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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** 



**Hussein Abdallah** 



**Ashu Sharma** 



**Patrick Kane** 

CISO Crypto.com Singapore



Group Investigations Manager Anglo American



Senior Director Security



**Lady Olga Maitland** 



**Malcolm Smith** 



Nicola Sotira



Alberto Gallardo

President Defence and Security Forum Al Haffa Consulting LLC

Senior Executive Function Oatar

Head of CERT Poste Italiane Italy

Security Manager - Iberia -EMEA Spain and Portugal The Walt Disney Company / Decysyon Spain

### International Speaker Panel (partial list)

- Simon Scales (Conference Chairperson)
- Hussein Abdallah, Regional Corporate Relations Adviser NBD MENA, Shell (UAE)
- Sam Olsen, Chief Analyst at Sibylline, Author of States of Play, Sibylline
- Jason Lau, CISO, **Crypto.com** (Singapore)
- Alberto Gallardo, Security Manager Iberia EMEA Spain and Portugal, The Walt Disney Company / **Decysyon** (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
- Malcolm Smith, Senior Executive Function, Al Haffa Consulting LLC (Qatar)
- May Brooks-Kempler, Board Member, Innocent Lives Foundation; Board Treasurer (Audit Committee Chair), ISC2 (UAE)
- Megan Sutcliffe, Principal Analyst Middle East and Africa, Sibylline
- 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)
- Dr. Sally Leivesley, Managing Director, Newrisk
- Dan Pearce is VP of Public Sector EMEA, **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

1018:00-20:00: Evening Networking Ice-Breaker

📍 Siddharta Lounge by Buddha-Bar, Grosvenor House. Kindly sponsored by: Sibylline

# Tuesday, 11 November

Conference Day: CSO 360 + CISO 360 Middle East

109:00-09:30: Check-in & Welcome Coffee

• 009:30-11:00: 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: Emergent Risk International

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

①10:00-13:00: Roundtable Discussions. Holistic themes + focused tables to identify shared priorities.

13:00-14:00: **Lunch** 

114:30-15:00: 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
- 09:15 Chairperson's Welcome

Dr. Robert Coles, Governor & Chair of Audit & Risk Assurance Committee, University of Brighton (UK)

09:15 Opening Statement

> Invited: H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti, Head of Cybersecurity, UAE Government; Chairman, UAE **Cybersecurity Council**

Power Panel: 2026 and Beyond: The Emerging Risks Shaping Al, Quantum, and Web3 09:25

Al – 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** 

Davide Del Vecchio, CISO, Careem (UAE)

Roberto De Paolis, Head of Digital Security & Security Operations, Leonardo (Italy) **Steve Hill, Former Group CISO of Credit Suisse (UK)** 

Spotlight: Taking A Data-First Approach to Risk Management 10:15

Atif Shaukat, Regional Director - Cyber Security - EEMEA, Mastercard

**Geopolitical Spotlight: Security Landscape Middle East** 10:30

Sam Olsen, Chief Analyst at Sibylline, Author of States of Play, Sibylline

10:45 Robotics Spotlight: Machines Learning to Manipulate and Defend - With Feeling

Prof Dr. Björn Schuller, Professor of Health Informatics, TUM & Professor of AI @ Imperial College **London TUM & Imperial College London** 

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 prematched based on your mutual interests. A unique opportunity to evaluate new tools and strategies, discuss realworld challenges, and directly influence the technologies that will shape the future of cybersecurity.

Participants select their primary conference 12:00

# 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 Management: Lessons Identified From **Recent Regional Crises** 
  - Anticipating potential crises
  - Managing active ones
  - Evacuation and overflight risk

John Sunerton, Crisis & Operational Risks Lead, Dragonfly – Dow Jones Patrick Kane, Senior Director Security, Atlas Air (USA); Alberto Gallardo, Security Manager – Iberia – EMEA Spain and Portugal, The Walt Disney Company / Decysyon (Spain)

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





### AGENDA - TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025

# 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. Kindly sponsored by: (



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

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: Hussein Abdallah, Regional Corporate Relations Adviser NBD - MENA, Shell (UAE). In conversation with: Ned Farmer, Senior Strategic Intelligence Analyst, Emergent Risk International (USA); Hannah Poppy, Global Head of Intelligence & Analysis, Emergent Risk International (UK)

#### Spotlight: High-Stakes, Quick Actions: How Agentic AI Transforms Real-Time 14:50 **Decision-Making for Enterprise Resilience**

Explore how Agentic AI is fundamentally transforming how organisations detect emerging threats, mount proportional responses to crises, and maintain holistic situational awareness in real time. What are the real-world challenges of deploying this technology in sensitive, high-pressure contexts, focusing on governance, assurance, and ethical deployment?

Dan Pearce is VP of Public Sector EMEA at Dataminr

#### 15:10 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 Al-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

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

#### Afternoon Tea Break 15:35

#### 16:00 Spotlight: Security as a Value Enabler

May Brooks-Kempler, Board Member, Innocent Lives Foundation; Board Treasurer (Audit Committee Chair), ISC2 (UAE)

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## AGENDA - TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025

# CSO 360 Middle East Chaired by: Simon Scales

#### 16:15 AMA Panel: Around the Middle East

Explore how CSOs are preparing their organisations to be resilient.

- 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
- **5. Integration of AI with Crisis Management**
- 6. Mitigating the Business Impacts of Climate Change

Panellists:

#### 16:45 Spotlight: Mitigating the Business Impacts of Climate Change in the Region

#### 17:00 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: Megan Sutclifffe, Middle East and Africa Principal Analyst, Sibylline and Directors of Security; Subject Matter Experts

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

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## Networking: CSO + CISO 360 Middle East

# 17:30- Networking Dinner - Atelier M21:30 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.







# AGENDA - WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2025

### Security Leadership Roundtable

A meeting of physical, cyber, intelligence, security minds

Raising the Resilience Bar: Where Are Our Critical Resilience Gaps? How do we prepare?

A highlight of the **CSO 360 Middle East** and **CISO 360 Middle East** programmes. 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.

#### Co-Steered by:

Dr. Robert Coles, Former CISO & CSO Now Governor & Chair of Audit & Risk Assurance Committee, University of Brighton (UK); Simon Scales, Association of Corporate Investigators (UK); Malcolm Smith, Senior Executive Function, Al Haffa Consulting LLC (Qatar); John Davison, Managing Director, F-24 (UK)

#### Why Join:

- · Key talking points shaped by cyber, corporate security, geopolitical intelligence risk, investigations practitioners
- · 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 us through a **mix of larger and smaller** group discussions, with **breakout CISO and CSO** groups. No slides, just dialogue.

#### Session 1: Where Security Converges

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- Where are our collective 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

#### Session 2: Break outs

#### **CSO 360 Roundtable**

- Establishing security governance
  - Security operating models
- · Strengthening collaboration with MOI

#### CISO 360 Roundtable

- · Al Security and Risk use cases pace of adoption
  - · Supply Chain Risk & Automation
    - · 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- Networking Yacht Cruise.18:00 Kindly Sponsored By:











# AGENDA AT A GLANCE

Monday 10 November 2025 Welcome Reception - Grosvenor House

Tuesday 11 November 2025 Check-in and Welcome Coffee

> Conferences: 1st CSO 360 Middle East Co-located with: 6<sup>th</sup> CISO 360 Middle East.

Cultural Networking

Wednesday 12 November 2025 Security Leadership Roundtables - CSO 

CISO

Lunch

Optional Networking - Yacht Cruise around The Palm



#### 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

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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!







**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!







**VENUE - Grosvenor House TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1PM-2PM** 

Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch during the conference.







**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











### VENUE INFORMATION

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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.

Single occupancy: AED 1,250
Discounted rate inclusive of
breakfast & wi-fi.
\*Room rate is subject to 7%
municipality fee, 10% service
charge, 5% VAT & AED 20 tourism
fee per person.

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#### **CONFERENCE SPACE**

The Conference will be hosted in Windsor Ballroom featuring high-tech facilities and elegant high ceiling. Directly outside the ballroom is the foyer, the ideal setting for our Networking Innovation Hub where all coffee breaks and 1-2-1



















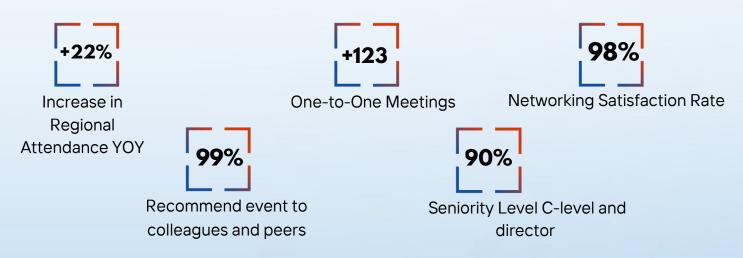








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Sajjad Ahmad, Director of Security, DP World







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