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Breakfast & Registration

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Opening Remarks

9:30 AM-9:40 AM

VISION VOICES

The AI Reality Gap: Why Innovation Isn't Translating to Impact

9:40 AM-9:55 AM

AI investment is accelerating across every function, yet measurable business impact remains inconsistent. Many organizations are struggling to move beyond pilots, with fragmented use cases and unclear ownership slowing progress. This session explores why AI initiatives fail to scale, where value is being lost between experimentation and execution, and how leaders are redefining success. The discussion will focus on aligning AI with business outcomes, overcoming organizational friction, and building repeatable, enterprise-wide capabilities.

KEYNOTE PANEL

The Data Bottleneck: Why AI Strategy Still Lives or Dies on Data

10:00 AM-10:40 AM

Despite advances in AI, data remains the single greatest constraint to success. Challenges around quality, accessibility, governance, and

ownership continue to limit what organizations can realistically achieve.

This session explores why the “data problem” is not improving at the pace of AI innovation, and how leaders are addressing the widening gap between ambition and readiness. The discussion will focus on building data foundations that can support scale, trust, and long-term value creation.

KEYNOTE

10:45 AM-11:15 AM

AI Is Rewriting Risk: Are We Securing Systems We Don't Fully Understand?

AI is transforming how organizations operate, but it is also reshaping how risk is created, distributed, and exploited. As systems become less deterministic and more autonomous, traditional security models are being pushed beyond their limits.

This conversation examines how leaders are adapting their security posture to account for AI-driven threats, limited explainability, and evolving attack surfaces. It will explore whether current frameworks are sufficient—and what must change to maintain trust and control.

Networking Break

11:15 AM-11:30 AM

PANEL

11:30 AM-12:15 PM

The Talent Reset: Who Builds, Secures, and Governs AI?

GenAI is reshaping how software is built, tested, and deployed, forcing organizations to rethink traditional roles across engineering and security. At the same time, talent shortages persist, and the definition of “technical expertise” is shifting.

This conversation examines how leaders are restructuring teams, redefining skill sets, and making strategic decisions about where human expertise remains critical in an AI-augmented workforce.

PANEL

12:20 PM-1:00 PM

Culture as a Security Control: Trust, Behavior, and Human Risk

Technology alone cannot secure an organization. Human behavior, trust, and culture remain some of the most critical and least predictable elements of cybersecurity.

This session explores how leaders are building security-first cultures that reduce risk, improve collaboration, and align teams around shared accountability in an increasingly complex threat environment.

VISION VOICES KEYNOTE

1:05 PM-1:20 PM

Beyond GenAI: From Productivity Gains to Business Transformation

Many organizations have seen early gains from generative AI, but the next challenge is translating those gains into meaningful business transformation.

This discussion focuses on how leaders are moving beyond isolated use cases to embed AI into core business processes, while balancing innovation with governance, risk, and long-term sustainability.

Lunch & Networking

1:20 PM-2:00 PM

DISRUPTOR

2:05 PM-2:20 PM

Quantum Risk Is No Longer Theoretical: Preparing

for the Security Reset

Quantum computing has the potential to break widely used encryption standards, yet many organizations remain unprepared for what that transition entails.

This session takes a candid look at the timeline, the real risks, and why waiting may create long-term exposure that cannot be easily reversed.

FIRESIDE CHAT

2:25 PM-3:00 PM

Sustainable Cybersecurity: Can We Afford to Secure Everything?

As digital ecosystems expand, so do the costs of securing them. Organizations are facing difficult tradeoffs between risk tolerance, resource allocation, and operational efficiency.

This conversation addresses the uncomfortable reality that not everything can be protected equally, and explores how leaders are making strategic decisions about where to invest, where to accept risk, and how to align security with business priorities.

FIRESIDE CHAT

3:05 PM-3:40 PM

Strategic Shifts: Reimagining Engineering Talent Deployment and Management in the Age of GenAI

Unlock insights into the evolving landscape of talent deployment and retention as board expectations drive CIOs to rethink traditional IT talent models. Explore the impact of GenAI on coding processes and the software engineering lifecycle, and discover strategies for optimizing talent allocation and headcounts. Gain actionable insights into defining new roles, cultivating essential skills, and charting GenAI-centric career paths to align with organizational goals and stay ahead in a rapidly changing technological landscape.

Networking Break

3:40 PM-4:00 PM

VISION VOICES

4:00 PM-4:15 PM

The Vendor Dependency Trap: Who Really Controls Your AI Stack?

As enterprises accelerate AI adoption, they are becoming increasingly reliant on a growing ecosystem of vendors, models, and platforms. While this enables speed, it also introduces new forms of dependency that are not always visible until they become constraints.

This session explores how leaders are navigating tradeoffs between innovation and control, evaluating long-term risk in third-party AI ecosystems, and making strategic decisions about what to own, what to outsource, and how to avoid lock-in in a rapidly evolving landscape.

FIRESIDE CHAT

4:20 PM-4:55 PM

From Reactive to Predictive: The Future of Cyber Resilience

Cybersecurity is shifting from reactive defense to predictive resilience, powered by AI, data, and real-time intelligence. But this transition requires more than new tools, it demands a fundamental shift in mindset and operating model.

This session explores what it takes to build organizations that can anticipate, adapt, and respond to threats before they escalate.

Closing Remarks & Raffle Giveaway

4:55 PM-5:00 PM

Cocktail Reception

5:00 PM-6:00 PM

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