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Join the Exclusive Gathering of the Leading Chief AI Officers in the USA at Chief AI Officer New York Summit 2026

This exclusive event will bring together the foremost AI leaders, offering a unique opportunity to network with the brightest minds shaping the future of AI.

As the premier gathering of its kind, this summit will feature insights and discussions from the top CIAOs who are driving AI innovation. It's a unique opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and explore how the AI-driven transformation is reshaping the industry.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this elite group and take your place at the forefront of AI innovation. We look forward to welcoming you to this exclusive event!

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026?

- **Network with the Elite:** Connect with the foremost AI leaders, innovators, and decision-makers from across the USA. Build valuable relationships and foster collaborations that can drive your AI initiatives forward.
- **Gain Industry Insights:** Dive deep into the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities in AI. Learn from industry experts and thought leaders about cutting-edge technologies and their applications.
- **Discover New Solutions:** Explore innovative AI solutions and tools that can help your organization achieve its strategic goals. Discover the latest advancements in machine learning, deep learning, and natural language processing.
- **Shape the Future of AI:** Be part of the conversation shaping the future of AI. Contribute your unique perspective and insights to discussions on ethics, governance, and the responsible development of AI.
- **Enhance Your Career:** Elevate your career by gaining a competitive edge in the AI field. Acquire new skills, knowledge, and certifications that will make you a sought-after AI leader.

Chief AI Officer New York Summit 2026 Key Themes:

- **Empowered AI Leadership:** Explore how Chief AI Officers are shaping enterprise vision, aligning innovation with business goals, and driving measurable impact through responsible and strategic AI adoption.
- **Trust, Ethics & Governance in the AI Era:** Learn how to operationalize AI ethics, transparency, and compliance frameworks that strengthen public trust and ensure long-term sustainability.
- **Building the AI-Driven Organization: Culture, Talent & Transformation:** Discover how to cultivate an AI-first culture, develop future-ready talent, and lead successful organizational changes to scale intelligent innovation.
- **From Agentic Systems to Autonomous Enterprises:** Understand how the next generation of AI agents is transforming workflows, decision-making, and leadership through adaptive, autonomous intelligence.
- **Data + Intelligence: The Power of the CAIO-CDAO Alliance:** Examine how collaboration between data and AI leaders accelerates enterprise transformation, ensures governance, and unlocks new dimensions of business value.

Speakers Confirmed:

- Ali Abedini, Chief AI Officer, **METROPOLITAN COMMERCIAL BANK**
- Abhishek Mittal, *Chief Product & AI Officer*, **AML RIGHTSOURCE**
- Ellis Wong, *Chief Information Security Officer*, **JST CAPITAL**
- Matt Goldwasser, *Head of AI Data Science*, **T. ROWE PRICE**
- Vatsal Modi, *Data Science Leader*, **DRAFTKINGS**
- Ferhat Yilmaz, *Director - Enterprise and Pipeline Insights & Analytics*, **NOVARTIS**
- Sevak Avakians, *AI Principal*, **USAA**
- Lev Yatsemyrskyi, *Quantitative Technology Director*, **QUBE RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGIES/ NASDAQ (former)**
- Craig D'Rozario, *Senior Director*, **CURE AUTO INSURANCE**
- Garvita Thakral Kapur, *Senior Director Software Engineering and Artificial Intelligence*, **THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY**
- Harish Vundavalli, *Senior Information Technology Architect*, **STRATEGIC EDUCATION INC.**
- Rakesh Singh, *Global Customer Technology Director*, **LSEG (London Stock Exchange Group)**
- Patrick Angeles, *Senior Director, Customer Engineering*, **REDPANDA**
- Charlie Hecht, *Senior Director, North America Sales*, **DATA CAMP**
- Cecilia Dones, *Adjunct Professor*, **COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL**

Chief AI Officer Summit | AGENDA

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New York

8:00 –9:00 AM	<i>Registration & Open Networking in the Exhibition Area</i>
9:00-9:15 AM	Chairperson Opening Remarks & Icebreaker Cecilia Dones, <i>Adjunct Professor</i> , COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL
9:15am – 10:00 AM	PANEL: Trust by Design – Governing AI at Scale in Highly Regulated Enterprises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do organizations move from AI principles to practical, enforceable governance, without slowing innovation? • What “trust” looks like in practice, including the metrics and signals leaders rely on to ensure transparency and accountability. • How are emerging regulations reshaping enterprise AI strategy, and what leaders must prepare for now? • The evolving role of AI leadership in owning accountability, supported by automation and continuous monitoring. <p>Panellists: Garvita Thakral Kapur, <i>Senior Director Software Engineering and Artificial Intelligence</i>, THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY Harish Vundavalli, <i>Senior Information Technology Architect</i>, STRATEGIC EDUCATION, INC. Craig D'Rozario, <i>Senior Director</i>, CURE AUTO INSURANCE (Citizens United Reciprocal Exchange) Rakesh Singh, <i>Global Customer Technology Director</i>, LSEG (London Stock Exchange Group)</p> <p>Moderator: Lev Yatsemyrskyi, <i>Quantitative Technology Director</i>, QUBE RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGIES/ NASDAQ (former)</p>
10:00-10:30 AM	Human-AI Co-Adaptation: A Core Driver of Sustained AI Adoption Despite rapid enterprise investment in AI, approximately 80-90% of AI tools purchased by US companies fail to yield gains in efficiency or ROI (NBER, 2026). An overlooked reason is that tech adoption typically takes years, whereas AI evolves in weeks to months. This talk argues that lasting AI adoption and transformation require human-AI co-adaptation: a continuous process in which leadership, staff, workflows, governance, and AI systems evolve together. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why most AI deployments fail to bring impact • How AI's speed is breaking traditional change management • What successful human-AI co-adaptation entails, with a real-world case study • How to build trust, uptake, performance, and impact in parallel, rapidly and adaptively <p>Linda Hermer, <i>Chief Data Strategy Officer/ CEO</i> AMMON LABS/ VANTAGE PRECISION</p>
10:30 – 11:00 AM	<i>Mid-Morning Coffee Break & Networking in Exhibition Area</i>

11:00 - 11:30 AM	<p>KEYNOTE: Building the Blueprint: The Core Pillars of a Successful AI Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligning AI initiatives with business objectives to deliver measurable value. Establishing strong data foundations and governance for scalable innovation. Embedding ethical, transparent, and responsible AI practices across the enterprise. Fostering a culture of experimentation, agility, and continuous improvement. <p>Ali Abedini, <i>Chief AI Officer</i>, METROPOLITAN COMMERCIAL BANK</p>
11:30-12:00 AM	<p>CASE STUDY: From Personalization to Contextual Intelligence — Designing Long-Term User Experience Optimization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can organizations move beyond short-term personalization to build AI systems that drive sustained engagement and long-term business outcomes? What does it take to shift from static customer profiles to dynamic, state-aware intelligence that understands where users are in their journey? How can companies successfully embed AI across marketing and product functions while creating the governance, ownership, and operational structures needed to scale? Where does traditional experimentation fall short, and how can organizations balance rapid learning with the stability and trust users expect? <p>Vatsal Modi, <i>Data Science Leader</i>, DRAFTKINGS</p>
	<p>Use Case Showcases Discover groundbreaking AI technologies.</p>
12:00 - 12:10 PM	<p>Innovation Slot 1: Upskilling Everyone: Building AI Capability at Scale Organizations invest heavily in AI, but without skilled people, those investments stall. DataCamp's two-track model drives real transformation: broad AI literacy for all and deep technical training for builders, backed by insights from 18M learners across 6,000+ organizations.</p> <p>Charlie Hecht, <i>Senior Director, North America Sales</i>, DATA CAMP</p>
12:10 - 12:20 PM	<p>Innovation Slot 2: Putting the Agentic Enterprise into Production Right now many AI initiatives are still stuck in various pre-production stages. Without explainability, trust, and context, AI projects get stalled. Discover what leading organizations are doing to successfully overcome barriers to adoption, deploying and scaling agents in production enterprise environments.</p> <p>Patrick Angeles, <i>Senior Director, Customer Engineering</i>, REDPANDA</p>
12:20-12:30 PM	<p>Innovation Slot 3: Architecting the Data Foundation for AI Execution, Validation, and Continuous Improvement Agentic AI is transforming enterprise AI from answering questions to executing operational workflows. As a result, real-time, governed business context is becoming the new bottleneck for enterprise AI. In this session, K2view will show why traditional data architectures fall short, and how Business Operational Context becomes the data foundation for AI execution, validation, and continuous improvement. Attendees will learn a practical architecture pattern for decoupling AI agents from data handling, reducing token cost and governance risk, and enabling enterprise-scale agentic AI.</p> <p>Hod Rotem, <i>Chief Product Evangelist</i>, K2view</p>
12:30 - 1:30 PM	<p><i>Lunch & Networking in Exhibition Area</i></p>
1:30 - 2:00 PM	<p>KEYNOTE: Beyond Algorithms: The Age of Agentic Intelligence and Quantum Disruption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How agentic AI is reshaping enterprise operations — and why the identity and security gaps are already exposing organizations before quantum arrives. Why the cryptographic infrastructure beneath your AI agents is on a depreciation schedule — and what Harvest Now, Decrypt Later means for data you encrypted today. How quantum breakthroughs and binding regulatory deadlines are converging in the same five-year window — and why the compliance clock runs ahead of the hardware threat.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What leaders must do in the next 90 days to build quantum-ready, agent-secure infrastructure before the window closes. <p>Ellis Wong, <i>Chief Information Security Officer</i>, JST CAPITAL</p>
2:00 - 2:30 PM	<p>CASE STUDY: ExCITE AI: Principles for Trustworthy AI in Regulated Industries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Popular AI in regulated industries can't be audited, reproduced, or corrected — and frontier reasoning models are making it more expensive and energy-intensive, not less. ExCITE (Explainability, Computability, Interpretability, Traceability, Editability) is a five-principle framework for any AI deployed where trust and compliance matter. KATO is a deterministic, CPU-based prediction engine that satisfies all five — traceable to source data, editable via SQL, and FAA-certified in its prior life as GALUS. <p>Sevak Avakians, <i>AI Principal</i>, USAA</p>
2:30 – 3:00 PM	<p>KEYNOTE: From Agentic AI to Autonomous Enterprises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How AI is Transitioning from Copilot Assistant to Pilot Navigator Beyond Agentic AI: What Does Physical AI Look Like, and When? <p>Matt Goldwasser, <i>Head of AI Data Science</i>, T. ROWE PRICE</p>
3:00 – 3:30 PM	<i>Afternoon Break in the Exhibition Area & Transition to the CDAO General Sessions Track</i>
3:30-4:00 PM	<p>CDAO & CAIO KEYNOTE: The Next AI Breakthrough Isn't a Model, It's ROI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assigning a business owner and P&L targets to every AI initiative with clear KPIs and SLAs. Stack-ranking bets by ROI and time-to-value, time-boxing pilots, and doubling down on compounding wins. Productizing models into workflows/agents and driving adoption with enablement, incentives, and change management. Instrumenting value end-to-end: establishing baselines, unit economics, TCO, and risk-adjusted ROI with continuous optimization. <p>Abhishek Mittal, <i>Chief Product & AI Officer</i>, AML RIGHTSOURCE</p>
4:00 – 4:45 PM	<p>CDAO & CAIO CLOSING PANEL: When AI Becomes Business as Usual — Operating Models, Talent, and Execution at Scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How operating models and ownership structures are evolving as AI moves into core business workflows. Who is accountable for AI — and how responsibilities shift across data, technology, and business teams. The talent, skills, and cultural changes required to move from experimentation to sustained adoption. Embedding incentives, governance, and execution discipline to ensure AI delivers consistent business impact. <p>Panellists: Nishit Dhilen Mehta, <i>Vice President, Analytics Solutions Manager</i>, JPMORGAN CHASE Bin Yu, Ph.D., <i>VP of AI & Data</i>, STARBUCKS Ferhat Yilmaz, <i>Director - Enterprise and Pipeline Insights & Analytics</i>, NOVARTIS</p> <p>Moderator: John Shaw, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>, PRAXIS IQ</p>
4:45-5:00 PM	<p>Chairperson Closing Remarks</p> <p>Cecilia Dones, <i>Adjunct Professor</i>, COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL</p>
5:00-6:00 PM	<i>Networking Drinks Reception in the Exhibition Area</i>
6:00 PM	END OF CONFERENCE