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Cybersecurity leaders confront new risk realities as Black Hat MEA 2025 returns to Riyadh

AMID RISING GLOBAL CYBER RISK, THE THREE-DAY EVENT OUTLINES THE PRIORITIES SHAPING THE NEXT PHASE OF DIGITAL SECURITY AND RESILIENCE.

The global cybersecurity community returns to Riyadh this week as Black Hat MEA 2025 opens its doors from December 2 to December 4 at the Riyadh Exhibition and Convention Centre in Malham. Against a backdrop of escalating threats, AI disruption, and tightening regulatory pressure, the event brings together the people shaping how organisations defend, respond and build resilience. More than 45,000 security professionals, more than 500 exhibitors and leaders from more than 140 countries will decide what the next year of cybersecurity will demand.

AI is accelerating attack volumes and lowering barriers for threat actors. Supply chain exposure is widening. Cloud sprawl, identity debt and legacy infrastructure are fracturing security teams' ability to maintain visibility at scale. Regulatory expectations are rising faster than many organisations can implement controls. At the same time, demand for skilled cyber talent continues to outpace supply. These pressures converge in Riyadh this week, where Black Hat MEA will act as a control room for technical debate, policy alignment and CISO-level strategy building.

This year's programme tackles the issues keeping leaders awake. The agenda spans autonomous security operations, forecasting and threat intelligence, zero trust, post-quantum readiness, OT and IoT exposure, cyber insurance and global cyber conflict. Across the Executive Summit, Financial Summit, Briefings, Deep Dive, Campus, Women in Focus, CISO Workshops and Arsenal, the focus is on practical insight. The aim is to give practitioners what they need to strengthen defences, close gaps and adapt their operating models to a fast-moving threat environment.

Faisal Al Khamisi, Chairman of SAFCSP and Co-Chairman of Tahaluf, said, "Black Hat MEA reflects the Kingdom's commitment to developing an advanced cybersecurity ecosystem built on specialised knowledge and national expertise. Through our partnerships with local and international entities, we work to empower national solutions to compete according to global standards."

Steve Durning, Portfolio Director of Black Hat MEA at Tahaluf commented, "Black Hat MEA now plays a defining role in how the global cyber security industry evolves. The gathering shows the scale of progress in Saudi Arabia's technology landscape and reflects a commitment to building content, partnerships and talent that deliver real economic impact."

Global figures will take the stage to guide that process, including some of the most influential voices in cybersecurity. Among them are Dr Rumman Chowdhury, Founder and CEO of Humane Intelligence; Devon Bryan, Global Chief Security Officer at Booking Holdings; and Charles Forte, Director General and CIO for the UK Ministry of Defence. They will be joined by Margarita Rivera, Global CISO at Carnival Corporation; Jerich Beason, CISO at WM; Tim Ehrhart, CISO at Roche; Trina Ford, CISO at iHeartMedia; and Timothy Lee, CISO for the City of Los Angeles. Also featured are Temi Adebambo, GM and CISO at Xbox, and Dr Chenxi Wang, Managing General Partner at Rain Capital. Together, their sessions will break down the operational, regulatory, and geopolitical realities shaping cybersecurity today.

Global technology companies are also using Black Hat MEA to demonstrate where the industry is heading. Fortinet, Zscaler, SentinelOne, Cisco, ManageEngine, Dragos, Huawei, Thales, Trend Micro, Google Cloud Security and Tenable are among the international brands returning to Riyadh.

SentinelOne views Saudi Arabia as one of the world's fastest-advancing digital economies, and the company is aligning its strategy with the Kingdom's push for sovereign cybersecurity, national talent development, and AI-driven resilience under Vision 2030.

Meriam ElOuazzani, Regional Senior Director,

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SentinelOne to demonstrate AI Security Leadership

THE COMPANY WILL PRESENT AI-NATIVE CYBERSECURITY CAPABILITIES TO POWER AUTONOMOUS SECURITY OPERATIONS, THE MORTAL VS MACHINE COMPETITION, AND SHARE INSIGHTS ON ACCELERATING AND DERISKING AI ADOPTION.

SentinelOne, the leader in AI-native cybersecurity, has announced its participation at Black Hat Middle East and Africa 2025, which will be held from December 2 to 4 in Riyadh.

The company will highlight how its Singularity Platform enables secure and swift innovation in the AI era. This is made possible by bringing together endpoint, identity, cloud and data security into a single autonomous ecosystem. The company's presence aims to support regional enterprises by strengthening their security posture as they accelerate digital transformation and adopt advanced technologies.

A key attraction this year will be Mortal vs Machine, a live threat-hunting competition that places human analysts against SentinelOne's agentic AI in real-time incident response scenarios. The activation will demonstrate the way speed, precision, and automation can transform security outcomes and will take place daily from 12:30 PM to 12:50 PM at the event.

SentinelOne will present interactive demonstrations, platform showcases and expert-led engagements to support organisations in enhancing visibility and reducing risk. It will also help them adopt AI-driven cyber defence confidently. Throughout the exhibition, SentinelOne's leaders will

host focused sessions on the future of enterprise security in the age of AI. On December 2nd, Abdulkareem Abuihlayel, Senior Solutions Engineer, will speak on "Beyond the Endpoint: AI-Driven Endpoint and Identity Security". On December 3rd, Ibrahim Karam, Senior Solutions Engineer, will present "The Rise of AI SIEM: Hyperautomation for Cyber Defense". On December 4th, Abdulkareem Abuihlayel will return with a session titled "The Power of One: Unifying Endpoint, Identity, Cloud and Data with AI". The sessions will offer practical insights into strengthening cyber resilience through unified intelligence, deep visibility and autonomous response.

"The Middle East is entering a new era of digital acceleration, and AI is at the heart of every major transformation initiative", says Meriam ElOuazzani, Regional Senior Director, Middle East, Türkiye, and Africa, at SentinelOne. "SentinelOne's mission is to help organisations embrace this shift without compromising security. Our Singularity Platform gives enterprises a unified and autonomous foundation that protects every layer of the environment and enables teams to stay ahead of emerging threats. Black Hat MEA is a platform for us to empower regional

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Middle East, Turkey, and Africa, SentinelOne, said: "Saudi Arabia is building one of the most ambitious digital futures globally, and organisations need autonomous, AI-native security to safeguard that momentum. Our priority is to strengthen the Kingdom's cyber resilience through local expertise, robust partner ecosystems, and unified protection across endpoint, cloud, identity, and data. By advancing sovereign cyber capability and empowering Saudi talent with hands-on training and intelligent security platforms, we aim to help organisations operate with confidence while supporting the nation's long-term digital growth."

Echoing similar sentiment, Maher Jadallah, Vice President, Middle East & North Africa at Tenable, said: "Tenable will spotlight its new cybersecurity playbook—AI-powered Exposure Management—at Black Hat MEA 2025, led by the Tenable One platform that unifies visibility across IT, cloud, OT, and identity to anticipate and eliminate risk before breaches occur. Saudi Arabia's cybersecurity market, now exceeding $4 billion under Vision 2030's digital momentum, has prompted Tenable to strengthen its presence with a newly established legal entity in the Kingdom, expanding local support, aligning with NCA ECC frameworks, and empowering security teams with AI-driven automation to focus on the most critical exposures shaping national resilience."

Black Hat MEA gives attendees direct access to how security leaders are adapting to a fast-moving threat landscape. Across three days, CISOs, policymakers, engineers and researchers break down real incidents, test new tooling and challenge assumptions about resilience, governance and response.

Sophos is gearing up for Black Hat MEA 2025 with a unified, next-generation cybersecurity approach, bringing advanced XDR, MDR, SIEM, and identity-centric protections to support Saudi Arabia's fast-evolving threat landscape and Vision 2030 ambitions.

Harish Chib, Vice President, Emerging Markets, Middle East & Africa, Sophos, said: "Saudi Arabia's digital acceleration requires cyber defences that are unified, intelligent, and built for real-time response. Our focus is to strengthen the Kingdom's security posture through advanced MDR and XDR capabilities, deeper identity-threat protection, and a robust partner and MSP ecosystem that supports national skills development. By expanding regional infrastructure and enabling SOC teams with next-generation detection, response, and analytics, we aim to help organisations build resilient, future-ready defences against increasingly sophisticated attacks".

Nozomi Networks is set to bring advanced OT, IoT, and cyber-physical security innovations to Black Hat MEA 2025, demonstrating how AI-powered visibility and endpoint intelligence can safeguard Saudi Arabia's rapidly expanding industrial and digital infrastructure.

Muath Alsuwailem, Regional Sales Director, Nozomi Networks, said: "Saudi Arabia is accelerating into a new era of connected industry, and securing converged IT/OT environments has never been more critical. Our focus is to deliver deep, real-time visibility with platforms such as Vantage IQ, Guardian Air, and Nozomi Arc, empowering organisations to detect anomalies, assess risk, and defend their most vital assets. Through alignment with Saudi regulatory frameworks, strong local partnerships, and hands-on expertise, we are committed to supporting the Kingdom's digital transformation with resilient, AI-powered industrial cybersecurity."

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Mainstage conversations feature confirmed leaders from Booking Holdings, Marsh McLennan, Roche, Legendary Entertainment, Kraft Heinz, Xbox and others who will examine the operational and strategic shifts shaping cybersecurity going into 2025. Technical research sessions uncover new vulnerabilities, open-source tools and exploit scenarios drawn from real environments, while hands-on areas across the venue show how defenders are strengthening detection, hardening infrastructure and preparing for next-generation attacks.

The Activity Zone and Capture the Flag arenas take this further, turning theory into action with interactive challenges, live demos and a SAR 1,000,000 prize pool driving competition across cryptography, reverse engineering and exploit development. These zones aren't just side attractions: they're adrenaline-fueled battlegrounds where the best minds race against time, crack complex puzzles and prove who truly owns the cyber edge.

Hosted by the Saudi Federation for Cybersecurity, Programming and Drones and co-organised by Tahaluf, Black Hat MEA continues to support Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 by strengthening global partnerships, accelerating talent development and positioning Riyadh as the world capital for cyber resilience. The event's growth reflects Saudi Arabia's continued investment in digital infrastructure, innovation and international collaboration.

For more than 25 years, Black Hat has set the benchmark for cybersecurity events and training worldwide.

In 2024, more than 40,000 information security professionals from over 100 countries came together to explore the technologies, strategies, and skills driving the future of cyber defence.

This year, across three days, Black Hat MEA delivers high-level Executive Summits, technical Briefings, the latest tools in Arsenal, a dynamic Business Hall and a hands-on Activity Zone with prize pools reaching SAR 1,000,000. Beyond the event, year-round training in ethical hacking and offensive security keeps the community connected and ahead of emerging threats.

Sophos showcases cybersecurity and threat detection capabilities

Sophos will showcase the integration of Taegis (Secureworks) XDR and MDR and next-generation SIEM capabilities within Sophos Central, delivering a unified platform for advanced detection, response, and analytics.

Sophos, a global leader of innovative security solutions for defeating cyberattacks, recently, announced its participation at Black Hat MEA 2025, taking place from December 2-4 at RECC Malham.

At the event, Sophos will showcase the integration of Taegis (Secureworks) XDR and MDR and next-generation SIEM capabilities within Sophos Central, delivering a unified platform for advanced detection, response, and analytics. The company will also highlight its new advancements in Identity Threat Detection and Response (ITDR) and identity-based integration, further strengthening its ability to protect organisations against credential misuse and identity-driven cyberattacks in the Kingdom.

Saudi Arabia is making notable progress in improving its cybersecurity infrastructure. The sector contributed SR18.5 billion ($4.9 billion) to the economy in 2024, a 19% increase from the previous year, as the Kingdom advances its Vision 2030 goals. The country also retained its position as the top-ranked nation globally in cybersecurity for 2025, according to the IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook. Supporting this progress, Sophos' 2024 KSA Cybersecurity Awareness Survey shows that 59% of organisations use AI tools to enhance cybersecurity. The survey also found that 70% of organisations with over 500 employees allocate 13% or more of their IT budgets to cybersecurity, compared with 66% of smaller organisations allocating less than 10%.

Larger organisations invest more in local data compliance and 89% of those with over 500 employees have formal ransomware response plans, demonstrating strong preparedness and recognition of ransomware risks.

Speaking on its participation Harish Chib, Vice President Emerging Markets, Middle East & Africa, Sophos said, "Saudi Arabia is advancing at an impressive pace in cybersecurity powered by the ambition of Vision 2030. Black Hat MEA gives us a strong opportunity to demonstrate how Sophos' AI-driven MDR/XDR solutions and advanced detection technologies are helping organisations stay ahead of increasingly sophisticated threats. Our ongoing research using anomaly detection and LLM pipelines to reduce false positives, reflects our commitment to advancing defensive capabilities. We look forward to strengthening partnerships, attracting local talent, and further supporting the Kingdom's cybersecurity ecosystem".

At Black Hat MEA, Sophos will focus on expanding its regional cybersecurity ecosystem through its channel and MSP community and locally aligned MDR and SOC operations. The company will also present its integrated security portfolio and spotlight its recently launched ITDR solution, which monitors identity risks, misconfigurations, and dark-web-exposed credentials for faster response to identity-driven attacks.

Sophos will join Starlink at Stand H1.Q20 where senior experts will deliver live demos showing how to build resilient, 24/7 defences and how AI is integrated into MDR and XDR to speed up triage and threat hunting for faster, more effective response.

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businesses with the tools and insights they require to enhance resilience in a rapidly changing digital environment".

As organisations across the Middle East increase their adoption of Generative AI, cloud-first strategies and modern identity architectures, there has been a significant demand for unified and autonomous security. SentinelOne's Singularity Platform addresses this need by delivering integrated protection across the entire enterprise environment. The platform helps security teams by preventing, detecting and responding to threats quickly and with clarity while bringing down operational complexity.

The Middle East is entering a new era of digital acceleration, and AI is at the heart of every major transformation initiative.

Visitors can find the SentinelOne booth at Hall 1, Stand U121, to experience the company's AI-native solutions, meet regional experts, and participate in the Mortal vs Machine competition.

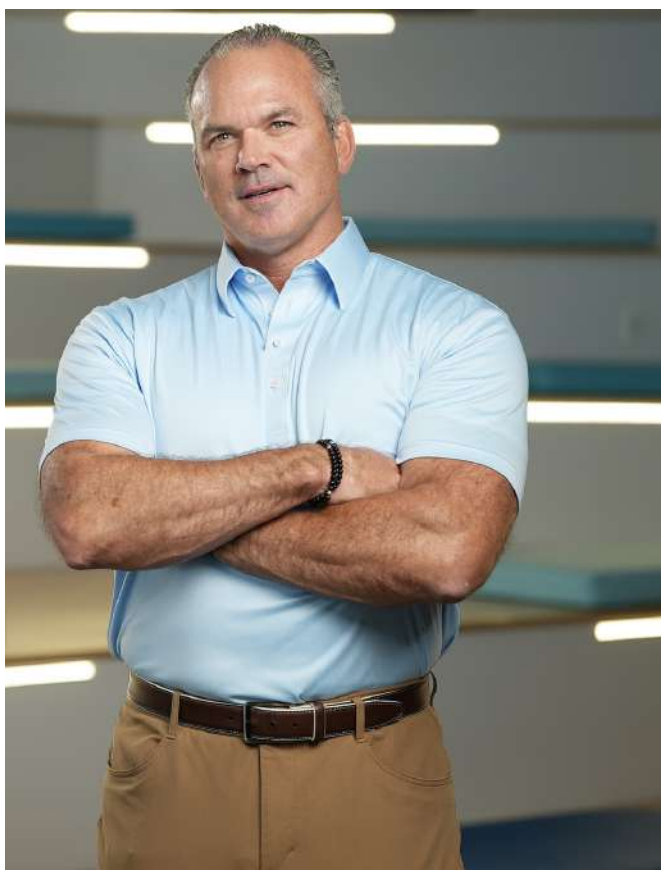
Tenable Co-CEO Mark Thurmond to provide keynote

The session will draw on the strategic context of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 and its massive investments in digital transformation and AI.

Tenable, the exposure management company, recently announced its participation at Black Hat MEA in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from December 2–4.

Tenable's Co-CEO, Mark Thurmond, will deliver a keynote address outlining the need for a fundamental shift in cybersecurity strategy to combat the unprecedented scale and sophistication of modern cyber threats, particularly those driven by weaponised Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Thurmond's keynote, titled "Beyond the Silos: Exposure Management in a New Age of Risk," will explore how the convergence of an exploding digital attack surface, fragmented security tools, and a rapidly maturing adversary, has rendered traditional security models obsolete. The session will draw on the strategic context of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 and its massive investments in digital transformation and AI, highlighting the critical need for a new defensive posture to protect such progress.



Key themes to be presented include:

- The Problem of a Fragmented Defence: Despite the average enterprise managing over 80 different security tools, security teams are overwhelmed by complexity and managing tens of thousands of alerts daily. This disjointed approach is an attacker's greatest advantage.
- The Weaponisation of AI: Attackers are leveraging AI to craft highly sophisticated, hyper-realistic attacks, speeding up attack development from weeks to minutes and enabling them to bypass traditional defences.
- The Imperative for Exposure Management: Tenable advocates for a shift from reactive "firefighting" to proactive "fireproofing". Exposure management provides unified visibility across the entire modern attack surface—from cloud to IT, identity, and OT—allowing organisations to prioritise and fix the exposures that matter most before an attack can occur.

Thurmond's keynote will explore the need for a fundamental shift in cybersecurity strategy.

"The playbook that the cybersecurity industry has followed for the past twenty years simply doesn't work anymore", said Mark Thurmond, Co-CEO, Tenable. "In the age of AI, we need to adopt a new discipline called exposure management. This pre-emptive approach is the only way to transform our defences and secure a prosperous future for the digital economy".

Attendees are invited to join the keynote address and visit the Tenable booth for live demonstrations of the industry-defining AI-powered Tenable One Exposure Management Platform.

Event Details

- **What:** Black Hat MEA 2025
- **When:** December 2-4, 2025
- **Where:** Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- **Keynote Speaker:** Mark Thurmond, Co-CEO, Tenable
- **Keynote Title:** Beyond the Silos: Exposure Management in a New Age of Risk
- **Date/Time:** December 2, 2:20 PM

AmiViz to show next gen cybersecurity innovations

The company's participation underscores its commitment to driving cybersecurity awareness and resilience across the Middle East.

AmiViz, the Middle East's leading cybersecurity-focused value-added distributor, announced its participation at Black Hat MEA 2025 from 2-4 December 2025.

The 3 days event will be held at Riyadh Exhibition & Convention Center, Malham, Saudi Arabia and the company will join forces with its strategic technology partners to showcase an extensive portfolio of advanced Cybersecurity including Cloud Security and AI solutions designed to protect enterprises, governments, and critical sectors across the region.

AmiViz will be exhibiting alongside AlgoSec, Check Point, Zinad IT, Intercede, BlackBerry, Fidelis Security, Sysdig, Cequence Security, Kiteworks, EfficientIP and NEOX Networks, presenting the latest innovations in network security, data protection, threat intelligence, identity management, and cloud security.

The company's participation underscores its commitment to driving cybersecurity awareness and resilience across the Middle East. Black Hat MEA, one of the world's largest information security conferences, serves as a vital platform for AmiViz and its ecosystem of vendors to engage directly with cybersecurity professionals, CISOs, and industry decision-makers from both public and private sectors.

"Our presence at Black Hat MEA highlights AmiViz's role as a trusted partner in advancing cybersecurity maturity across the region", said Ilyas Mohammed, COO of AmiViz. "Together with our vendors, we aim to empower organisations with the tools and intelligence needed to combat evolving digital threats and ensure secure digital transformation".

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By bringing together some of the most innovative global vendors under one roof, AmiViz continues to foster collaboration and bridge the gap between technology innovation and market needs in the Kingdom.

Visitors to the AmiViz stand H1.T70 will experience live demonstrations, solution briefings, and interactive discussions focused on real-world cybersecurity challenges — from securing hybrid cloud environments to managing identity, protecting critical infrastructure, and mitigating AI-driven threats. The management teams of AmiViz and its vendor partners will be on-site for meetings and in-depth discussions throughout the event.

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LogRhythm | Exabeam, Al Moammar Information Systems ink partnership

LogRhythm | Exabeam unveils its expanded Saudi partnership, new Riyadh office, and local hires at Black Hat MEA 2025 to support Saudi Vision 2030.

LogRhythm | Exabeam, a global leader in intelligence and automation that powers security operations, has expanded its presence in Saudi Arabia by partnering with Al Moammar Information Systems Co., one of the Kingdom's leading IT solution providers, and launching its Customer Innovation Center in Riyadh. The commitment reinforces the Kingdom's cybersecurity foundation and advances the strategic objectives of Saudi Vision 2030.

Under the expanded agreement, MIS and LogRhythm | Exabeam will jointly offer LogRhythm SIEM and the Exabeam New-Scale Security Operations Platform to Saudi-based organisations. The partnership will harden local defences against digital risk through AI-driven threat detection, improved incident response automation, and proactive threat mitigation. This comes as LogRhythm | Exabeam witnesses strong business growth in the Kingdom, achieving 21% revenue growth from 2024 to 2025, to maintain high double-digit growth in 2026.

"Our strategic alliance marks a critical milestone in our mission to elevate the KSA's cyber resilience and align with the goals of Saudi Vision 2030. Through our collaboration with MIS, we are hardening the Kingdom against ever-evolving threats," said Mazen Adnan Dohaji, VP & GM, IMETA at LogRhythm | Exabeam.

"We believe that true innovation comes from collaboration. Working with MIS enables us to proactively drive local security support and empower organisations to defend their digital ecosystems with AI intelligence."

MIS is one of the largest publicly listed IT companies in KSA, established in 1979, now generating over 1.2 billion Saudi Riyal (SAR) in revenue annually. It provides integrated solutions for information systems with outstanding quality and suitable technical products for international standards and specifications.

"As Saudi Arabia introduces more digital touchpoints, organisations face increasingly sophisticated cyberthreats from AI-enabled threat actors and organized cybercriminals," said Mahmoud A. Sadeak, Business Development & Partnerships Director at Al Moammar Information Systems Co. "Together with LogRhythm | Exabeam we are arming organizations in the KSA with advanced SIEM capabilities to future-proof their security defences and protect mission-critical data."

We believe that true innovation comes from collaboration.

As part of its local investments, LogRhythm | Exabeam will open a new, expanded office in Riyadh. This will include a Customer Innovation Center to showcase advanced AI capabilities across IT, OT, and IoT. This comes after key leadership appointments as part of ongoing investment from LogRhythm | Exabeam in the Saudi market, with Sultan Alanazi appointed as Sales Director for the Defense, Royal, and Security sectors, and Maher Qahwash, as Regional Sales Director - Public Sector and BFI. In addition, Tambi Baik has been appointed as Channel Lead and Mohamed Atta as Team Lead, Solutions Engineering, KSA.

"I am so proud of our local team, whose commitment and expertise have made these incredible achievements a reality in the Kingdom. As the KSA prepares for Saudi Vision 2030, it is emerging as one of the fastest growing and most dynamic markets globally," said Pete Harteveld, CEO of Exabeam. "Our local partnerships, investments, and leadership appointments reflect our long-term commitment to strengthening the Kingdom's cybersecurity foundation. This is a true testament to how we're defending critical industries in the Kingdom with future-ready threat detection, investigation, and response."

LogRhythm | Exabeam will be attending Black Hat MEA 2025 as a Gold Sponsor. During the event, Exabeam CEO, Pete Harteveld, and Chief AI and Product Officer, Steve Wilson, will be taking part in speaker sessions, discussing how AI is advancing Saudi Arabia's cyber landscape.

emt set to unveil expanded cybersecurity and IT portfolio

emt has recently been acquired by QBS Technology Group.

emt - A QBS Technology Group Company is set to make its strongest appearance at Black Hat MEA 2025, bringing an expanded cybersecurity and IT management portfolio designed to keep pace with the region's unprecedented digital acceleration.

A long-standing participant at Black Hat MEA, emt enters this year's edition with a renewed scale and capability. emt has recently been acquired by QBS Technology Group. The recent acquisition has strengthened our vendor ecosystem, broadened our technology stack, and expanded our local team - enabling us to support organisations across Saudi Arabia and the wider META region with deeper expertise and greater agility.

"The acquisition brought over 12,500 publishers into the emt ecosystem, giving us the scale to deliver deeper value to our customers in Saudi Arabia," said Khaled Kamel, Business Unit Director at emt.

"We're proud to contribute to the Kingdom's cybersecurity ambitions and play our part in protecting its rapidly growing digital economy."

Visitors will find emt at Hall 1, Stand H1-T10, to explore new solutions from vendors and meet Saudi and regional teams.

emt will demonstrate capabilities in

- Enterprise resilience: advanced cybersecurity and IT management solutions tailored for META's evolving landscape.
- Saudi-focused digital protection: technologies that enhance visibility, detection, compliance, and operational continuity across the Kingdom's critical sectors.
- Vendor growth enablement: proven channel development, pre-sales expertise, and regional go-to-market support.
- Partner empowerment: training, certifications, and resources that help resellers build strong, profitable practices.
- Portfolio innovation: with technologies from Cobalt, Fortra, i-vertix, Cyberbit, SecureG, Flexera, and Checkmk.

emt: Value-Added Distributor

With decades of regional experience, emt delivers a full lifecycle of services that accelerate success for vendors, resellers, and enterprises:

- Pre-sales and technical support for solution design, PoCs, and implementation.
- Partner enablement and training through workshops, certifications, and hands-on labs.
- Demand generation & marketing support to drive awareness and lead acquisition.
- Local stock & flexible licensing models for faster, more adaptable procurement.
- Cyber Escape Room & Awareness Programs to strengthen human-layer security.
- Dedicated customer success teams ensuring adoption, optimisation, and long-term value.
- A regional finance team offering flexible payment terms, credit support, and streamlined commercial processes to help partners close deals faster and manage cash flow efficiently.

This comprehensive support framework makes emt a trusted contributor to the Kingdom's national cybersecurity advancement and a strategic partner for organisations building secure, resilient digital environments.

We're proud to contribute to the Kingdom's cybersecurity ambitions and play our part in protecting its rapidly growing digital economy.

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The UAE Cybersecurity Council and QuantumGate collaborate on 3 new programs

Collaboration expands across the National Information Assurance Program, National Cybersecurity Index Platform, and the National Post-Quantum Migration Program.

The UAE Cyber Security Council announced a major advancement in national post-quantum readiness at CyberQ 2025, which took place in Abu Dhabi on November 26 and 27.

The Council confirmed that this progress comes as a result of expanding its collaboration with QuantumGate, the ATRC-backed company with a focus on quantum-safe security. The Council stressed that this next phase marks the UAE's shift from planning to large-scale implementation, accelerating the country's preparedness for future quantum decryption threats across critical sectors.

The Cybersecurity Council and QuantumGate, a subsidiary of VentureOne, will deepen national preparedness by accelerating the UAE's transition toward quantum-safe security. Joint efforts will focus on strengthening the country's ability to anticipate and mitigate risks posed by future quantum decryption capabilities, advancing readiness across priority sectors, and enabling early, methodical steps toward large-scale cryptographic migration. With this shift from strategy to coordinated national implementation, the UAE stands among the first countries globally to operationalise a comprehensive post-quantum strategy.

The next phase of collaboration will focus on translating national strategy into practical, system-wide readiness across three key programs: the National Information Assurance Program, the National Cybersecurity Index Platform, and the National Post-Quantum Migration Program. Through the National Information Assurance Program, the Cybersecurity Council and QuantumGate will strengthen baseline security requirements and improve resilience across public and private sector organisations. Via the National Cybersecurity Index Platform, they will enhance national-level measurement, visibility, and readiness tracking.

Under the National Post-Quantum Migration Program, the partnership will help identify vulnerable cryptographic assets, prioritize migration pathways, and guide entities with long-term data protection needs. By establishing clear baselines, sector wide guidance, and early migration roadmaps, the UAE is moving decisively beyond awareness into actionable, nationwide preparedness - positioning itself among the first nations to implement a coordinated national model for post-quantum security.

His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Al-Kuwaiti, Head of Cyber Security for the UAE Government, said: "Our approach is clear: anticipate, not react. With QuantumGate's advanced capabilities supporting our national efforts, the UAE is building quantum-safe defences today to ensure our critical infrastructure remains secure the moment quantum decryption becomes possible".

The partnership will also integrate a broader suite of QuantumGate technologies into national initiatives. These include the Crypto Discovery Tool (CDT), which gives entities full visibility of cryptographic assets across large and complex environments; QSphere, a quantum-resilient VPN and data security suite designed to protect sensitive information; and Salina and Secure VMI, which extend the collaboration beyond post-quantum protection into wider enterprise and government cybersecurity needs.

Dr. Najwa Aaraj, CEO of QuantumGate, commented: "Our work with the Cybersecurity Council has matured from foundational research into full-scale deployment. TII's advanced cryptography and QuantumGate's security platforms are now being implemented across national infrastructures, ensuring the UAE is protected against emerging quantum-era vulnerabilities".

This long-term collaboration reinforces the UAE's position as a regional and global leader in post-quantum cybersecurity and highlights the importance of close alignment between government and national technology providers in building a secure digital foundation for the future. Through coordinated implementation and advancing quantum-safe readiness at scale, the Cybersecurity Council and QuantumGate are jointly strengthening the nation's ability to safeguard sensitive information and enhance overall national resilience.

With QuantumGate's advanced capabilities, the UAE is building quantum-safe defences to ensure our critical infrastructure remains secure.

ESET to showcase advanced cybersecurity solutions

ESET is exhibiting at Booth H1.U100, where it is engaging with customers, partners, and professionals from across the region.

ESET, a global leader in digital security, announced its participation in Black Hat MEA 2025, taking place from 2–4 December at the Riyadh Exhibition & Convention Center, Malham.

The company is exhibiting at Booth H1.U100, where it is engaging with enterprise customers, channel partners, and security professionals from across the region.

ESET's presence at the event reflects its continued commitment to strengthening cybersecurity resilience across Saudi Arabia as organisations accelerate digital transformation, cloud modernisation, and data-driven growth. With cyber threats becoming more sophisticated and disruptive, ESET is showcasing its latest advancements in threat intelligence, endpoint protection, extended detection and response (XDR), and managed security services—solutions designed to help enterprises stay ahead of evolving risks.

Ilias Tsapsidis, Sales Director for Middle East, Greece, Cyprus & Malta at ESET, said that Black Hat MEA offers a strategic opportunity to engage directly with customers and partners while addressing the increasing need for robust cyber defence. "Saudi Arabia is experiencing rapid digitalisation across sectors, and this is driving demand for deeper visibility, faster response, and stronger protection. Our goal at Black Hat MEA is to demonstrate how ESET solutions can empower enterprises to defend their infrastructures with confidence", he said.

Throughout the event, ESET representatives are conducting technical sessions, live demonstrations, and expert discussions focused on modern threat trends, identity protection, ransomware defence, and the role of artificial intelligence in modern cybersecurity. The company is also engaging with partners and resellers to explore new growth opportunities and strengthen collaboration in the Saudi market.

Visitors to Booth H1.U100 can meet ESET's regional team, experience solution demos, and gain insights on how organisations can build proactive and intelligence-led cybersecurity strategies tailored to the Kingdom's rapidly evolving digital landscape.

Our goal at Black Hat MEA is to demonstrate how ESET solutions can empower enterprises to defend their infrastructures with confidence.


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