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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

30,000+
IN ATTENDANCE

500+
INDUSTRY-SHAPING BRANDS

200+
HOURS OF BREAKTHROUGH THINKING

163
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

11 STAGES
DEEP DIVE & BLACK HAT CAMPUS

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WHO ATTENDS BLACK HAT MEA?

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

CYBER PROFESSIONALS

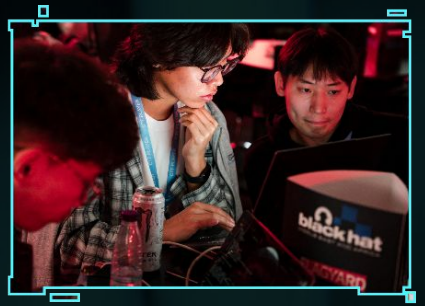
Security leaders attend to stay ahead of threats, evaluate emerging solutions and build strategies that protect what matters most.

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.

OUR COMMUNITY IN NUMBERS

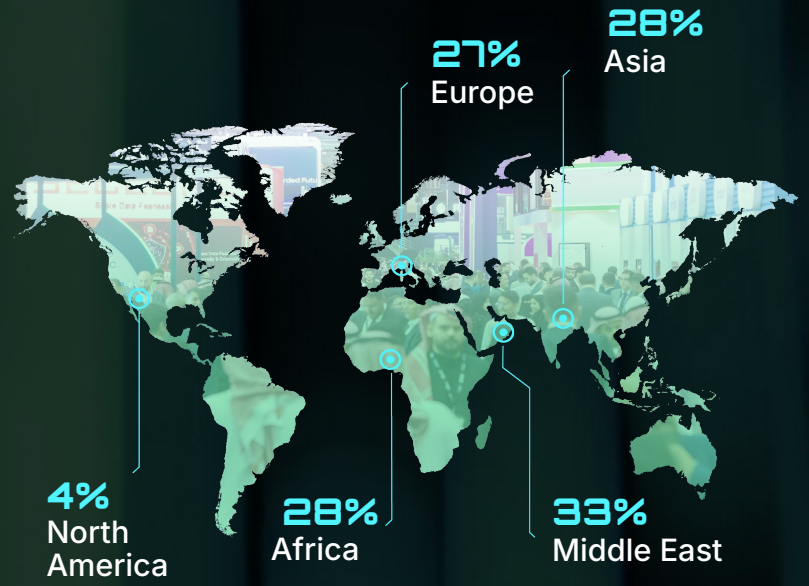
JOB FUNCTION BREAKDOWN OF SENIOR AUDIENCE

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.

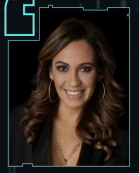
INTERNATIONAL ATTENDEES FLYING TO BLACK HAT MEA 2025



INSIGHTS THAT MATTER. CONTENT THAT INSPIRES

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

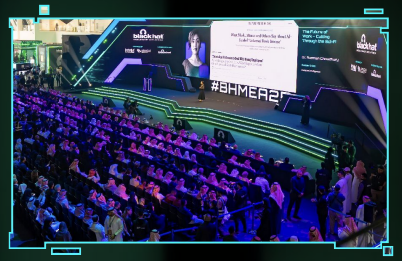
With 11 content tracks, the programme covers executive leadership, technical research, live demonstrations, industry trends and emerging talent, serving the full cybersecurity community from CISOs and policymakers to practitioners, researchers and future talent.



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

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

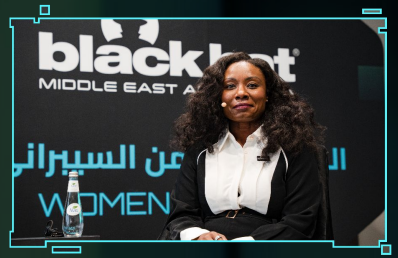
A content-led environment for students and early cyber professionals that will ignite your passion for cybersecurity.

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.

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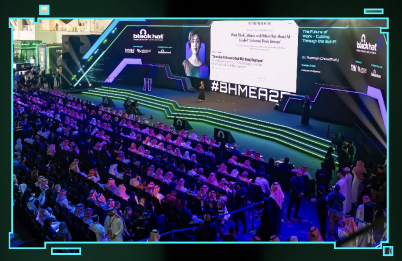
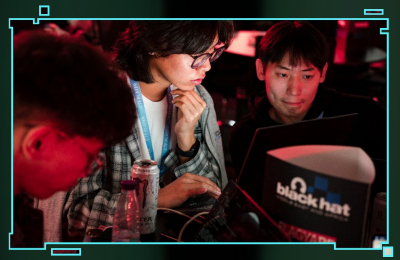


CYBER CAPITAL

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 LANDEGGER
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

KEVIN SHIN
CISO,
Samsung Semiconductor

ABDULLAH ALJABER
Board Member & Cybersecurity Leader,
AJ

JEFF MOORE
CISO,
H&M

NICOLAS GOMEZ
CISO,
Volvo Group

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
sukna ventures
BECO
RAIN CAPITAL

if you have any queries please contact us at
investors@blackhatmea.com

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.

> *"All was perfect. It was our first time participating and it was a great experience."*
>
> OCTOPUS CYBERSECURITY

LAST YEAR THE WORLD'S STRONGEST CYBER FOUNDERS APPLIED:

37 startups exhibiting

10 startups pitching

57% global / **43%** local

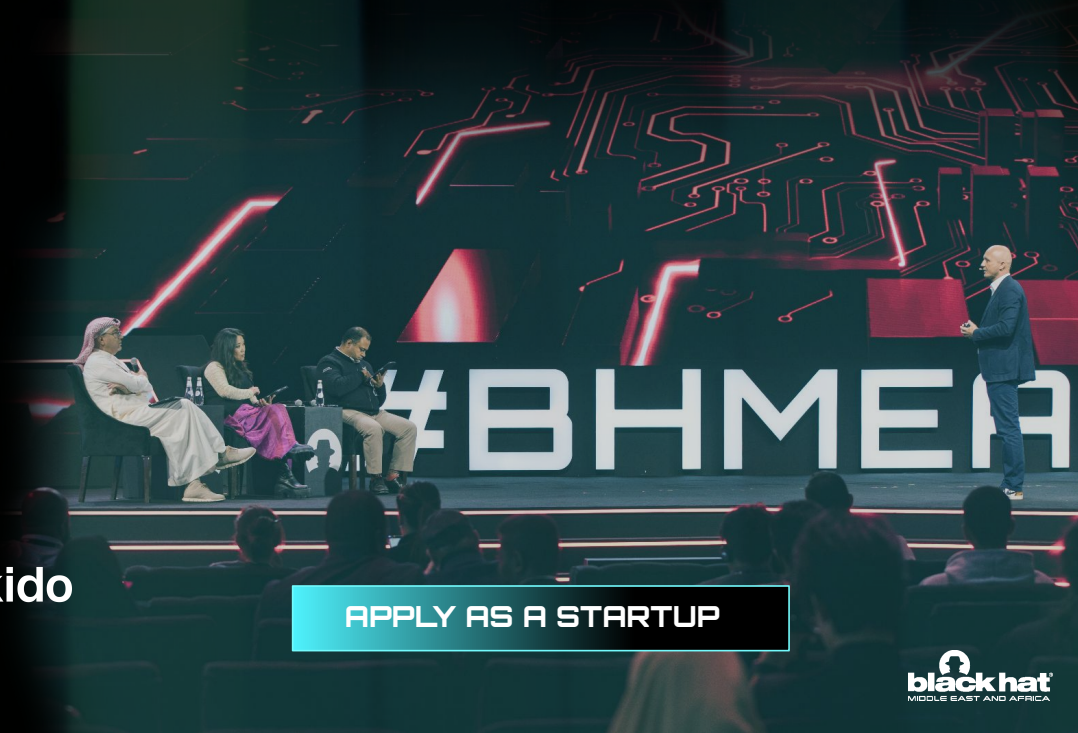
TOP STARTUPS:

EleeN

CyberCheck 360

secolve THE OT SECURITY SPECIALISTS

aikido



APPLY AS A STARTUP

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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."*
>
> CyberCheck360

APPLY AS A STARTUP

For any questions contact us at **BlackHatMEAStartups@blackhatmea.com**

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

Sahl | سهل

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

AYESHA SAHL
CYBERSEED 2025 WINNER

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

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Site

HABOOB

سيبراني Cyberani by aramco digital

TREND MICRO

Google Cloud Security

GO Telecom

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Safe Decision

CEREBRA سيريبرا

IS INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

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NOZOMI NETWORKS

securonix

versos Unleash The Future...

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Cyber الشركة السعودية للأمن السيبراني Saudi Cybersecurity Company

infoblox®

netskope

Oregon Systems

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

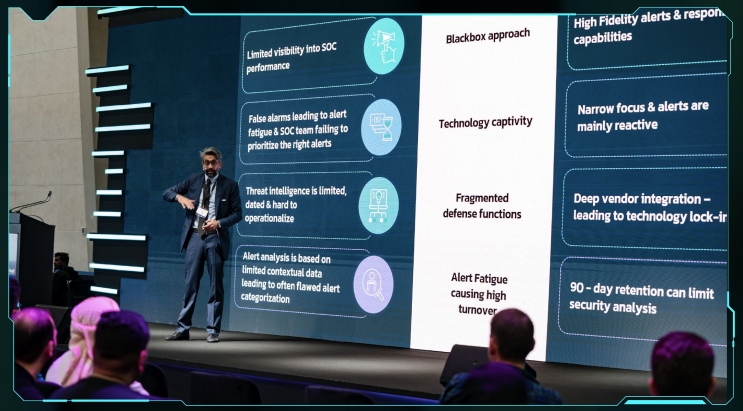
SAR 1,000,000
Total prize pool

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 | IT | DEFENSE



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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

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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
$349 | ~~$399~~

Your gateway to premium access, networking, and learning

What you get:
All expo pass benefits PLUS:
- Premium matchmaking
- 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
$2499 | ~~$3099~~

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

What you get:
All expo pass benefits PLUS:
- Premium matchmaking
- Black Hat MEA welcome kit
- 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
- Access to one world-class Black Hat online training course

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:
- Exhibition & Blacksite Access
- 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)

CISO PASS
$800 | ~~$1000~~

Beyond VIP access. Into the conversations that matter to CISOs.

What you get:
All Gold Pass benefits PLUS:
- Premium matchmaking
- Exclusive CISO workshop
- Welcome Kit
- Premium Badge
- Exclusive invite to Black Hat After Hours

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

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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

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Sponsorship and Exhibition Opportunities

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Black Hat MEA Exhibition and Chapter Meetings

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Investor & Startup Opportunities

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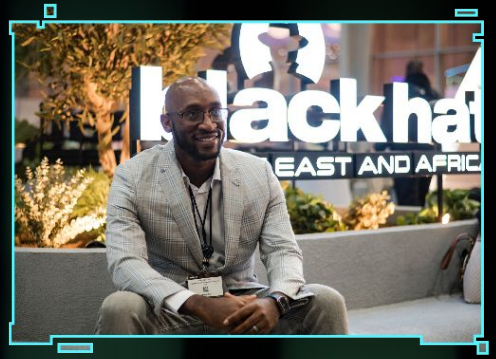

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