

# DACH CIO Executive Summit

Hilton Frankfurt City Centre

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## 28 November 2023

**18:00 - 21:00**      **Governing Body Welcome Reception**

## 29 November 2023

**08:15 - 09:00**      **Registration & Breakfast**

**09:00 - 09:45**      **The CIO's Future-Focused Agenda: Franchising Digital Delivery**

**09:45 - 10:00**      **Break**

**10:00 - 10:45**      **Analytics, Data and Digital Processes – Digitalisation With DFB**

Frank Biendara, CIO, DFB

**10:00 - 10:45**      **Harnessing the Power of AI to Improve Cyber Resilience**

Sergej Epp, Chief Security Officer, EMEA Central, Palo Alto Networks

**10:00 - 10:45**      **The CIO's Data Journey – Viewpoints, Navigation Tips and Cross Border Security**

Frank Thomas, Senior Director Channels & Alliances, Protegrity  
Michael Hilzinger, Group Chief Information Officer, Knorr-Bremse AG  
Carolina Soto, Global Head of IT Investment & Asset Management, Munich Re

**10:45 - 11:50**      **Networking Break**

**10:55 - 11:40**      **Peer-to-Peer Meetings**

**11:50 - 12:35**

**Leading with Digital Sustainability**

Thomas Kuczek, Technical Program Manager, Google Chrome Enterprise  
Jeremy Drury, Chief Digital Officer, IKEA Germany, IKEA UK

**11:50 - 12:35**

**IT is Business and Business is IT**

Aleksandar Rodic, Global CIO, Fiege Logistik Stiftung & Co. KG

**11:50 - 12:35**

**The CIO's Playbook – Execute Strategy Confidently**

Ian Stendera, VP of Product, Ardoq  
Tobias Guenthör, CIO, Stada  
Sinanudin Omerhodzic, CTO, Aldi Nord

**12:35 - 13:30**

**Lunch Service**

**13:30 - 14:15**

**Visibility and Insight Key For Successful Transformation**

Nathan Howe, GVP, Innovation, Zscaler

**14:15 - 14:30**

**Break**

**14:30 - 15:15**

**Finance Mastery: Cost, Growth and Collaboration**

Alexander Graf, Global CIO, Huber + Suhner

**14:30 - 15:15**

**Empowering Decision Making with Data-Driven Insights**

Alex Zschaler, RVP DACH & CEE, Fivetran  
Muammer Kizilaslan, CIO, Hansgrohe  
Roman Meier-Andrae, Head of IT & Digitalisation, TUV NORD Group

**14:30 - 15:15**

**Cloud Promise Meets Cloud Reality**

Kai Grunwitz, CEO Germany & Regional Leader DACH, NTT Ltd  
Thorsten Hallermeier, CDO, MHK Group AG  
Amit Ramkisson, CTO, Deutsche Bank

Dieter Voss, Head of IT, Regions and Applications, Schneider Electric North America

**15:15 - 15:45**

**Networking Break**

**15:45 - 16:30**

**Navigating the Skies of Transformation: Soar to Success in the Digital Age**

Jochen Göttelmann, VP IT Lufthansa Airlines (CIO) & Lufthansa Group Operations IT, Lufthansa

**15:45 - 16:30**

**Designing Communities of Practice to Enable Business-led IT Delivery Success**

Petra Friz, Executive Partner, Gartner

**15:45 - 16:30**

**Pushing Towards an Automation First Approach – Myths & Realities**

Sanjay Chopra, CTO, HCL Software  
Patrick Wild, Head of Global IT, Balluff  
Stefan Haverkock, Director IT & Digital, Hoyer Group

**16:30 - 16:45**

**Break**

**16:45 - 17:30**

**Value vs. Risk – A Thoughtful Approach to Generative AI**

Sandeep Sen, Global CIO, Linde Plc  
Tobias Fausch, CIO, BayWa Deutschland  
Gülnaz Önes, Global CIO, Mercedes-Benz Mobility  
Andre Rothfuss, VP, IT, BorgWarner  
Ralf Werner, CIO & CDO, OGE

**17:30 - 18:00**

**Closing Reception & Prize Drawing**