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It was an incredible conference with high quality sessions, insightful panels, creative activity zones and tons of vendors from across the globe covering all areas of security.

Temi Adebambo

Chief Information Security Officer, Microsoft Gaming



BLACK HAT MEA IN NUMBERS...

 **60,000 SQM**

SHOW FLOOR

500+

PARTICIPANTS COMPETING
IN CAPTURE THE FLAG



\$13.9 BN

INVESTOR AUM



300+

GLOBAL EXPERTS SHAPING
CYBER SECURITY'S FUTURE



Black Hat is a must-attend, experiential event. The first time you attend, you'll never forget it. Bringing together diverse perspectives from across the US, the Middle East, and Europe makes it unlike any other experience in cybersecurity.

JERICH BEASON

Chief Information
Security Officer, WM

40,000+

IN ATTENDANCE



500+

INDUSTRY-SHAPING
BRANDS

200+

HOURS OF
BREAKTHROUGH
THINKING



163

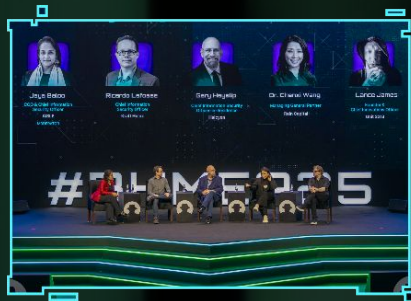
COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED

11 STAGES

DEEP DIVE & BLACK HAT
CAMPUS



WHO ATTENDS BLACK HAT MEA?



CYBER PROFESSIONALS

Security leaders attend to stay ahead of threats, evaluate emerging solutions and build strategies that protect what matters most.



INDUSTRY LEADERS

300+ CISOs and CTOs attend to understand emerging threats, meet technology partners and shape security strategy with regional and global context.



GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

Government leaders attend to explore national cyber priorities, cross-border collaboration and the technologies protecting digital infrastructure.



INNOVATORS & ETHICAL HACKERS

Researchers, red teamers, founders, developers, 500+ CTF participants and bug bounty hunters come to test ideas, demo tools, compete and connect with technical peers and buyers.



Black Hat is a gathering of highly technical cybersecurity professionals. You learn a great deal by attending, and it's especially inspiring to see so many young people in the Middle East coming to learn and grow in the field.

CHENXI WANG

Founder & General Partner
Rain Capital

OUR COMMUNITY IN NUMBERS

JOB FUNCTION BREAKDOWN OF SENIOR AUDIENCE

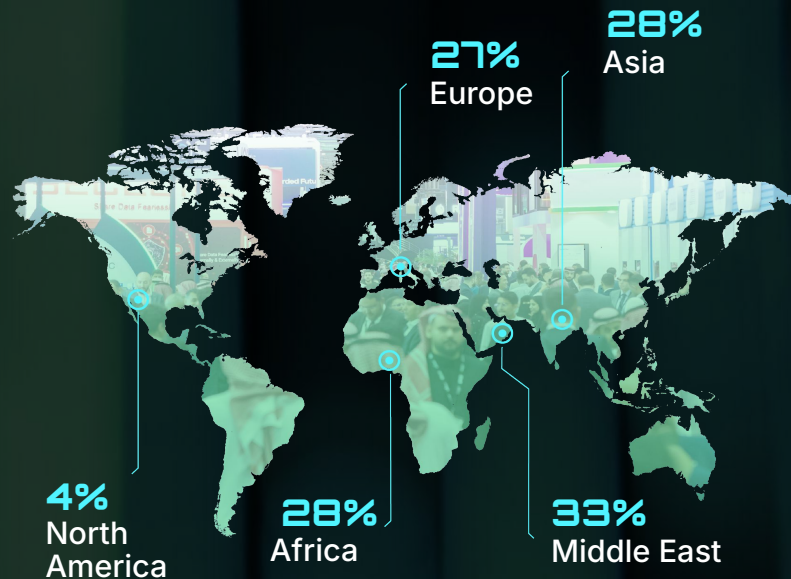
Chairman / Board Member	9%
C-Level	11%
Director / Head of Department / General Manager / VP	26%
Associate / Senior Associate / Investment Manager	26%
Executive	28%



BH MEA 2025 exceeded my expectations both from a content perspective and an overall experience, it's come such a long way from the first event and it gets better every year!

JAYA BALOO
COO & CISO, Aisle.

INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEES FLYING TO BLACK HAT MEA 2025



INSIGHTS THAT MATTER. CONTENT THAT INSPIRES

Black Hat MEA brings together the people shaping cybersecurity across three days with 200 hours of content.

With 11 content tracks, the programme covers executive leadership, technical research, live demonstrations, industry trends and emerging talent, serving the full cybersecurity community from CISOs and policymakers to practitioners, researchers and future talent.



Black Hat MEA delivered an exceptional experience - world-class content, inspiring speakers, and flawless execution. The attention to detail, professionalism, and hospitality set a new standard for global cybersecurity events. It was an honor to participate in a conference that truly brings the community together and showcases the future of cyber innovation.

MARGARITA RIVERA

Global CISO, Carnival Corporation

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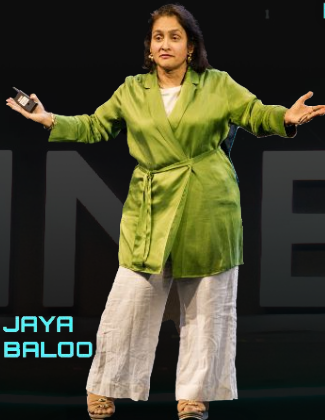
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DR. RUMMAN CHOWDHURY



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RICARDO LAFOSSE



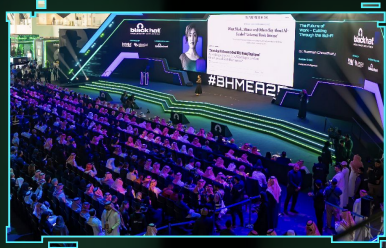
ANNE MARIE ZETTMLOYER



RICH BAICH



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW



EXECUTIVE SUMMIT

Hear from over 100 world-class leading experts and innovators who are formulating the next generation information security strategies and systems.



ARSENAL

A showcase of the latest open-source tools and products in an open, conversational, and virtual environment where presenters can interact with the attendees.



CAMPUS

A content-led environment for students and early cyber professionals that will ignite your passion for cybersecurity.



BRIEFINGS

Security experts from around the globe present their ground-breaking research, new-found vulnerabilities, open-source tools, zero-day exploits, and more.



DEEP DIVE

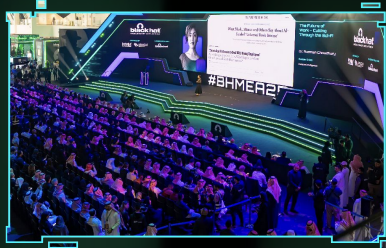
Exclusive sessions led by esteemed CISOs and Summit Speakers covering pressing topics, critical areas, untapped opportunities, and formidable challenges.



WOMEN IN FOCUS

A dedicated spotlight on the women shaping the future of cybersecurity, strategies, amplifying the impact of women in the industry and inspiring the next generation of talent.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW



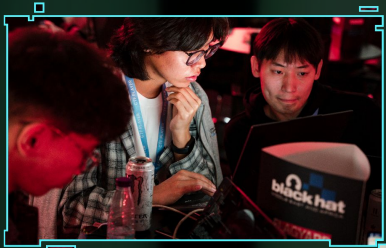
CYBER CAPITAL

An investment-focused track exploring where capital, innovation, and cybersecurity meet - bringing together investors, founders, and leaders.



CARPOOL

Turning the drive to the venue into a rolling conversation. Speakers share the ride and their expertise in unscripted chats on current trends



GAMING & CYBER

A crossover track exploring how cybersecurity, game design, esports, and interactive platforms intersect, and how the gaming industry itself is becoming a critical digital ecosystem to defend.



WORKSHOP

Security experts from around the globe present their ground-breaking research, new-found vulnerabilities, open-source tools, zero-day exploits, and more.



THE BACK ROOM

Part of the Black Hat Files series-live, on-site podcasts recorded on the show floor, featuring candid conversations, frontline cyber insights, and show highlights.

WHERE THE BEST MAKE THEIR MARK

FIRST ANNOUNCED SPEAKERS FOR 2026



**MICHAEL
CALDERIN**
CISO,
Barnes Aerospace



**ALEXANDRA
LANEGGER**
Corporate CISO,
RTX



ARWA ALHAMAD
GM of Cybersecurity
(CISO)
Ministry on
Investment



**HEATHER
CEYLAN**
SVP & CISO,
Box



**FILIP
NOWAK**
Global Head of
Cyber Defense
Ferrero



**JULIE
TSAI**
CISO,
Ballistic Ventures



**ABDULLAH
ALJABER**
Board Member &
Cybersecurity Leader,
AJ



**NABY
DIAW**
CISO, VP, Cyber
Security and IT Cross
Functional Processes,
Lufthansa



**SHAWN
HARRIS**
Deputy CISO,
Chipotle Mexican
Grill



**MICHAEL
ADAMS**
CISO,
Docusign

INVESTOR SPOTLIGHT

Black Hat MEA's Investor Program connects global capital with the founders, investors and enablers building the future of digital defence.

50+

Investors

\$14B

AUM Represented

CYBER CAPITAL

An investment-focused track exploring funding, scaling, and M&A in cybersecurity

Day 2 | 12 Speakers | 5 Sessions | 3 Hours

ECOSYSTEM POWER HOUR

Fast-paced networking connecting founders, investors, and enablers for rapid innovation-capital alignment.

APPLY AS AN INVESTOR



Black Hat Middle East is no longer just a regional conference - it is a global platform for cybersecurity innovation, leadership, and execution. As a speaker and CyberSeed startup competition judge, I was deeply impressed by the quality of innovation, the ambition of founders, and the speed at which meaningful business conversations turned into action.

ANSHU GUPTA

SVCI

TOP FIRMS:

impact46

1957
Ventures

VISION
VENTURES

Merak.Capital

ONE
GLOBAL
HOLDING

WAED
by aramco

SEEDRA
VENTURES

S^v sukna
ventures

BECO

RAIN CAPITAL

THE FUTURE OF CYBER INNOVATION

The Startup & Scaleup Program at Black Hat MEA is your chance to connect with CISOs and enterprise security leaders, demonstrate your solution to the region's top security professionals, network with fellow innovators and learn from the industry's leading threat researchers.

LAST YEAR THE WORLD'S STRONGEST CYBER FOUNDERS APPLIED:

37 startups exhibiting

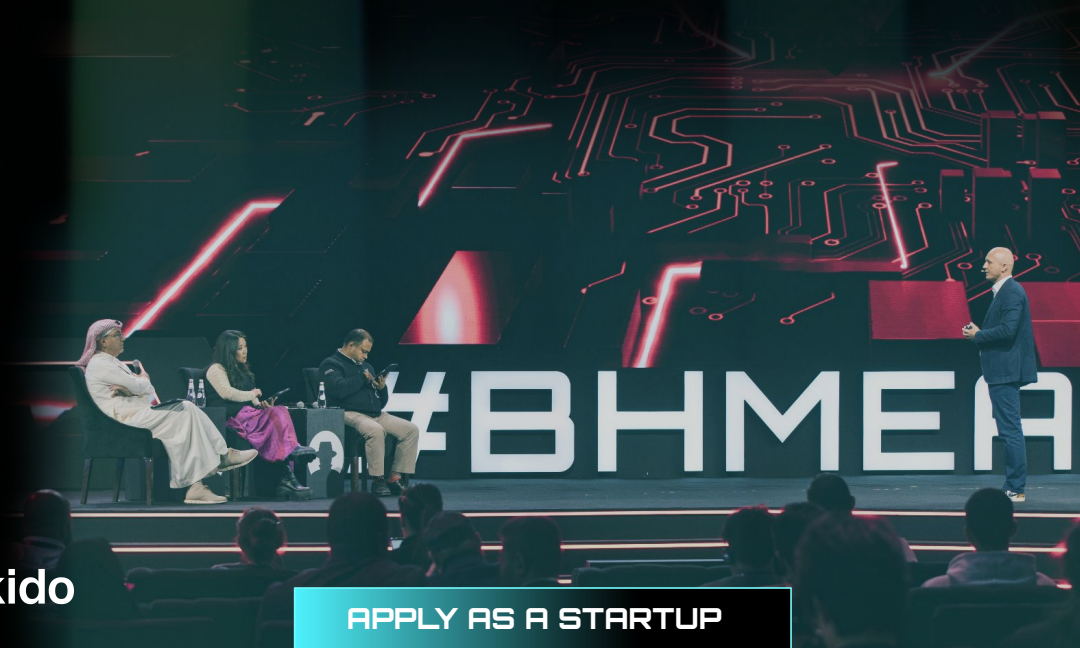
10 startups pitching

57% global / **43%** local

TOP STARTUPS:



"All was perfect. It was our first time participating and it was a great experience."



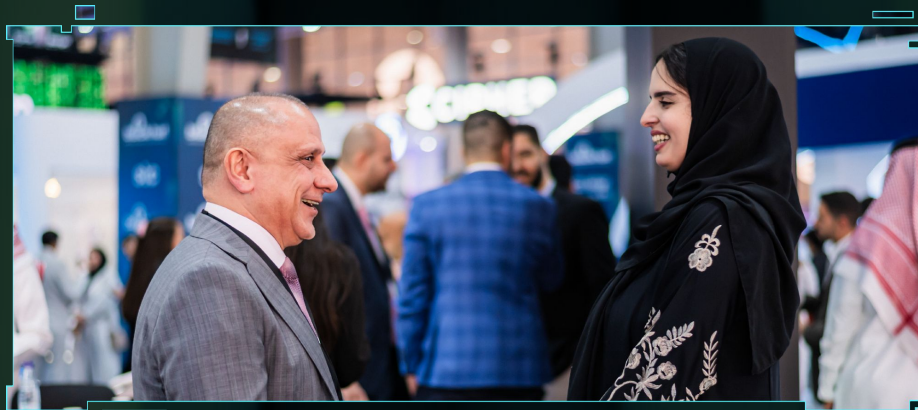
APPLY AS A STARTUP

WHAT YOU GET AS A STARTUP

- » Turnkey startup pod or Premium Scaleup Kiosk on the busy show floor
- » Startup passes for the whole team
- » Relevant content & stages
- » Eligibility for CyberSeed
- » Meet key government regulators
- » Soft-land in KSA support
- » App networking access
- » Power Hours with key investors

13 UNIQUE SECTORS REPRESENTED ACROSS EARLY AND GROWTH TRACKS:

- » Risk, Governance & Compliance
- » Enterprise & Information Security
- » Identity, Access Management & Zero Trust
- » Application Security & DevSecOps
- » Human Factors & Security Awareness
- » Hardware & Semiconductor Security
- » IoT, Embedded & Edge Security
- » AI, ML, Data Analytics & Threat Modeling
- » Digital Forensics & Malware Analysis
- » OT, ICS & Critical Infrastructure Security
- » Threat Intelligence, IR & SOC Operations
- » Cloud & Network Security
- » Blockchain & Web3 Security



“We are now planning to have a dedicated cloud infrastructure to prepare to support KSA customers. This was a key decision.”

CyberCheck

APPLY AS A STARTUP

RECORD-BREAKING TALENT

WHERE CYBERSECURITY'S BRIGHTEST FOUNDERS BET BIG

CyberSeed is Black Hat MEA's Startup Pitch Competition, where only 10 startups are selected to pitch. One winner receives USD 30K in equity-free prize money, with the opportunity to advance to the Black Hat USA 2026 Global Startup Spotlight Finals.

LAST YEAR'S JUDGES:



HAITHAM BU-AISHA

Managing Partner,
Vision Ventures



CHENXI WANG

Managing General
Partner, Rain Capital



ANSHU GUPTA

Chief Information Security
Officer, Silicon Valley
CISO Investments (SVCi)



2025 WINNER

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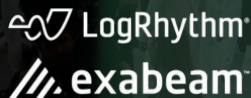
“I had the chance to meet founders, gain potential customers - Black Hat was brilliant.”

AYESHA SAHL

CYBERSEED 2025 WINNER

13. Participation in CyberSeed is subject to a separate shortlisting process based on your successful application to the Startup Program. This isn't just a competition - it's where cybersecurity's next unicorn is found.

TRUSTED BY THE BEST: OUR TOP ATTENDING BRANDS



INTRODUCING THE BLACKSITE

CYBERSECURITY EXPERIENCED LIVE

The Blacksite is an off-grid cyber playground where serious skills meet playful experimentation. Inside - attendees test, break, learn, and retry through fast-paced, hands-on challenges built for real participation. Expect practical experiences, live formats, competitive challenges and controlled environments where cybersecurity is experienced, not just observed.

500

Capture The Flag participants

SAR 1,000,000

Total prize pool



LEVEL UP WITH EXPERT LED TRAININGS

At Black Hat MEA, we offer intensive, hands-on training delivered by globally recognised cybersecurity experts. From penetration testing and malware analysis to cloud security and forensics, our courses are designed to equip professionals with practical and immediately applicable skills



MALWARE



FORENSICS



PENTESTING



OT SECURITY



AI



APPSEC



GRC



RISK



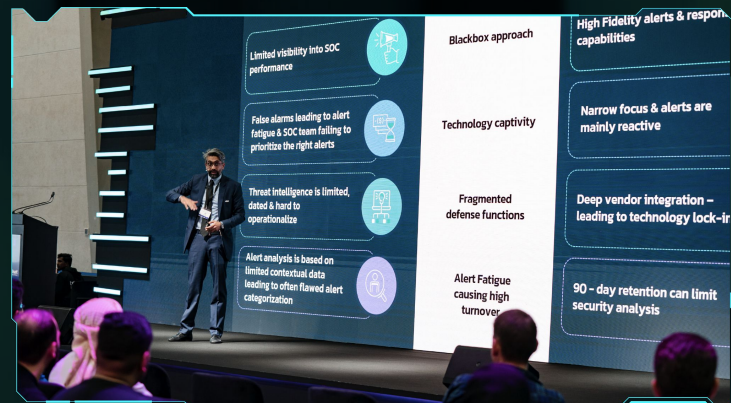
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DEFENSE

BLACK PASS EXCLUSIVE

Black Pass holders can add one live online Black Hat training course to their event experience. One pass. The full Black Hat MEA experience.



10 Days of Training

12 Trainers

20+ courses

LIVE ONLINE
Format

CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

EXPO PASS

FREE

Your entry point into Cybersecurity's Global Stage

What you get:

- » Exhibition & Blacksite Access
- » Access to the Black Hat MEA networking app
- » Black Hat Campus access
- » Briefings and Arsenal
- » Root Bus Transport (SAB Metro ↔ Malham)
- » DeepDive Stage (Day One)
- » Gaming & Cyber (Day Two)
- » Cyber Capital (Day Two)
- » Black Hat HER (Day Three)

GOLD PASS

\$399

Your gateway to premium access, networking, and learning

What you get:

All expo pass benefits PLUS:

- » Two pre-arranged business meetings
- » Early app & Event Access
- » Opening Ceremony access
- » Executive Summit reserved seating
- » Invitation to exclusive closed-door workshops
- » Root Lounge access with food and refreshments
- » CPD credits (up to 30)
- » Fast track badge collection

BLACK PASS

\$3099

Your all-access pass to the ultimate Black Hat MEA experience

What you get:

All expo pass benefits PLUS:

- » Access to one world-class Black Hat online training course
- » Black Hat MEA welcome kit
- » Two pre-arranged business meetings
- » Early App & Event Access
- » Opening Ceremony access
- » Executive Summit reserved seating
- » Invitation to exclusive closed-door workshops
- » Lounge access with food and refreshments
- » CPD credits (up to 30)
- » Fast track badge collection

GET YOUR PASS

CHOOSE YOUR EXPERIENCE

STUDENT PASS FREE

Built for the next generation of cybersecurity talent

What you get:

- » Exhibition & Blacksite Access
- » Access to the Black Hat MEA networking app
- » Black Hat Campus access
- » Briefings and Arsenal sessions
- » Root Bus Transport (SAB Metro ↔ Malham)
- » DeepDive Stage (Day One)
- » Gaming & Cyber (Day Two)
- » Cyber Capital (Day Two)
- » Black Hat HER (Day Three)

INVESTOR PASS BY APPLICATION

Connect with high-potential founders for the conversations that turn into real investments

What you get:

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GET YOUR PASS

INTRODUCING: KINGDOM OF GAMING

This year, Black Hat MEA will be co-located with Kingdom of Gaming, the first event uniting gaming industry and culture in Saudi Arabia's rapidly growing market

TWO WORLDS

KiNGDOM
— OF GAMING —



ONE DIGITAL FUTURE

CYBERSECURITY IS NO LONGER ADJACENT TO GAMING, IT'S FOUNDATIONAL.

Co-locating with Kingdom of Gaming means:



Access to the region's
most advanced
security thinkers



Shared audiences
across cloud, infra,
data, and DevSecOps



A bridge between
game development
and secure digital
economies



A powerful alignment
with national digital
ambitions

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
KINGDOM OF GAMING**



WANT TO GET INVOLVED AT BLACK HAT MEA 2026?



KSA Event Launch
Opportunities

**ANNABELLE
MANDER**

Executive Vice President,
Tahaluf
hello@tahaluf.com



Sponsorship and
Exhibition Opportunities

**CLEMENT
EDWARD**

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Tahaluf
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Black Hat MEA Exhibition
and Chapter Meetings

**STEVE
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Speaking
Opportunities

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BOURGOÏN**

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Marketing and Press
Opportunities

**ALAA
KHUSHAIM**

Marketing Director,
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Investor & Startup
Opportunities

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SEE YOU AT BLACK HAT MEA 2026

