welcome Reception



🕐 7:00pm – 9:30pm **Welcome Reception - Intercontinental Istanbul - City Lights Bar**
Kick off the event informally in the ***City Lights Bar*** located on the top floor of InterContinental Istanbul, offers panoramic Bosphorus and city views

Tuesday, 10 November 2026

Conference

🕐 9:30am – 10:00am **Arrivals and Coffee**

🕐 10:00am – 5:50pm **7th CISO + 2nd CSO 360 Middle East Conferences**
Shaped by the priorities submitted by CISO and CSO participants, with a particular focus on the Gulf, the Middle East region and wider EMEA.



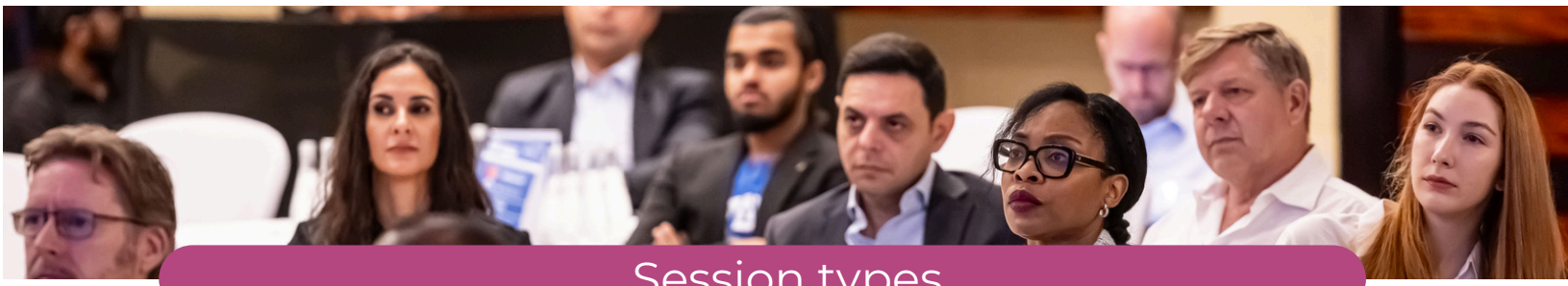
🕐 6:00pm – 10:30pm **Networking Reception and Dinner at TOPAZ Istanbul**

Wednesday, 11 November 2026

Roundtable Peer to Peer Discussion

🕐 10:00am – 1:00pm **CSO + CISO 360 Middle East Roundtable**

🕐 1:00pm – 2:00pm **Lunch with peers**



Session types

- **Case Stories -** Battle-tested strategies and benchmarking real deployments from peers who've been in the trenches.
- **Fireside Chats and Panels -** Delegates are invited to shape the conversation. Honest answers and on-stage interviews. Engaging, two-way discussions.
- **CISO + CSO 360 Roundtables** - Tactical table discussions where you collaboratively solve real challenges with peers.
- **Spotlights -** C-Suite and corporate leaders outside the security sphere bring fresh perspectives.
- **1-2-1 Innovation Speed Meetings** - Connect with technology luminaries in dynamic 5-minute voluntary speed-meetings. An informative and efficient way to evaluate new tools.

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2026 SPEAKER PANEL (Partial)

- Dr. Joseph Volkan Özcan, İzmir Institute of Technology (İzmir Yüksek Teknoloji Enstitüsü- İYTED) (Türkiye)
- Aykut Baran, Security Manager, Saipem (Türkiye)
- Ufuk Turkolmez, Cyber Security Manager, ISG - Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (Türkiye)
- Turan Mola, CISO | Head of Information Security and Risk Management - Burgan Bank (Türkiye)
- Anonymous Whistleblower
- Anoop Paudval, Head of Information Security and GRC, GulfNews, (UAE)
- Adam Drabik, CISO (UK)
- Asimina Basdani, CISO, IDIKA SA (Greece)
- Botan Osman, CEO, Restrata
- Esin Longman, Cyber Security Lead (UK)
- James Sarner, Managing Director, JMS Risk | Founder, CrossRisk (UK)
- Milena Maneva, Head of Business Continuity & Resilience EMEA, Cantor Fitzgerald (UK)
- Mark Wolsey, CEO, Convergent Risk (UK)
- Mohamed Amr, Senior Engineer META, Illumio (UAE)
- Ned Farmer, Geopolitical Risk | Intelligence | International Affairs | Global Security (US)
- Lady Olga Maitland, President, Defence and Security Forum (UK)
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Tuesday, 10 November: Conference

09:05 **Atatürk Remembrance with the Nationwide Moment of Silence at 09:05.**

09:30 **Arrivals and Coffee.**

09:55 **Chairperson's Welcome**

10:00 **Keynote: What Resilience Means in Today's World**
Lady Olga Maitland, Founder, The Resilience Imperative

10:20 **Case Story: A 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

10:40 **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

11:00 **Fireside Chat: How Do International Developments Affect Türkiye and the Middle East? Operating in a Contested World**
- Global outlook: Which geopolitical, economic and security developments are most likely to reshape the next 12–24 months?
- The Middle East at the crossroads: How are regional tensions, economic diversification, shifting alliances?
- The U.S. lens: How is American foreign policy affecting commercial relationships and business exposure across the Middle East?
- China, Europe and global interdependencies: How are trade friction, technology competition, sanctions and supply-chain dependencies changing the risk landscape? From geopolitical events to enterprise disruption: Where are the most significant implications for cyber resilience, corporate security, business continuity and investment? Anticipating what comes next: What signals should security leaders be watching?

Moderator: Ned Farmer, Geopolitical Risk | Intelligence | International Affairs | Global Security (U.S.)
Panellists: Ufuk Turkolmez, Cyber Security Manager, ISG - Istanbul Sabiha Gokcen International Airport (Türkiye); Mark Wolsey, CEO, Convergent Risk (UK); Practitioners and Specialists from Türkiye

11:30-12:10 **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.

12:10 **Spotlight: Resilience in an AI-Connected World: Containing Breaches Across Your On-Prem Estate**
Mohamed Amr, Senior Engineer META, Illumio

12:30 **Fireside Chat: The Next Security Frontier - AI, Quantum and the Future of Human Control. How do we Harness Emerging Technologies while Protecting People, Information, Assets and Business Resilience?**
- Where must humans retain control? Convergence of threats: How are AI-enabled cyberattacks, deepfakes, disinformation, intelligence manipulation and physical security risks changing the threat landscape?
- Preparing for quantum: What should organisations be doing today? Innovation and trust: How can organisations move quickly with emerging technologies while maintaining the confidence of customers, employees, regulators and boards?

With: Dr. Joseph Volkan Özcan, İzmir Institute of Technology (İzmir Yüksek Teknoloji Enstitüsü- İYTED) (Türkiye)
Dr. Viktor Polić, Cryptographer and Former CISO of the ILO, UN (Switzerland)
Anoop Paudval, Head of Information Security and GRC, GulfNews, UAE and Frontier Luminaries from Türkiye and the wider region

13:10 **Case Story: The Crisis Nobody Owns - Real-World Lessons in Readiness and Decision-Making**
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)

13:25-14:15 **Lunch**

14:15 **Case Story: Logs Are Not Evidence: Who Authorised That AI Agent, and Can You Still Prove It in 2035?**
Dr Viktor Polić, Cryptographer and Former CISO of the ILO, UN (Switzerland)

14:35 **Spotlight: Lessons from a CSO**
Mark Wolsey, CEO, Convergent Risk (UK)

15:00 **Case Story: Cybersecurity in the Age of AI: Rethinking Security in a Changing Threat Landscape**
Asimina Basdani, CISO, IDIKA SA (Greece)

15:20 **Panel: Security as a Business Enabler - Governing AI at the Speed of Innovation**
How do CISOs and CSOs enable rapid AI adoption without losing visibility, control or trust?
From shadow AI and third-party models to agentic applications and autonomous identities, security leaders must balance innovation with practical security controls. How can security become an enabler from the outset?

- How can organisations create safe, practical pathways for employees and business units to adopt AI?
- What new controls are needed for autonomous agents, machine identities, privileged access and AI-driven workflows? Cross-security learnings: Which approaches, controls and lessons learned are helping CISOs and CSOs to support innovation while maintaining resilience and accountability?

Moderator: Salpi Stojan, Security and Compliance Manager, Vivicta (Czech Republic)
Panellists: Asimina Basdani, CISO, IDIKA SA (Greece); Esin Longman, Cyber Security Lead (UK); Anoop Paudval, Head of Information Security and GRC, GulfNews, (UAE); and CISOs and CSOs from regional energy, telecommunications, aviation and financial services

15:50-16:10 **Afternoon Tea Break**

16:10 **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 (UK)

16:40 **Fireside Chat: 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: **Ian Schenkel, VP of EMEA & APAC, Intel 471**
Ned Farmer, Geopolitical Risk | Intelligence | International Affairs | Global Security (US)
James Sarner, Managing Director, JMS Risk | Founder, CrossRisk (UK)
and CISOs, CSOs from the region



17:10 **An Anonymous Whistle-blower's First-Hand Account:**
A Real Case. When the Truth Becomes the Threat
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Your chance to question.
Anonymous Whistle-blower. Interviewed by: Mark Wolsey, CEO, Convergent Risk (UK)

17:50 **Close of day one sessions**

18:00 **Depart Lobby - Intercontinental Istanbul to walk as a group to TOPAZ (10 minutes)**

18:30-22:00 **Supper at TOPAZ | Istanbul**
Topaz Istanbul in Gümüşsuyu has magnificent Bosphorus views.

15:20-15:50 **Afternoon Coffee Break**

Joint Security Leadership Sessions

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17:30 **Closing Keynote**

Networking

18:00-21:30 **Supper at TOPAZ | Istanbul**
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We will walk from the Intercontinental (a 10-minute walk departing from the lobby at 17:45.



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

Protecting your value as AI and the threat landscape move faster than any of us.

The Faculty

Moderator: Mark Wolsey, CEO, Convergent Risk

Co-Facilitators:

- **Ned Farmer, Geopolitical Risk | Intelligence | International Affairs | Global Security (US)**
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- **Chatham House Rule** - non-attribution setting, no press
- **All voices are heard** as we draw out insights from the diverse experience in the room. Experienced CISO and CSO moderators and facilitators guide rather than direct.
- **Practical takeaways** - benchmark implementable approaches to risks, threats and opportunities

TIMINGS

09:30-09:45	Arrivals and Coffee
09:45-10:00	**Welcome & Objectives**
10:00-10:40	**Roundtable Session 1**
10:40-11:20	**Roundtable Session 2**
11:20-11:35	Short Comfort Break
11:35-12:10	**Roundtable Session 3**
12:10-12:50	**Roundtable Session 4**
12:50-13:00	**Wrap Up & Key Take-Aways**
13:00-	Close of Roundtables
13:00-14:00	**Lunch**







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VENUE INFORMATION

InterContinental Istanbul
Gümüşsuyu, Asker Ocağı Cd. No:1, 34435 Beyoğlu/İstanbul, Türkiye

ABOUT THE VENUE

The 7th CISO 360 Middle East and 2nd CSO 360 Middle East events will be hosted at the Intercontinental Istanbul.
Located in the modern Taksim district, the high-rise InterContinental Istanbul hotel has superior rooms and suites with breathtaking views over the Bosphorus and the historic city skyline.

This 5 star hotel has exceptional on-site dining, offering everything from gourmet buffet breakfasts to traditional Turkish cuisine. The InterContinental Istanbul also offers a beautiful Spa with outdoor heated swimming pool, sauna and luxurious Turkish baths.

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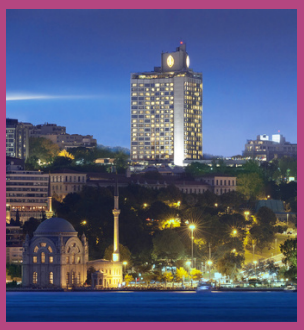
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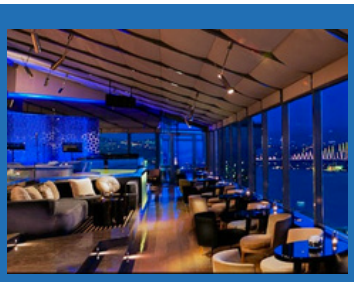
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Closest train station is: Söğütlüçeşme Station.














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EVENT

Monday 9 November	Welcome Reception: **CISO + CSO CSO 360 Middle - East - InterContinental Istanbul - City Lights Bar (top floor)**
Tuesday 10 November	Conference: **7th CISO 360 Middle East** & **2nd CSO 360 Middle East** Evening: **Networking Dinner at TOPAZ restaurant**
Wednesday 11 November	Roundtables & Lunch: **CISO + CSO CSO 360 Middle East Roundtable**



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