



If you lead security in Financial Services, this is your room — filled with people who live the same reality you do and talk about it.

When we launched CISO New York last September, the response from teams at HSBC, Wells Fargo, and New York City Council was: *“This feels built for us.” “You don’t usually hear these conversations on stage.” “This is a community.”*

On February 25, 2026, in Hyatt Jersey City on The Hudson, we’re bringing that same energy, but this time, it’s Financial Services.

- The new attack patterns targeting financial data right now
- Securing cloud + multi-cloud when nothing is standardized
- AI that cuts SecOps noise instead of adding more
- The fraud and insider threats everyone is feeling but no one is openly talking about

You don’t need another event filled with long lectures and generic sessions- you need the community, and the formats that give you answers.

- **Ask-Me-Anything** —unfiltered answers from veteran CISOs
- **Yes / No / Maybe** —fast gut checks on the topics no one agrees on
- **Quick Wins or Just Noise** — tools + tactics that your peers say work
- **Live Poll Debate** — the entire room votes in real time

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Confirmed Speakers:

- Gharun Lacy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cyber and Technology Security Bureau of Diplomatic Security -**U.S. Department of State**
- Aaron Katz, *Chief Information Security Officer*-**THE TCW GROUP**
- Scot Miller, *SVP, Chief Information Security Officer* – **Mr. Cooper** (*Advisory board member*)

- Ellis Wong, *Chief Information Security Officer - JST Capital (Advisory board member)*
- Christopher Russell, *CISO & Head of Tokenization – TZERO GROUP*
- Mo Jamous, *EX Chief Information Officer, Consumer & Business Banking – U.S. Bank*
- Ben Rothke, *Senior Information Security Manager - Experian*
- John Decker, *Chief Technology Officer -Trian Partners*
- Paul Pak, *Chief Information Security Officer, Head of Information Governance - Jennison Associates (Advisory board member)*
- Matthew Presson, *CISO for the Americas – Bullish*
- Mahesh Addanki, *Cyber Security Engineer - Saragossa*
- Robert LaRosa, *Information Security Engineer – GELLER*
- Troy Leach, *Chief Strategy Officer - Cloud Security Alliance*
- Julia Cherashore, *Senior Fellow - Data Foundation / Adjunct Professor - Fordham University*
- Jonathan Sander, *Field CTO - Astrix Security*
- Neil Cohen, *Head of Marketing – Portal26*
- Frank Teruel, *Chief Operating Officer - ArkoseLabs*
- Kelly Shortridge, *Chief Product Officer –Fastly*
- Darryl Jones, *VP, Consumer Segment Strategy -Ping Identity*
- Valery Milman - *Sr. Manager, Systems Engineering - ForeScout*

CISO FS NY February 25th, 2026	
08:00 – 08:45	Registration & Coffee in the Exhibition Area
8:45 - 8:55	Chair’s Opening Remarks Jonathan Sander, <i>Field CTO - Astrix Security</i>
8:55- 9:00	Speed Networking – Making new connections at CISO Financial Services NY! During this 5-minute networking session, the aim of the game is to go and meet two people you don't already know.

<p>09:00 - 09:30</p>	<p>Opening Panel: Confessions of CISOs: What They Don't Tell You About the Job</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can sleepless nights, board politics, and regulator heat be managed without burnout? • Which AI-driven threats and hybrid risks are keeping CISOs awake in 2026? • When speed clashes with security and compliance with agility, how can the trade-offs be survived? • What do CISOs wish had been known before stepping into the role? <p>Moderator: Mo Jamous, EX Chief Information Officer, Consumer & Business Banking – U.S. Bank</p> <p>Matthew Presson, CISO for the Americas – Bullish</p> <p>Paul Pak, Chief Information Security Officer, Head of Information Governance - Jennison Associates</p> <p>Scot Miller, SVP, Chief Information Security Officer – Mr. Cooper (Advisory board member)</p> <p>Christopher Russell, CISO & Head of Tokenization – TZERO GROUP</p> <p>Gharun Lacy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cyber and Technology Security Bureau of Diplomatic Security -U.S. Department of State</p>
<p>09:30 - 10:00</p>	<p>Penetration: Did you know your firm has a crypto trading platform?</p> <p>From ramp and dump schemes (pig butchering) to executive assassinations/executive cyber stalking, why you need to have a Brand and Executive Protection Program in the world of AI and why you need one now.</p> <p>Paul Pak, Chief Information Security Officer, Head of Information Governance - Jennison Associates</p>
<p>10:00 - 10:40</p>	<p>Expert Ask-Me-Anything: AI, Risk & Regulation</p> <p>An informal, interactive session where the audience will ask questions live, on the spot. Speakers respond in real time to questions on AI risk and security, regulatory challenges (SEC, NYDFS, DORA), board-level communication, and building resilient cyber teams.</p>

	<p>Moderator: Troy Leach, Chief Strategy Officer - Cloud Security Alliance</p> <p>Mo Jamous, EX Chief Information Officer, Consumer & Business Banking – U.S. Bank</p> <p>Robert LaRosa, Information Security Engineer – GELLER</p> <p>Jonathan Sander, Field CTO- Astrix Security</p>
<p>10:40- 11:00</p>	<p>Fireside chat with Fastly</p> <p>Kelly Shortridge, Chief Product Officer -Fastly</p>
<p>11:00 11:30</p>	<p>Mid-Morning Coffee & Networking in the Exhibition Area</p>
<p>11:30- 12:00</p>	<p>Audience Reality Check: How to Stop Compliance Spend Becoming a Black Hole?</p> <p>In this interactive session, live polling and anonymous audience input will shape a practical discussion on where compliance effort is truly going, and how leaders are working to reduce duplication, demonstrate value, and move compliance from obligation to advantage.</p> <p>Key themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting overlap across compliance frameworks • Making compliance spend credible as resilience investment • Turning audit readiness into organisational trust and confidence <p>Robert LaRosa, <i>Information Security Engineer</i> - GELLER</p>
<p>12:00 – 12:15</p>	<p>Live Poll Debate: Would You Trust AI to Act Before Your Team Can?</p> <p>Experts go head-to-head, using real incidents and risks from the field. We'll start with a live poll to see where the room stands, then run it again at the end to track if minds have shifted.</p> <p>The debate centers on one tough question: <i>should we ever let technology act on its own during a live cyber incident in financial services?</i></p> <p>The audience is part of it too so ask your questions, share your views, and see how your take stacks up against your peers.</p> <p>Moderator: Troy Leach, Chief Strategy Officer - Cloud Security Alliance</p>

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<p>12:15 - 13:00</p>	<p>Discussion group: What Happens When Agentic AI Runs Your Security Ops Before You Do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What risks come with AI-on-AI escalation between defenders and adversaries? • How can effective oversight frameworks be built for AI-augmented SOCs? • What early wins, and early fails are showing up in adopting agentic AI for security? • How can human analysts stay in the loop when machines move first? <p>Moderated by Valery Milman - <i>Sr. Manager, Systems Engineering - ForeScout</i></p> <p>Scot Miller, <i>SVP, Chief Information Security Officer– Mr. Cooper (Advisory board member)</i> Mahesh Addanki, <i>Cyber Security Engineer - Saragossa</i></p>
<p>13:00 – 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch & Networking in the Exhibition Area</p>
<p>14:00- 14:20</p>	<p>Presentation: The Five Habits of Highly Secure Organizations</p> <p>Companies that have developed world-class information security programs have achieved their goals by focusing on security within a risk-mitigation framework.</p> <p>This session will reveal the five main habits shared by the most secure organizations. By focusing on these habits, organizations can spend much less on security while gaining a significant level of security.</p> <p>Ben Rothke, <i>Senior Information Security Manager - Experian</i></p>
<p>14:20- 14:40</p>	<p>Presentation: Beyond the Breach: What Diplomatic Targets Reveal About Financial Sector Risks</p> <p>The U.S. Department of State’s Diplomatic Security Service (DSS) protects more than 77,000 personnel across 270+ locations worldwide, often operating inside environments where nation-state cyber actors are active. This places DSS on the front line of advanced threat activity, frequently seeing tactics before they are deployed at scale against financial institutions. Drawing on real-world incidents, including the response to Storm-0558, this session shares how DSS detects and responds to sophisticated attacks in real time, operates under the assumption of breach,</p>

	<p>and maintains operations during active compromise. Attendees will gain practical insight into reducing response times, managing vendor risk, strengthening human-layer defenses, and applying government-grade intelligence to financial services environments facing the same adversaries.</p> <p>Gharun Lacy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cyber and Technology Security Bureau of Diplomatic Security -U.S. Department of State</p>
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<p>14:40-15:10</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Who Owns the Fallout around when GenAI use misfires — Security, Risk, or the Board?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who owns AI risk when models impact lending, underwriting, or fraud detection? • How do organisations embed AI monitoring into existing cyber and risk management frameworks? • What guardrails help prevent AI misuse without stifling innovation? • How should firms prepare for AI-specific incidents such as data leakage or model poisoning? <p>Moderator: Neil Cohen, <i>Head of Marketing - Portal26</i></p> <p>Robert LaRosa, <i>Information Security Engineer – GELLER</i></p> <p>Scot Miller, <i>SVP, Chief Information Security Officer – Mr. Cooper</i></p> <p>Gharun Lacy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Cyber and Technology Security Bureau of Diplomatic Security -U.S. Department of State</p>
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<p>15:10-15:40</p>	<p>Presentation: Securely Embrace the Agentic Channel</p> <p>AI agents are rapidly becoming the next digital actors - researching, deciding, and transacting on behalf of customers. In fact, your next multi-million-dollar customer could be an AI agent.</p> <p>In this forward-looking session, Ping Identity explores how the rise of the Agentic Channel is reshaping commerce and customer experience and what organizations must do to stay ahead. Learn how to securely enable AI agents with modern identity, governance, and authorization controls while protecting against emerging risks.</p> <p>Discover how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Embrace AI agents as a new digital channel for growth • • Deliver seamless, trusted agent-driven experiences
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent disintermediation and maintain customer relationships • Secure Agentic Identities with strong authentication, authorization, and governance <p>Join us to understand how identity is the foundation of trust in the age of AI - and how your organization can confidently engage the agentic future.</p> <p>Darryl Jones, VP, Consumer Segment Strategy -Ping Identity</p>
<p>15:40- 16:10</p>	<p><i>Afternoon Break & Networking in the Exhibition Area</i></p>
<p>16:10- 16:30</p>	<p>Panel Discussion: Cloud Security: What’s Working and Where We’re Over-Engineering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where cloud security breaks in real operating environments • Where DevSecOps enables delivery, and where it introduces friction • Which signals drive action versus noise during cloud incidents • What leaders would simplify or remove from today’s cloud security stack <p>Moderator: Julia Cherashore, Senior Fellow - Data Foundation / Adjunct Professor - Fordham University Mahesh Addanki, Cyber Security Engineer - Saragossa Aaron Katz, <i>Chief Information Security Officer</i>-THE TCW GROUP</p>
<p>16:30- 17:00</p>	<p>Presentation: When Banks Hold the Keys: The New CISO Reality Post-SAB 122</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What SAB 122 changes for CISO accountability and audit scrutiny • How “probable loss” is being interpreted, measured, and defended in practice • The evolving institutional threat landscape once banks hold the keys • How existing security, identity, and governance models must adapt conceptually <p>Christopher Russell, <i>CISO & Head of Tokenization</i> – TZERO GROUP</p>
<p>17:00 17:05</p>	<p>Chair’s Closing Remarks Jonathan Sander, <i>Field CTO</i> - Astrix Security</p>
<p>17:05 - 18:00</p>	<p><i>Networking drinks and Prize Draw</i></p>
<p>18:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">END OF CONFERENCE</p>