Case Study:
Future of Security

Venue: Le Meridien, Connaught Place, New Delhi

Session Overview:

ObserveNow Media, in collaboration with Recorded Future, hosted an exclusive, closed-door roundtable themed "Future of Security: Navigating Cyber Threats in the Age of AI & Quantum Computing." The event, held at Le Meridien, New Delhi, brought together 17 senior cybersecurity and technology leaders from across sectors to explore the future challenges in securing systems against AI-driven threats and quantum computing vulnerabilities.

Key discussions focused on next-gen cyber threats powered by AI, the emerging risks posed by quantum computing, and the strategies organizations must adopt to secure data and infrastructures. Participants engaged in high-impact dialogue, knowledge sharing, and peer networking, gaining valuable insights into strengthening their security architectures against rapidly evolving adversaries.

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Recorded Future is the world's largest threat intelligence company, providing actionable intelligence derived from a comprehensive index of open, dark, and technical web data. Their solutions empower organizations with real-time visibility into adversaries and threats, enabling them to reduce risks and make data-driven decisions to strengthen cybersecurity.
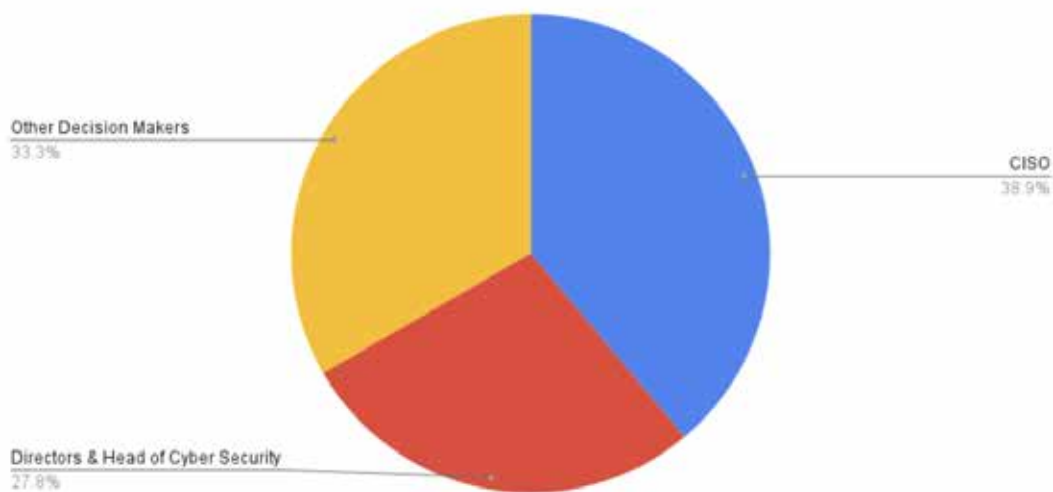
Event Format:

- Type: Invite-only, Closed-Door Roundtable
- Venue: Le Meridien, Connaught Place, New Delhi
- Time: 6:00 PM onwards
- Attendees: 17 Senior Cybersecurity & Technology Executives

Participating CXOs :

- **Mr. Kumar Ravi** – Chief Security and Resilience Officer (CSRO), TMF Group
- **Mr. Akshaya Patel** – CISO, NTPC Limited
- **Mr. Subhash Chand** – CISO, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute
- **Mr. Kulbhushan Upadhyay** – AGM, CISO, TCIL
- **Mr. Anwaya Bilas Sengupta** – Dy. General Manager & Alt-CISO, Grid Controller of India Limited
- **Mr. Pankaj Gulati** – VP-IT, Calibrated Healthcare
- **Mr. Abhimanyu Singh** – GM IT, United Technologies
- **Mr. Atul Kumar** – Director [Global Trade, Cyber Diplomacy, Government Initiative], Data Security Council of India
- **Mr. Ratnesh Mudgal** – Joint Director, Information Security, Indian Navy
- **Mr. Rajveer Singh** – Global Lead - Information & Cybersecurity Risk Management, Saxo Bank
- **Mr. Harsh Vardhan Chauhan** – Head of Cyber Security, Motherson Technology Services

Other Decision Makers
33.3%

CISO
38.9%

Directors & Head of Cyber Security
27.8%

Key Themes & Insights:

AI-Powered Cyber Threats:

The session kicked off with an exploration of AI's growing role in both cyber attacks and cybersecurity defenses. Participants discussed the increasing use of AI to execute highly targeted, automated cyber attacks, including phishing schemes and malware propagation. Attendees emphasized the need for AI-driven threat intelligence to stay ahead of these sophisticated adversaries.

Quantum Computing and the Cybersecurity Landscape:

A significant portion of the roundtable focused on the potential impact of quantum computing on data encryption and cybersecurity. With quantum computing's ability to break traditional cryptographic protocols, the group discussed the urgency of developing quantum-resistant encryption techniques and preparing for a post-quantum world. The discussion also covered the evolving regulatory and policy frameworks required to address these threats.

- **AI as a Proactive Defense Mechanism:**

  Recorded Future showcased a live demo of how AI can proactively detect and mitigate cyber threats before they escalate. This approach to threat hunting—powered by AI—was hailed as a game changer for security operations centers (SOCs), reducing manual intervention and improving the speed of response to emerging threats.

- **Cyber Resilience in a Changing Threat Landscape:**

  Executives discussed the importance of shifting from traditional defense models to a more resilient, adaptive security approach. This includes continuously updating threat models, leveraging machine learning, and ensuring rapid recovery in the event of a breach. The roundtable underscored that cybersecurity is no longer just about defense—it's about resilience and recovery.

- **Cross-Industry Collaboration and Data Sharing:**

  A key theme was the necessity of collaboration between the private sector, government agencies, and international organizations to address the growing complexity of cyber threats. Attendees agreed that timely information sharing and collaborative efforts in cybersecurity can help create a more unified defense against increasingly sophisticated cyber adversaries.

Engagement Highlights:

- **Expert-Led Discussions:**
  The event featured in-depth discussions on the intersection of AI, quantum computing, and cybersecurity, with insights from global experts on how to tackle emerging risks.

- **Real-Time Demos of AI-Powered Security Tools:**
  Attendees witnessed live demonstrations of AI-driven threat intelligence and its ability to prevent cyber attacks in real time, showcasing the power of predictive analytics in threat detection.

- **Peer Networking:**
  The intimate, closed-door nature of the roundtable allowed for candid, peer-to-peer conversations, enabling leaders to share experiences and solutions for navigating the complex cybersecurity landscape.

- **Strategic Knowledge Sharing:**
  The evening's discussions left attendees with actionable insights on how to evolve their security architectures to withstand AI-powered and quantum-era threats.

Quotes from Attendees:

- **Mr. Rajveer Singh, Global Lead - Information & Cybersecurity Risk Management, Saxo Bank:**
  "AI is not just a tool for defense; it's quickly becoming an adversary itself. The speed at which AI is being used for attacks is unprecedented, and we need to build systems that can outsmart the machines."

- **Mr. Kulbhushan Upadhyay, AGM, CISO, TCIL:**
  "Quantum computing is no longer a theoretical threat—it's a practical one. Organizations need to prioritize developing quantum-resistant systems to secure their data before it's too late."

- **Mr. Akshaya Patel, CISO, NTPC Limited:**
  "The role of threat intelligence has never been more crucial. Real-time insights, powered by AI, are helping us stay one step ahead of the most advanced threats out there."

- **Mr. M.A. KP Singh, Consultant, CEA:**
  "Cyber resilience isn't just about preventing attacks, it's about preparing for recovery. We need to ensure our organizations are equipped to bounce back from any breach swiftly."

Key Outcomes & Takeaways:

- **AI-Driven Defense is the Future:**
  85% of attendees agreed that AI-powered security systems are becoming essential for staying ahead of cybercriminals. AI can reduce incident detection and response times by up to 50%.

- **Quantum Computing Threats Are Imminent:**
  72% of attendees indicated that they are already working on strategies to future-proof their systems against quantum computing risks. Key initiatives include transitioning to quantum-resistant encryption and investing in research around post-quantum cryptography.

- **Proactive Threat Intelligence:**
  With AI's ability to identify emerging threats faster than traditional methods, 60% of organizations are already integrating real-time AI-powered threat intelligence solutions into their SOC workflows.

- **Cybersecurity as a Resilience Strategy:**
  58% of participants emphasized that building resilience into their security framework is equally important as preventing attacks. An adaptive, recovery-focused approach is critical to staying protected in today's evolving threat environment.

- **Collaboration is Key:**
  70% of attendees called for greater cross-industry collaboration to tackle the complexity of cyber threats. Sharing intelligence and forming industry alliances will be vital in developing more effective defense mechanisms.

Conclusion:

The "Future of Security: Navigating Cyber Threats in the Age of AI & Quantum Computing" roundtable highlighted the growing need for advanced, proactive cybersecurity measures as organizations face increasingly sophisticated threats. As AI becomes both a tool and an adversary, cybersecurity leaders must pivot toward AI-driven, real-time threat intelligence and quantum-resilient encryption to secure their infrastructures.

The conversation revealed that businesses must shift from purely defensive strategies to building adaptive security frameworks that can respond to the ever-evolving threat landscape. Collaboration across industries and greater investments in AI and quantum resilience are non-negotiable to stay ahead in this new age of cybersecurity.

With 94% of organizations planning to increase their cybersecurity budgets in the coming year, and 62% expecting an increase.

Industry insights:

- 92% of B2B marketers find in-person events deliver the highest ROI compared to other marketing channels.(Source: Gartner (2024))
1 in 2 event attendees convert into qualified leads, with 20–30% progressing to active sales conversations within 30 days. (Source: Bizzabo (2024))
- Buyers are 1.7x more likely to finalize decisions after face-to-face interactions versus digital-only engagements.(Source: McKinsey (2023))

And ObserveNow events consistently exceed these benchmarks:
 -80–90% of attendees report a better understanding of our partners' products and solutions after direct, in-person interactions.
 - On average, 60% of event attendees become direct business leads, and within that, 40% express clear interest in exploring partnerships or solutions further

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