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Welcome to the inaugural CSO 360 Middle East

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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the Annual Meeting Place for Security Leaders in the Middle East! We are thrilled to invite you to actively participate as a 'founding participant' of the first ever **CSO 360 Middle East Conference**.

As Chief Security Officer and director of corporate security roles shift amidst the backdrop of geopolitical turbulence and technological transformation impact, there has never been a better time for these conversations. The CSO's success increasingly depends on demonstrating security's value to the business, and business success depends on trust, security and resilience.

Co-location: Given the critical need for security disciplines to align and work together more closely than ever before, we are excited to introduce this inaugural **CSO 360 Middle East** for senior executives in corporate security, resilience, intelligence and investigations. Part of our Global CSO 360 series, This dynamic new event for the Middle East region sits alongside **6th CISO 360 Middle East** in Dubai. This strategic cross-security thought-leadership will deliver maximum value for security professionals.

What's New for 2025

- ★ **Access to Two Events, One Shared Mission:** Security leadership co-location for holistic resilience
- ★ **CSO 360 Playbooks:** Input to table benchmarking discussions.
- ★ **Power Panel 2026 and Beyond: The Emerging Risks Shaping AI, Quantum, and Web3** - explores macro impacts of irreversible transaction risks, attacks, regulatory challenges.
- ★ **Security updates** across manufacturing, airports, and mega-projects.
- ★ **Enhanced Networking Schedule:** Dedicated evening receptions, and wrap up on a yacht cruise after the CISO 360 Roundtable on 12 November.

CSO 360 Team

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Why Join CSO 360 Middle East?

- Compare and share how prominent security leaders are leading teams and driving their businesses forward
- Benchmark with security and resilience peers from across the Middle East region and beyond
- Build collective resilience learning from those doing the job day in day out



OUR SPEAKERS (PARTIAL LIST)



Jason Lau

CISO
Crypto.com
Singapore



Hussain Abdallah

Regional Corporate Relations
Adviser NBD - MENA,
Shell
UAE



Ashu Sharma

Group Investigations Manager
Anglo American
UK



Patrick Kane

Senior Director Security
Atlas Air
USA

International Speaker Panel (partial list)

- Simon Scales (Conference Chairperson)
- Hussain Abdallah, Regional Corporate Relations Adviser NBD - MENA, **Shell** (UAE)
- Jason Lau, CISO, **Crypto.com** (Singapore)
- Alberto Gallardo, Security Manager – Iberia – EMEA Spain and Portugal, **The Walt Disney Company** (Spain)
- Ashu Sharma, Group Investigations Manager, **Anglo American** (UK)
- Hannah Poppy, Global Head of Risk Intelligence, **Emergent Risk International**
- John Sunerton, Crisis & Operational Risks Lead, **Dragonfly – Dow Jones**
- Lady Olga Maitland, President, **Defence and Security Forum**
- Megan Sutcliffe, Principal Analyst - Middle East and Africa, **Sibyline**
- Ned Farmer, Senior Strategic Intelligence Analyst, **Emergent Risk International**
- Nicola Sotira, Head of CERT, **Poste Italiane** (Italy)
- Patrick Kane, Senior Director Security, **Atlas Air** (USA)
- Dr. Robert Coles, Governor & Chair of Audit & Risk Assurance Committee, **University of Brighton** (UK)
- Roberto De Paolis, Head of Digital Security & Security Operations, **Leonardo** (Italy)
- Sam Olsen, Chief Analyst at Sibylline, Author of States of Play, **Sibyline**
- Dr. Sally Leivesley, Managing Director, **Newrisk**
- Speaker, **Dataminr**
- Speaker, **Kaseware**
- Steve Hill, Strategic Risk and Cybersecurity Adviser, Former Group CISO of **Credit Suisse**

And many more..



Agenda at a Glance

Monday, 10 November

Welcome Reception: CSO 360 + CISO 360 Middle East

⌚ 18:00-20:00: Evening Networking Ice-Breaker

📍 Siddharta Lounge by Buddha-Bar, Grosvenor House. Kindly sponsored by: **Emergent Risk International**

Tuesday, 11 November

Conference Day: CSO 360 + CISO 360 Middle East

⌚ 09:00-09:30: Check-in & Welcome Coffee

⌚ 09:30-11:00: CSO 360 + CISO 360 Middle East - **Security Leadership Plenary**

⌚ 11:00-12:00: CSO 360 + CISO 360 Middle East - **360 Innovation 1-2-1 Speed-Meetings**

⌚ 12:00-17:30: CSO 360 Middle East (& CISO 360 Middle East) - **Twin Conference Co-Location**

⌚ 13:30-14:20: **Lunch**. Kindly sponsored by: **Sibylline**

⌚ 17:30-21:00: Networking Dinner. Kindly sponsored by: **Mastercard**

📍 Atelier M, Dubai Marina Rooftop: **CSO 360 + CISO 360 Supper**

Wednesday, 12 November

Security Leadership Roundtable: CSO + CISO Middle East

⌚ 10:00-13:00: Roundtable Discussions. **Holistic themes + focused tables to identify shared priorities.**

⌚ 13:00-14:00: **Lunch**

⌚ 14:30-15:00: Group Departs for Dubai Marina

⌚ 15:00-18:00: **Sunset Yacht Cruise Networking** Around Palm Jumeirah. Kindly sponsored by: **Dataminr**

📍 Dubai Marina, Palm Jumeirah and Dubai Sights

Peer-to-Peer Sharing | Tech Leadership Inspiration Maximum Engagement | Practical Value | Memorability



• **Case Stories** → Hear battle-tested strategies from peers who've been there in the trenches.



• **Fireside Chats** → Intimate interview-style on-stage conversations that go beyond the surface, revealing the thinking behind critical security decisions.



• **AMA (Ask Me Anything) Panels** → Delegates are invited to shape the conversation. Engaging two-way organic discussions. No rehearsed pitches, just honest answers.



• **CSO 360 Playbook Tables** → Tactical table discussions where you collaboratively solve real challenges with peers, then share insights.



• **Lightning Talks** → Sharp, visual storytelling that energises the room.



• **360 Spotlights** → CxOs and Corporate leaders outside the security sphere injecting fresh perspectives, helping you align security with the business vision or niche.

AGENDA - TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025

Security Leadership Co-location: CSO + CISO 360 Middle East

- 08:30 Coffee, Refreshments, Networking**
- 09:30 Chairperson's Welcome**
- 09:35 Opening Statement**
Invited: H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti, Head of Cybersecurity, UAE Government; Chairman, UAE Cybersecurity Council
- 09:40 Power Panel: 2026 and Beyond: The Emerging Risks Shaping AI, Quantum, and Web3**
AI – Emerging attack vectors from deepfakes to model context protocols and adaptive malware
Quantum – Hype or imminent risk? Where quantum threats begin and how leaders can prepare
Web 3 – From digital assets to augmented tech: building trust and resilience in decentralised ecosystems
Moderator: Jason Lau, CISO, Crypto.com (Singapore)
Invited: H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti, Head of Cybersecurity, UAE Government; Chairman, UAE Cybersecurity Council
Steve Hill, Strategic Risk and Cybersecurity Adviser (Former Group CISO of Credit Suisse)
- 10:30 Spotlight: Taking A Data-First Approach to Cyber Risk Management**
Atif Shaukat, Regional Director - Cyber Security - EEMEA, Mastercard
- 10:45 Geopolitical Spotlight: Security Landscape Middle East**
Sam Olsen, Chief Analyst at Sibylline, Author of States of Play, Sibylline
- 11:00 Morning Coffee Break + 360 Innovation 1-2-1 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, discuss real-world challenges, and directly influence the technologies that will shape the future of cybersecurity.
- 12:00 Participants select their primary conference**

CSO 360 Middle East Chaired by: Simon Scales

- 12:00 Case Story: Hotel Selection: Security Considerations in Context**
Patrick Kane, Senior Director Security, Atlas Air (USA)
- 12:20 Panel: Intelligence Support to Crisis Response: Lessons Learnt from Recent Regional Crises**
- Anticipating potential crises
 - Managing active ones
 - Evacuation and overflight risk
- Panellists:**
John Sunerton, Crisis & Operational Risks Lead, Dragonfly – Dow Jones
Patrick Kane, Senior Director Security, Atlas Air (USA)

CISO 360 Middle East

Co-located sessions:
Cybersecurity, technology risk, information security

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CISO 360 Middle East **Chaired by: Simon Scales**

12:50 **Workshop Discussion: Strategic Cyber -Physical Threats - GCC Infrastructure Resilience**

- First and Second Island Chain Resilience
- Space Dominance – Quantum Communications
- Nuclear Threats
- Antarctic and Arctic Risks
- Cyber Dominance
- Artificial Intelligence and Brain Science
- Case Study Nuclear Terror

Dr Sally Leivesley, Managing Director Newrisk Limited, Member, Register of Security Engineers and Specialists (UK)

13:20 **Lunch**

14:10 **Spotlight: Beyond Security: Business Implications of the Gaza Conflict**

A look past immediate security risks to examine the long-term business impacts of the Gaza conflict -regulation, compliance, and reputation. Gain practical insights on how to frame geopolitical risks in business terms that resonate with executives and boards.

Hannah Poppy, Global Head of Intelligence & Analysis, Emergent Risk International (UK)

14:20 **Fireside Chat: Geopolitics - A New Regional Order**

Gaza and beyond: Will the current Gaza ceasefire hold, and what are the conditions for its sustainability? What role are regional and global actors playing in enforcing or undermining the ceasefire? Iran in the Crosshairs: Is a second round of conflict between Israel and Iran likely? How would renewed hostilities impact global energy security and regional stability? What signals are we seeing from Tehran and Tel Aviv that could indicate escalation or de-escalation? Power Shifts and Strategic Implications: What does a region with a stronger Israel and a weaker Iran look like? How will this shift affect the strategic calculus of other regional powers like Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Egypt? Could this lead to a new security architecture or alliance system in the Middle East?

Featuring: Hussain Abdallah, Regional Corporate Relations Adviser NBD – MENA, Shell (UAE). In conversation with: Ned Farmer, Senior Strategic Intelligence Analyst, Emergent Risk International (USA)

14:50 **Fireside Chat: Corporate Investigations, Insider Risk and Misconduct in the Era of Mis- and Disinformation**

Join corporate investigators doing the job day in day out for a focused chat on how leading organisations are redefining investigations in complex global environments, managing security and crises amid AI-driven disinformation, bots, and social media-fuelled unrest.

- How do we rebuild digital trust in an age where deepfakes make seeing no longer believing?
- Leveraging data and AI for smarter, faster insights
- Strengthening whistle-blower trust and ethical culture
- Moving from reactive investigations to proactive prevention

With: Ashu Sharma, Group Investigations Manager Legal -Ethics Compliance Investigations, Anglo American (UK)

15:20 **Case Story: Insider Threat Management**

15:35 **Panel: Mitigating the Business Impacts of Climate Change in the Middle East: Risk, Resilience and Opportunity**

Explore how CSOs can prepare their organisations for resilience while also aligning with regional sustainability strategies and capturing market opportunities.

How is climate change already affecting operations and costs in the Middle East, from energy pricing to supply chain reliability? What role should CSOs play in supporting national visions for sustainability and resilience (e.g., UAE Net Zero 2050, Saudi Vision 2030)? Where have investments in resilience delivered measurable returns or competitive advantage?

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CSO 360 Middle East **Chaired by: Simon Scales**

15:55 **CSO 360 Playbooks:**

Participants will share table feedback on key case uses.

1. **Building Executive Protection Programmes on Any Budget**
2. **Regional Organised Crime Business Impacts**
3. **Civil Unrest**
4. **Maritime and Ports Security & Supply Chain Risk**

16:55 **Panel: Counter-Terrorism Updates & Middle East Perspectives**

- How are terrorism threats in the Middle East shaping corporate security?
- What lessons can be drawn from new global legislative frameworks, and how might they apply in the region?
- Which aspects of preparedness need the most urgent focus?
- How can CSOs ensure proportionate, practical measures that protect business continuity in high-risk environments?
- What opportunities exist for regional and international collaboration to strengthen counter-terrorism resilience?

With: Directors of Security and Subject Matter Experts

17:30 **Close of Day One & Networking**

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Networking: CSO + CISO 360 Middle East

17:30- 21:30 **Networking Dinner - Atelier M** **Kindly Sponsored by:** **Mastercard**

Join security peers at Atelier M, the rooftop restaurant, lounge and bar, floating above Dubai Marina. We will enjoy dinner out on the wrap-around terrace with beautiful views of the Marina. Amazing Art Deco-inspired lounge and a Rooftop terrace with impeccable service and elegant atmosphere on the top floors of Pier 7.





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AGENDA - WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2025

Security Leadership Roundtable:

Raising the Resilience Bar: Where Are Our Critical Resilience Gaps?

The meeting of physical, cyber, intelligence, IoT, and product security minds...

A highlight of both the **CSO 360 Middle East** and **CISO 360 Middle East** agendas, the Security Leadership Roundtable unites CSOs, CISOs, and security luminaries across disciplines. Discussions begin with **holistic themes** before **breaking into focused tables** to identify shared priorities.

Chaired by: Dr. Robert Coles, Governor & Chair of Audit & Risk Assurance Committee, University of Brighton and Simon Scales
With Co-Facilitators

Why Join:

- Take away practical insights from peers breaking silos and converging pathways
- Hear practitioner-led strategies and best practices in a trusted Chatham Rule setting
- Cross pollinate and strengthen alignment across security disciplines

Format:

Our experienced roundtable faculty will guide an open plenary discussion, with breakout CISO and CSO groups. No slides – just dialogue.

Key Talking Points Shaped by Security, Geopolitical Intelligence Risk, and Investigations Practitioners:

- Where are our critical resilience gaps and how do we prepare for disruption?
- Mis- and disinformation - fostering collaboration across security domains
- Mega Projects and Holistic Security: OT/IoT/IT/Physical Convergence
- Removing the siloes between security pillars
- State-sponsored activities, cybercrime, hacktivism, and terrorism
- Future skills to stay ahead of AI, quantum, and emerging technologies
- Well-being and mental health in security leadership
- Board metrics - what truly resonates with directors?
- Crisis communication and board-level reporting
- Insider threat programmes

NEW: CSO 360 Playbooks: AI Security and Risk. SHARED USE CASES

AI Continuous Control Monitoring, Threat Detection
Supply Chain Risk & Automation
Pace and Resources of Rapid New Tech Adoption - Including AI
Recovery and Resilience

Timings & Networking CSO + CISO 360 Middle East

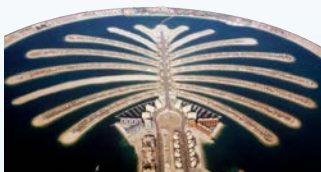
09:30 Security Leadership Roundtable
13:00 Lunch
14:30 Depart Hotel. Transport provided.

14:30-18:00 Networking Yacht Cruise.
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AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Monday 10 November 2025	Welcome Reception - Grosvenor House
Tuesday 11 November 2025	Check-in and Welcome Coffee Conferences: 1 st CSO 360 Middle East Co-located with: 6 th CISO 360 Middle East. Cultural Networking
Wednesday 12 November 2025	Security Leadership Roundtables - CSO ↔ CISO Lunch Optional Networking - Yacht Cruise around The Palm



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

All Participant Places Include:

- ✓ Entry to **CSO 360 Middle East** (+ **CISO 360 Middle East** Co-location). **Two Events in One!**
- ✓ Lunch, coffee breaks and refreshments
- ✓ Invitation to join the evening networking events + yacht cruise
- ✓ Post-event presentation materials (subject to speaker opt-out) and output reports

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All participants are invited to attend the social events, an integral part of the **CSO 360 + CISO 360 Middle East** combined networking experience!



VENUE - Siddharta Lounge by Buddha-Bar, Grosvenor House

**MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER
6PM-8PM**

Siddharta Lounge by Buddha-Bar is an award-winning rooftop lounge with a vibrant atmosphere and spectacular views of Dubai Marina and beyond. Perfect for our ice-breaking welcome reception!

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**VENUE - Atelier M
Dubai Marina**

**TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER
5.30PM-9:30PM**

Join security peers at Atelier M, the rooftop restaurant, lounge and bar, floating above Dubai Marina. Covering the top three floors of the Pier7 building in Dubai Marina, the restaurant on the 7th floor offers fine dining Mediterranean cuisine with Japanese influences, created by chef Mohammad Islam. We will enjoy dinner out on the wrap-around terrace with beautiful views of the marina!

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VENUE - Grosvenor House

**TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER
1PM-2PM**

Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch during the conference.

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**VENUE - Sunset Yacht Cruise
Networking Around Palm Jumeirah**

**WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER
2:30PM-6PM**

Set sail for an unforgettable afternoon/ early evening of connection and conversation as the sun dips behind Dubai's skyline. Step aboard a luxury yacht for a relaxed networking experience that combines panoramic views, world-class hospitality, and meaningful dialogue. Glide across the Arabian Gulf, tracing the iconic curve of Palm Jumeirah - past Atlantis The Palm, Royal Palace, and the glittering Marina. Enjoy chilled beverages while meeting fellow security, risk, and resilience leaders in a setting that encourages genuine connection. Capture the perfect sunset moment with Dubai's skyline as your backdrop - a fitting finale to two days of insight and collaboration! Dress code: Casual. Duration: 2.5 hours. Includes: Yacht charter, open bar, and transport from the venue

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SETTING & ACCOMMODATION

Elegantly towering above the azure Dubai Marina and the soaring cityscape, the iconic Grosvenor House, Luxury Collection Hotel, Dubai is nestled in the renowned Dubai Marina, near the city centre and within minutes of Dubai Internet City and Media City. Dubai International Airport: 27 minutes.

Special accommodation rates for event participants, availability depending.

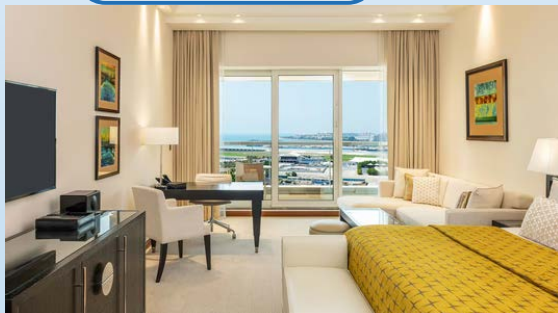
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*Room rate is subject to 7% municipality fee, 10% service charge, 5% VAT & AED 20 tourism fee per person.

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REFLECTIONS FROM 360 MIDDLE EAST

+22%

Increase in
Regional
Attendance YOY

+123

One-to-One Meetings

98%

Networking Satisfaction Rate

99%

Recommend event to
colleagues and peers

90%

Seniority Level C-level and
director

CSO 360 EVENT INSIGHTS

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"Great networking and learning from various security Gurus!"

Sajjad Ahmad, Director of Security, DP World



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