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Cyber Security Leaders Roundtable

# FUTURE OF SECURITY



Date: **16th May 2025, Friday** | Location: **Taj MG Road, Bangalore**

## Session Overview:

ObserveNow Media, in collaboration with Recorded Future, hosted an exclusive closed-door roundtable, *"Future of Security,"* on 16th May 2025 at Taj MG Road, Bangalore. The gathering brought together 19 senior cybersecurity leaders from diverse industries to deliberate on the rapidly evolving threat landscape. The session focused on the urgent need for intelligence-led, proactive security strategies. Key discussions revolved around integrating AI-driven defenses, preparing for quantum threats, securing hybrid environments, and fostering collaborative defense models.

## About the Organisers:

### **ObserveNow Media-**

ObserveNow Media is a B2B Media Marketing & Data Intelligence company that curates high-impact, thought leadership sessions. We specialise in organising closed-door Bespoke & Large Industry Events for our clients, connecting them to their relevant TGs and showcasing their products and services in the most efficient manner.

### **Recorded Future-**

Recorded Future is the world's largest threat intelligence company. Its Intelligence Cloud indexes the open web, dark web, and technical sources to deliver real-time visibility into adversaries, infrastructure, and targets. Headquartered in Boston with offices globally, Recorded Future supports over 1,600 enterprises and government organizations across 74+ countries with unbiased, actionable intelligence to reduce risk and accelerate secure business growth.

## Event Format:

**Type:** Invite-only, Bespoke Roundtable

**Venue:** Kensington Hall, Taj MG Road, Bangalore

**Time:** 8:00 AM onwards

**Attendees:** 19 Senior Cybersecurity Executives from top enterprises across sectors



## Key Themes & Insights:

### **Emerging Threat Landscape-**

The roundtable kicked off with a focused discussion on the evolving threat ecosystem. Participants examined next-gen risks including AI-powered phishing, deepfakes, ransomware-as-a-service, and potential vulnerabilities introduced by quantum computing.

### **Intelligence-Led Security Transformation-**

Live demonstrations of Recorded Future's Intelligence Cloud illustrated how real-time threat intelligence enables faster detection, triage, and response. Attendees explored ways to embed this intelligence into SOC workflows and automate threat hunting at scale.

### **Zero Trust & XDR in Action-**

From strategic overviews to real-world deployments, the group explored the growing adoption of Zero Trust architectures and Extended Detection & Response (XDR). Case discussions included multi-cloud visibility, policy enforcement, and identity management as control points.

### **Cross-Industry Collaboration & Culture Building-**

Executives emphasized the importance of CISO visibility at the board level and cross-functional alignment across IT, risk, and operations. Peer benchmarking enabled shared understanding of effective frameworks and resilient operating models.

## Attendee Snapshot:

Senior leaders from finance, manufacturing, media, healthcare, technology, and government sectors participated. Notable attendees included:

- **Mr. Sanbir Singh Keer**, Executive Director – Cyber Strategy & Transformation TPRM, Deloitte
- **Mr. Arijit Chakraborty**, Vice President – Head of Cyber Security Solutions & Services, Société Générale GSC
- **Mr. Sundar Ramachandran**, Vice President – IT, Tata Elxsi Ltd
- **Mr. Santha Kumar**, Vice President – Cybersecurity Risk & Compliance, Standard Chartered Bank
- **Mr. Mainak Batabyal**, Global Director – Cybersecurity, Blue Yonder
- **Mr. Utkarsh Sawant**, Global Head – Cyber Strategy, Diageo
- **Mr. Ashu Kakkar**, Chief Information Officer, L&T Technology Services
- **Mr. Soumya Datta**, Director – Infrastructure & Cloud, London Stock Exchange Group
- **Mr. Rangappa Halagani**, Senior Director – Cyber Security, LTIMindtree
- **Mr. Varun Nair**, Head of Information Security, BookMyShow
- **Mr. Jayraj Vyas**, Associate Director – Cyber Security, Biocon
- **Mr. Sridhar Mohanraj**, Associate Director – Cyber Security, Cognizant
- **Mr. Pankaj Anand**, Practice Head – Cyber Security, Sutherland
- **Mr. Manikyala Rao Munnaluri**, Principal Consultant – Cyber Security Practice, Infosys
- **Mr. Mrityunjaya Hegde**, Deputy General Manager – Cyber Security, Bharat Electronics Ltd
- **Ms. Shikha Chowkhani**, Deputy General Manager – Cybersecurity Governance, Schneider Electric
- **Mr. Chinmay Dash**, Deputy General Manager – Information Security, Schneider Electric
- **Mr. Nitin Ajmera**, Associate Director – IT Security, Manipal Hospitals
- **Mr. Ram Sandesh R**, Senior Security Engineer, Flipkart Internet Pvt. Ltd

## Engagement Highlights:

Expert-Led Conversations: Deep dives on strategic frameworks and operational transformation

Live Demos: Real-time intelligence use cases from Recorded Future

Networking: Candid peer dialogue over breakfast

Collaborative Energy: High-value idea exchange on real-world solutions

## Key Outcomes & Takeaways:

- Intelligence-Driven Defense: Real-time threat intelligence reduces incident response time by 40%.
- Board Alignment: 65% of boards now view cybersecurity as a business risk — CISO-board collaboration is essential.
- Zero Trust is a Journey: Continuous validation and identity-first security reduce breach impact by 50%.
- Emerging Risks: AI, supply chain, and quantum threats are reshaping priorities, with 25% of budgets moving to these areas.
- Cybersecurity as a Business Enabler: Strong cyber resilience drives 30% faster digital rollouts and improves customer trust.



## Conclusion:

The “*Future of Security*” roundtable was more than just a discussion — it was a call to action for cybersecurity leaders across industries. By bringing together a diverse group of senior executives in an intimate setting, ObserveNow and Recorded Future created a unique platform for honest dialogue, forward-thinking insights, and collaborative problem-solving.

- **A clear call to action:** With 93% of organizations planning to increase cybersecurity spending, and over 60% expecting budget growth of 20%+, proactive investment is non-negotiable.
- **Zero Trust is essential and evolving:** Around 43% have adopted Zero Trust, another 46% are in progress, and only 11% have not started—indicating it’s a continuous journey.
- **Emerging risks demand agility:** Cyber budgets now make up 13.2% of IT spending (up from 8.6% in 2020), reflecting leadership’s recognition of rising threats, including AI-driven and quantum dangers.
- **Collaboration is key:** As more organizations prioritize board-level engagement and cross-industry intelligence-sharing, these forums shift from conversation to action—empowering shared resilience.

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