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Less Ops, More Innovation: The Case for Managed Open Source

As enterprises accelerate the development of AI-powered products and modern digital experiences, technology leaders are under growing pressure to innovate faster while managing increasingly complex infrastructure environments.

The challenge is no longer simply whether to modernise. Organisations must determine how to scale innovation, strengthen resilience, support AI workloads, and improve developer productivity without increasing operational overhead.

Managed open-source technologies are emerging as an important part of this strategy, helping enterprises access the flexibility of open ecosystems while reducing the burden of infrastructure management, maintenance, security, and platform operations. To explore these priorities, ObserveNow hosted an exclusive Executive Breakfast Roundtable titled “Less Ops, More Innovation: The Case for Managed Open Source.”

Held at The Oberoi, Bengaluru, the invitation-only gathering brought together CIOs, CTOs, engineering leaders, platform heads, and Data and AI executives to discuss how enterprises can build scalable, agile, and AI-ready technology foundations.

Designed as a closed-door peer leadership forum, the session focused on practical experiences, enterprise challenges, and strategies for accelerating innovation through managed open-source technologies, modern data platforms, and cloud-native architectures.

Event Overview

Date: The Oberoi, Bengaluru

Date: 24 July 2026

Format: Executive Breakfast Roundtable | Partner Keynote | Peer Leadership Discussion | Networking

The morning commenced with registration, networking, and an executive breakfast, followed by a welcome address and partner keynote.

The session featured leadership perspectives from senior technology executives, who shared insights on modern infrastructure, platform engineering, cloud-native adoption, AI readiness, and the changing role of open-source technologies within enterprise environments.

This was followed by an interactive executive roundtable, where participants exchanged practical perspectives on reducing operational complexity while maintaining innovation, performance, security, and scalability.

Key Leadership Conversations

Building AI-Ready Technology Platforms

Participants discussed the infrastructure capabilities required to support AI-driven products and workloads. Scalable architecture, reliable data foundations, strong integration, and flexible computing environments were identified as essential.

Reducing Operational Complexity

Leaders examined how infrastructure maintenance, platform fragmentation, and manual operations can slow innovation. Managed services were seen as a way to reduce operational burden and allow internal teams to focus on strategic development.

Accelerating Innovation with Managed Open Source

The discussion explored how organisations can benefit from open-source flexibility without taking on the full responsibility of managing upgrades, security, availability, and ongoing platform support.

Modernising Data and Cloud Architectures

Participants shared perspectives on developing cloud-native and modern data platforms that can scale with business requirements. Interoperability, resilience, portability, and performance emerged as key priorities.

Improving Engineering Productivity

Leaders discussed how standardised platforms, automation, self-service tools, and simplified developer environments can improve productivity and accelerate the delivery of digital products.

Balancing Flexibility, Security and Control

The conversation highlighted the need to retain technological flexibility while maintaining enterprise-grade security, governance, reliability, and operational visibility across open-source environments.

Agenda

Time	Session
8:00 AM – 8:15 AM	Registration and Networking
8:15 AM – 8:45 AM	Executive Breakfast
8:45 AM – 8:50 AM	Welcome Address
8:50 AM – 9:10 AM	Partner Keynote
9:10 AM – 9:35 AM	Leadership Perspectives
9:35 AM – 10:05 AM	Interactive Executive Roundtable
10:05 AM – 10:15 AM	Closing Remarks and Group Photograph
10:15 AM onwards	Executive Networking

Conclusion

The roundtable highlighted that enterprise innovation increasingly depends on the strength and simplicity of the underlying technology platform.

Participants agreed that technology teams cannot focus on AI, customer experiences, and digital products if a significant amount of their time is consumed by infrastructure maintenance and repetitive operational responsibilities.

Managed open-source technologies offer organisations an opportunity to retain flexibility, avoid unnecessary platform restrictions, and benefit from active technology ecosystems while reducing the complexity associated with operating critical infrastructure internally.

The discussion also reinforced the importance of modern data platforms, cloud-native architecture, automation, and platform engineering in building resilient and AI-ready enterprises.

Successful adoption, however, requires clear governance, strong security controls, platform standardisation, and alignment between engineering priorities and broader business objectives.

By bringing together senior enterprise technology leaders, ObserveNow created a valuable platform for peer exchange and practical dialogue on the future of infrastructure, open source, and enterprise innovation.

The insights shared during the session will help organisations simplify operations, improve engineering productivity, and build scalable technology foundations that enable greater focus on innovation and business value.

Attendees

Name	Company
Anurag Chaudhuri	Flipkart
Ashif Sheriff	Pocket FM
Atish Andhare	MoEngage
Bansilal Haudakari	Uber / Paytm
Biswadeep Das	Refyne
Debtaru Basak	LTIMindtree
Eshaan Ramnani	Dezerv
Hemanta Mondal	Aditya Birla Group
M. Azeezulla Sheriff	Firstsource
Manav Bakshi	ANZ
Manoj Kansal	Licious
Niveditha Kancham	PayU
Rafi Ali Khan	Ola
Ramesh Kumar Saxena	PharmEasy
Rishabh Gupta	Groww
S. Hemeswara	Rakuten India
Srinivasa Raghavan Kandala	HealthPlix
Vishal Kumar	Zepto

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