

Houston CIO Community Executive Summit

Hyatt Regency Houston West



December 2, 2025

8:00am - 8:30am	Registration & Breakfast
8:30am - 9:15am	Beyond Alignment — CIOs Shaping Enterprise Strategy Kayoor Gajarawala, Chief Digital & IT Officer, LyondellBasell
9:15am - 9:40am	Networking Break
9:40am - 10:25am	Reducing Application Delivery Tech Debt from the Inside Out Matt Pour, VP, Solutions Engineering, Island
9:40am - 10:25am	Executive Boardroom Hosted by Tata Consultancy Services
9:40am - 10:25am	Executive Boardroom Hosted by Kissflow
10:25am - 11:10am	Networking Break
10:35am - 11:00am	Peer-to-Peer Meetings
11:10am - 11:55am	The AI Imperative — Driving Business Outcomes in a Changing World
11:10am - 11:55am	Ensuring Business Continuity Through IT Resilience Danilo Florissi, VP, Development, Automation, IBM John Varkey, SVP, CIO, Waste Management
11:10am - 11:55am	The Future of ERP – Shifting the IT Operating Model Coy Wright, Vice President, Energy, Utilities, and Mining Industry Solutions, Rimini Street Aparna Mathur, VP IT, Nabors Industries

David Cain, VP & CIO, CVR Energy

11:55am - 12:30pm Lunch Service

12:30pm - 1:05pm Securing Data Flow in the AI-Quantum Era

Steve Riley, VP & Field CTO, Netskope

1:05pm - 1:30pm Break

1:30pm - 2:15pm Data First, AI Second

Vikas Parikh, SVP, CIO, Depot Connect International

1:30pm - 2:15pm AI Agents in Action — From Idea to Impact

Rakesh Gohel, Author, Guest Speaker

1:30pm - 2:15pm M&A — Strategies for Thriving Through Change

Ken Piddington, Chief Digital & Information Officer, RelaDyne
Michael Schnabel, VP & CIO, University of Texas Health
Science Center - San Antonio

2:15pm - 3:00pm Networking Break

2:25pm - 2:50pm Peer-to-Peer Meetings

3:00pm - 3:45pm Snappy Wins by CIOs, for CIOs

John Christ, CIO, Expand Energy
Kara Pelecky, SVP, CIO, American Bureau of Shipping

3:00pm - 3:45pm AI and the Future of Cost Optimization

Brian Demski, Senior Executive Partner, Gartner
Alexis Collins, CIO, US, Norton Rose Fulbright
Michael Thompson, VP & CIO, Gulfport Energy Corporation

3:00pm - 3:45pm The Triple Threat — Cybersecurity, AI, and Global Upheaval

Kyle Bigelow, Head of IT Infrastructure, BioUrja Trading

Sindhu Menon, Executive Director and Chief Information Officer, Harris County, TX

3:45pm - 4:00pm **Networking Break**

4:00pm - 4:35pm **Innovation Under Pressure — How CIOs Can Move the Needle in Uncertain Times**

Jorge Lopez, Distinguished VP Analyst, Gartner

4:35pm - 4:45pm **Closing Comments and Prize Drawing**