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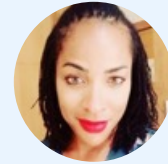
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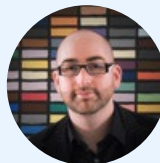
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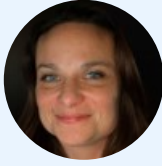
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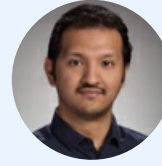
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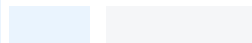
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Registration

8:30 AM-9:00 AM

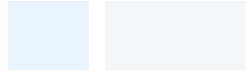
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Morning Networking

9:00 AM-9:30 AM

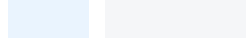
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Opening Remarks

9:30 AM-9:40 AM

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FIRESIDE CHAT

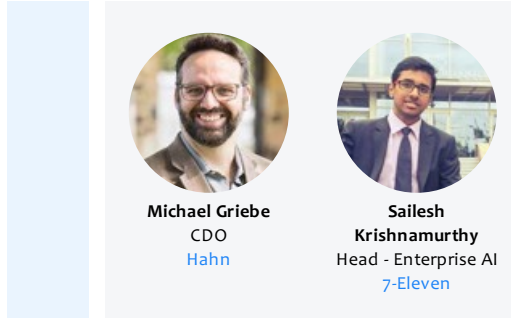
The Role of AI in Enhancing Digital Operations

9:40 AM-10:15 AM

Exploring the transformative influence of artificial intelligence on modern business processes. This session delves into how AI-driven technologies optimize digital operations, streamline workflows, and enhance efficiency. This Vision Voice will share insights into real-world applications, best practices, and the strategic integration of AI, empowering organizations to unlock new levels of productivity and innovation in the digital landscape.

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KEYNOTE PANEL

Next-Level Innovations: Unveiling Gen AI - The Hype, The Reality, and The Future

10:20 AM-11:05 AM

Executing on Gen AI Transformation in a meaningful way requires asking the right questions. Enterprises need to understand how to extract real value, mitigate risks, and leverage data to guide AI Transformation effectively through the digital noise from supplier ecosystem. This presentation/panel discussion will explore how business leaders can approach AI strategically, ensuring thoughtful implementation that aligns with organizational goals.

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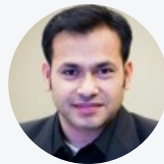


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## Coffee Break

10:55 AM-11:15 AM

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## FIRESIDE CHAT

### Leading with Data: Insights, Impact, and Governance

11:15 AM-11:50 AM

Harnessing insights, ensuring meaningful impact, and establishing robust governance structures, enabling leaders to make informed decisions, drive innovation, and foster a data-driven organizational culture effectively. Let's dive into the practical insights into maximizing data's potential, ensuring its relevance, and upholding ethical standards in today's data-driven business landscape.

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## PANEL

11:55 AM-12:30 PM

# AI-led Product Engineering and Digital Transformation.

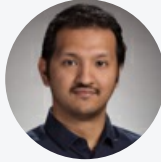
Let's explore the significance of integrating AI into digital strategies, emphasizing its transformative impact on various industries. It delves into key considerations such as data-driven decision-making, personalized customer experiences, and operational efficiency. Additionally, the synopsis highlights the challenges associated with AI implementation, such as ethical concerns and the need for robust cybersecurity measures. Through the lens of real-world examples and industry insights, it underscores how a well-executed AI strategy can position organizations for success, driving growth, agility, and long-term sustainability.

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## Lunch & Networking

12:20 PM-1:20 PM

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## PANEL

1:20 PM-2:05 PM

# Tech and Cybersecurity Leadership in the Era of AI and ML: Navigating Innovation and Responsibility

In the dynamic realm of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML), CISOs play a pivotal role in leveraging these advancements for enhanced cybersecurity. Strategic integration of AI and ML is essential for bolstering security measures, optimizing decision-making, and driving innovation. CISOs must adopt a comprehensive approach, considering the entire lifecycle of these technologies to ensure both efficiency and ethical use. Establishing robust governance frameworks becomes paramount, addressing biases, ensuring transparency, and minimizing unintended consequences.

Looking ahead, as AI and ML continue to advance, CISOs face evolving challenges and regulatory considerations. Proactive engagement involves staying informed about changing regulations, particularly in areas such as data privacy and ethical AI practices. CISOs should strive for a tech-enabled understanding of AI and ML systems, encompassing deployment, impact, and security measures. This approach positions organizations to navigate the regulatory landscape effectively, ensuring responsible and competitive integration of AI and ML into cybersecurity strategies.

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## FIRESIDE CHAT

2:10 PM-2:45 PM

### Future-Proofing the Workforce: Upskilling for the Next Era of IT Innovation

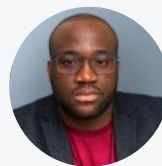
The global IT talent shortage isn't going away — and hiring alone won't close the gap. To fully capitalize on disruptive technologies like AI, cloud, and cybersecurity, CIOs and IT leaders must prioritize upskilling and reskilling their existing workforce. This panel will dive into how organizations can identify critical skill gaps, create effective upskilling programs at scale, and foster a culture of continuous learning and innovation. We'll also explore how emerging technologies like AI and automation are reshaping workforce demands and what leaders need to do now to ensure their teams are ready for the future.

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## DISRUPTOR

2:50 PM-3:05 PM

### Navigating the Cyber Frontier: CISO Strategies for Effective Risk Management

In the context of effective cyber risk management, the challenge lies in keeping up with evolving technology, particularly during cloud or technology transformations. The adoption of threat intelligence, Gen AI, the metaverse, and machine learning presents both opportunities and challenges, with a need for technology leaders to grasp the security implications. While these technologies enhance cyber risk management, they also offer efficiencies through task automation. Striking a balance between risks and rewards is crucial for gaining trust and staying competitive. Looking forward, organizations must explore innovative approaches to cyber risk management,

emphasizing resilience against third-party risks. Collaboration with the leadership team is essential to take an enterprise-wide view of current and future threats, develop action plans, safeguard critical assets, and facilitate quick recovery. Early collaboration with the executive team is encouraged to integrate risk management into transformation strategies and extract maximum benefits from emerging technologies.

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## Networking Break

3:05 PM-3:25 PM

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## DISRUPTOR

3:25 PM-3:40 PM

### Data Empowerment: A CISO's Guide to Unlocking Strategic Value Safely

CISOs are challenged to redefine their role not only as guardians of security but also as enablers of responsible and innovative data utilization. This directive emphasizes the importance of striking a balance between data protection and leveraging the full potential of organizational data assets. CISOs must collaborate with stakeholders to establish robust data governance frameworks, ensuring compliance with privacy regulations while facilitating the ethical and strategic use of data. By unlocking the value of data, CISOs contribute to the organization's competitiveness, innovation, and overall digital transformation. This session explores strategies for CISOs to harness the power of data responsibly, thereby positioning cybersecurity as an integral driver of business success in the data-driven era.

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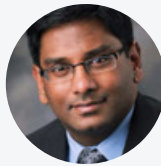
3:45 PM-4:30 PM

### Cultivating Inclusive Excellence: Driving Diversity in Technology Leadership

Let's explore the imperative of diversity in technology leadership roles, particularly within the CIO and Security domain. From gender and ethnicity to varied professional backgrounds, diverse perspectives foster innovation, resilience, and better decision-making in today's rapidly evolving tech landscape. Join us as industry leaders share their experiences, insights, and strategies for promoting inclusivity, breaking down barriers, and empowering underrepresented groups in technology leadership roles. From fostering inclusive cultures within organisations to implementing proactive recruitment and mentorship initiatives, attendees will gain actionable insights to drive meaningful change and cultivate diverse, high-performing technology teams. Let's chart a course towards inclusive excellence in technology leadership together.

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## Closing Remarks & Raffle Giveaway

4:30 PM-4:40 PM

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## Cocktail Networking

4:40 PM-5:30 PM

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