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- Dr. Tarun Sood, *CDO*, **AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTMENTS**
- Steve Boras, *Head of Model Risk Management & Validation*, **CITIZENS FINANCIAL GROUP**
- Ellis Wong, *Chief Information Security Officer*, **JST CAPITAL**
- Elena Alikhachkina, *Chief Data and AI Officer*, **TE CONNECTIVITY**
- Patrick Mauro, *Chief Data Science Officer*, **PEARL HEALTH**
- Gene Voskov, *Chief, Data Analytics & Resources Bureau, Division of Local Services*, **MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**
- Andrew Patricio, *Chief Data and AI Officer*, **UNIDOSUS**
- Ganesh Sivakumar, *Global Chief Data Analytics & AI*, **MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION**
- Ramila Peiris, *Global Head, Data Management, ML and AI Platform, MSAT*, **SANOFI PASTEUR**
- Robi Krempus, *Global Head of AI*, **MANULIFE WEALTH & ASSET MANAGEMENT**
- Julia Cherashore, *Deputy Superintendent, Data Governance and Management*, **NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES**
- Victoria Gamerman, *Global Head of Digital Transformation COE*, **BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM**
- Thomas Shola, *Executive Director Enterprise Data & Analytics, Technology & Cybersecurity Risk & Controls*, **FIRST CITIZENS BANK**
- Amin Assareh, *Vice President, Data Science*, **FIDELITY INVESTMENTS**
- Akhil Mahajan, *Technical Director, Data & AI*, **PROCTER & GAMBLE**
- Ram Krishna Gautam, *Head of Clinical Platform (EMR, Provider Services and AI Solutions)*, **TELADOC HEALTH**
- Marina Printz, *VP of AI*, **NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

- Sam Marks, *Director of Business Strategy & Analytics*, **BOSTON BRUINS & TD GARDEN**
- Diego De Aragao, *Senior Vice President, Balance Sheet and Analytics*, **CITIGROUP**
- Barbara Widholm, *Vice President, Automation & Artificial Intelligence*, **STATE STREET**
- Zhang Zhang, *Head of AI & Risk Analytics*, **POLEN CAPITAL**
- Rafique Awan, *VP Director, Information & Solution Architecture*, **MFS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT**
- Cecilia Dones, *Former Adjunct Professor*, **COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL**
- Kevin Nickerson, *AVP, Analytics & Sales Enablement*, **CHUBB**
- Sadashiv K Vaasista, *Senior Director, Analytics*, **HONEYWELL**
- Randall Gordon, *Head of Data Governance*, **CROSS RIVER**
- Daniela Freitas, *Global Data Products Lead*, **KENVUE**
- Kevin Kramer, *Senior Data Scientist Advisor*, **HEALTHSHARE EXCHANGE**
- Jasper Cannon, *Management Consultant*, **CHESTERTON HILLS CONSULTING**
- Frederique De Letter, *Head of Data Analytics & AI*, **PLANTE MORAN**
- Vatsal Modi, *Data Science Leader*, **DRAFT KINGS**
- Rahul Kashyap, *Medical Director, Research*, **SUMMIT HEALTH**
- Lin Liu, *Director, Data Science*, **WEALTHSIMPLE**
- Tamilla Triantoro, *Associate Professor*, **QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY**
- Shreesha Jagadeesh, *Associate Director of Applied Machine Learning*, **BEST BUY**
- Alejandro Zarate Santovena, *Global Head of Data Strategy*, **MARSH**
- Linda Hermer, *Chief Data Strategy Officer*, **AMMON LABS**
- Khizar Hayat, *Chief Data Officer*, **DAKOTA**
- Mona Birjandi, *Principal Economist and Director of Data Analytics*, **OUTTEN & GOLDEN, LLC**
- Tyler Frieling, *Director - PMG - DS&S Alternative Data Research*, **BLACKROCK**
- Martin Bernier, *Senior Director Quantitative Strategies and Data Science*, **LA CAISSE**
- Nick Smith, *Senior Sales Engineer*, **ALTERYX**
- Haroon Abbu, *Senior Vice President, Digital Technology & Data Analytics*, **BELL AND HOWELL**
- Nishit Dhilen Mehta, *Vice President, Data Analytics*, **JPMORGAN CHASE**
- Manish Nigam, *Senior Director, AI*, **AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL**
- Celio Oliveira, *Executive Director*, **GOVERNMENT OF CANADA**
- Jean-Georges Perrin, *Senior Product Manager*, **ACTIAN**
- Eunice Beck, *SVP Business Analytics & Quality*, **HEARTSHARE HUMAN SERVICES OF NEW YORK**

- Rajesh Sura, *Head of Data Engineering and Analytics*, **AMAZON**
- Dayeli Manuet, *Head of Commercial Intelligence for the Spanish-Speaking Latin American Region*, **DIDI**
- Muthu Selvam, *Lead Software Engineer, VP*, **U.S BANK**
- Nitin Kumar, *Director Data Science, GenAI*, **MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL**
- Jyoti Maheshwari, *Senior Data Engineer*, **AIRBNB**
- Gurprit Singh, *Global Head of Data and Analytics*, **PARTNERS CAPITAL (former)**
- Micky Chhabda, *TEDx Speaker | Analytics Manager*, **IPSOS MMA**
- Ganesh Sivakumar, *Global Chief Data Analytics & AI*, **MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION**
- Farid Sheikhi, *Senior Manager, Analytics Innovation*, **RBCx**
- Sami Akbay, *VP, Product Management, Data & Analytics*, **INSIGHTSOFTWARE**
- Sriraj Srinivasan PhD – *SVP, Head of Data & AI*, **INFOGAIN**
- Anu Sundaram, *VP, Business Analytics* at **RUE GILT GROUPE**
- Westie Magnuson, *Chief People Officer* at **CORNEL'S PLUMBING HEATING AIR**
- Avinash Tripathi, *Vice President, Analytics* at **UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX**
- Dr. Ram Singh, *Chief Performance Media Officer*, **NIGHT MARKET**
- Shannon Haringx, *Business Technology Director*, **VANGUARD**
- Steve Zisk, *Product Marketing Principal*, **REDPOINT GLOBAL**
- Jean-Georges Perrin, *Senior Product Manager*, **ACTIAN**, a division of **HCLSoftware**
- Mohammad Nasar, *Data & Analytics Partner*, **CROWE**
- Tommie Davis, *Data & Analytics Partner*, **CROWE**
- Sujoy Golan, *VP of Strategic Initiatives*, **AI SQUARED**
- Kevin Kratzer, *Solution Engineering Director*, **PYRAMID ANALYTICS**
- Matt Geibel, *Director, Enterprise*, **ALATION**
- Or Zabłudowski, *Chief Executive Officer & Founder*, **FLEXOR.AI**
- Suku Krishnaraj, *President, COO*, **PROMPTQL**
- Alissa Gilbert, *Sr. Solutions Engineer*, **UNFRAME**
- Sandip Devarkonda, *Director, Forward Deployed Engineering*, **PROMPTQL**
- Anthony Deighton, *Chief Executive Officer*, **TAMR**
- Gagandeep Singh, *Regional Sales Head*, **TIGER ANALYTICS**
- Malcolm Hawker, *Chief Data Officer*, **PROFISEE**
- Mery Zadeh, *Senior Vice President, AI Governance and Risk Consulting*, **LUMENOVA**

- Shouvik Das, *Head of Enterprise Outcome*, TRUEFOUNDRY
- Caroline Meidan – *CEO and co-founder*, BONDATA
- Sherman Cooper, *Head of Data*, QBE North America
- Jason Webster, *Founder & CEO*, ARCHETYPE
- Kushal Shah, *SVP-NA Practice*, WNS Analytics
- Shawn Brennan, *Worldwide Go To Market Leader, Data Management*, IBM

CDAO Fall 2025 Day 1 – OCTOBER 22, 2025			
Industry Focus Tracks			
	TRACK A - <i>Financial Services & Insurance</i>	TRACK B <i>Retail, CPG & E-Commerce</i>	TRACK C <i>CDAO Leadership (Cross-Industry)</i>
8:00am-8:50am	<i>Registration & Networking Breakfast</i>		
9:00am-9:10am	Chairperson's Opening Remarks & Ice Breaker Diego De Aragao, <i>Senior Vice President, Balance Sheet and Analytics</i> , CITIGROUP	Chairperson's Opening Remarks & Icebreaker Dayeli Manuet, <i>Head of Commercial Intelligence (Spanish-speaking LatAm)</i> , DIDI	Chairperson's Opening Remarks & Icebreaker Cecilia Dones, <i>Former Adjunct Professor</i> , COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL
9:10am-9:50am	Panel Discussion: Leading the Data Revolution in Finance: Turning Complexity into Confidence – Powered by Agentic AI • How is the role of data leadership evolving in today's financial organizations? • What bold moves have you made to turn data into a transformation driver?	Panel Discussion: Smarter Retail Starts Here: Evolving Leadership in Data, Analytics & AI • How are data and AI leaders in retail reshaping decision-making in a world of constant consumer flux? • What does true data-driven leadership look like in the age of real-time personalization and omnichannel demand?	Panel Discussion: What Makes Data Leaders Successful? Let's Find Out! • Are we limiting the potential of data leadership by prioritizing control over creativity and experimentation? • What if data leadership started with trust, empowerment, and storytelling — rather than policies and compliance?

	How do you inspire trust, speed, and innovation across business and tech teams? Panelists: Ellis Wong, <i>Chief Information Security Officer, JST CAPITAL</i> Amin Assareh, <i>Vice President, Data Science, FIDELITY INVESTMENTS</i> Martin Bernier, <i>Senior Director Quantitative Strategies and Data Science, La Caisse</i> Muthu Selvam, <i>Lead Software Engineer, VP, U.S BANK</i> Patrick Mauro, <i>Chief Data Science Officer, PEARL HEALTH</i> Moderator: Shouvik Das, <i>Head of Enterprise Outcome, TRUEFOUNDRY</i>	- Are today's data strategies aligned with tomorrow's retail challenges — or are we optimizing for the past? - How can retail leaders foster a culture where analytics and AI are not just tools, but catalysts for innovation and growth? Panelists: Rajesh Sura, <i>Head of Data Engineering and Analytics, AMAZON</i> Shreesha Jagadeesh, <i>Associate Director of Applied Machine Learning, BEST BUY</i> Vatsal Modi, <i>Data Science Leader, DRAFT KINGS</i> Moderator: Jason Webster, <i>Founder & CEO, ARCHETYPE</i>	- Can data leaders truly drive transformation if they don't first lead cultural change within their organizations? - Why aren't more data leaders borrowing bold ideas from outside their field — and what's the cost of staying in the bubble? Panelists: Gene Voskov, <i>Chief, Data Analytics & Resources Bureau, Division of Local Services, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE</i> Randall Gordon, <i>Head of Data Governance, CROSS RIVER</i> Tyler Frieling, <i>Director - PMG - DS&S Alternative Data Research, BLACKROCK</i> Haroon Abbu, <i>Senior Vice President, Digital Technology & Data Analytics, BELL AND HOWELL</i> Moderator: Sriraj Srinivasan PhD – SVP, <i>Head of Data & AI, INFOGAIN</i>
9:50am-10:20am	Presentation: The Future of Data Management in Financial Services: How Can you Take Advantage of Emerging Trends? Anticipating change and managing uncertainty, a look at five fast growing trends of data management in Financial Services	Presentation: Building a High-Impact Data Function to Drive Value in Retail and CPG - Aligning Data Goals with Business Objectives to Maximize ROI in Retail and CPG - Establishing an Organized Data Foundation to Enable Effective Analytics and AI Implementation	Presentation: AI-Powered Intelligence: Redefining Enterprise Analytics for the Next Era - Exploring how AI empowers organizations to extract deeper, more actionable insights from complex data sets - Leveraging AI to seamlessly bridge the gap between raw data

	- Strategies to invest in those trends that are most relevant to your organization - How data & analytics leaders need to adapt to succeed in the future Diego De Aragao, <i>Senior Vice President, Balance Sheet and Analytics</i> CITIGROUP	Building a Culture of Data-Driven Decision-Making Across Teams to Ensure Long-Term Success Daniela Freitas, <i>Global Data Products Lead</i>, KENVUE	and real-time, impactful decision-making Overcoming hurdles like data integration, quality, and skill gaps to fully realize the benefits of AI in enterprise analytics Marina Printz, <i>VP of AI</i> NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
10:20am-10:50am	Discussion Group: Turning Strategy into Action: Operationalizing Data, Analytics & Agentic AI for Maximum Impact - Developing practical steps to move from strategic planning to successfully deploying data, analytics, and AI initiatives across the organization - Addressing common roadblocks such as data silos, governance, and scalability to ensure a seamless implementation - How to leverage AI, agentic workflows and analytics to uncover opportunities, enhance decision-making, and achieve measurable business impact	Presentation: From Insight to Impact: How AI & ML in Pyramid Accelerate Analytics Adoption Across the Business Driving Adoption at Scale – How Pyramid uses AI/ML to make analytics intuitive and indispensable for every user. Value Across the Organization – Who benefits from Pyramid’s AI/ML investments, from executives to everyday decision-makers. Smarter Insights, Faster – Leveraging machine learning to uncover patterns and insights hidden in complex data. Staying Ahead of the Curve – Using AI/ML to proactively detect anomalies and surface critical issues before they escalate. Conversational Analytics in Action – A look under the hood of Pyramid’s chatbot and LLM capabilities. Analyst Acceleration – How Pyramid’s chatbot jumpstarts analysis and reduces	Panel Discussion: Agentic AI and the Future of Data: How to Balance Cost, Performance, and Control - What strategies ensure agentic AI delivers value while controlling costs? - How can companies balance speed, accuracy, and scalability in large-scale deployments? - What governance frameworks enable transparency, security, and compliance with effective autonomy? - Over the next 3–5 years, what are the main opportunities and risks of using agentic AI in data management and decision-making? Panelists:

	Moderator: Chitrang Shah, <i>CEO and Co-Founder, Savant Labs</i>	time to insight. • Empowering Business Users – Enabling non-technical users to ask questions naturally, explore data, and take action with confidence. Kevin Kratzer, <i>Solution Engineering Director, PYRAMID ANALYTICS</i>	Dr.Tarun Sood, <i>CDO, AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTMENTS</i> Alejandro Zarate Santovena, <i>Global Head of Data Strategy, MARSH</i> Sadashiv K Vaasista, <i>Senior Director, Analytics, HONEYWELL</i> Moderator: Or Zabludowski, <i>Chief Executive Officer & Founder, FLEXOR.AI</i>
10:50am - 11:20 am	NETWORKING BREAK		
11:20am- 11:50am	Discussion Group: Seeing Through the Madness: How to Actually Get AI Accepted in Finance • How to see past the hype and truly understand where AI can transform • Anticipate future regulations to avoid losing out • Developing a culture of AI acceptance and trust Moderators: Sujoy Golan, <i>VP of Strategic Initiatives, AI SQUARED</i> Barbara Widholm, <i>Vice President, Automation & Artificial Intelligence, STATE STREET</i>	Discussion Group: Decoding the Future Consumer: The Data Compass for Retail, CPG & E-Commerce • Understanding the evolving consumer behaviors through data-driven insights • Leveraging predictive analytics to anticipate future trends and drive strategic decisions • Building a consumer-first data strategy to enhance personalization and loyalty Moderators: Nick Smith, <i>Senior Sales Engineer, ALTERYX</i> Shreesha Jagadeesh, <i>Associate Director of Applied Machine Learning, BEST BUY</i>	Discussion Group: The Future of Data Leadership: Accuracy-first AI designed for Trust, Adoption, and Scale • Accuracy and the many data-driven truths of an Enterprise • How leaders can bridge the gap between data, people, and tribal expertise • The CDAO toolkit for an evolving AI landscape Moderators: Suku Krishnaraj, <i>President, COO, PROMPTQL</i> Sandip Devarkonda, <i>Director, Forward Deployed Engineering, PROMPTQL</i>

11:50am-12:20pm	Presentation: The Human Glue in AI: How Soft Skills Drive Impact in Financial Services • Bridging the gap between data teams and business leadership • Enabling scalable AI through cross-functional collaboration • Using emotional intelligence to lead change and foster adoption • Positioning soft skills as a strategic advantage in AI-driven initiatives Steve Boras, <i>Head of Model Risk Management & Validation</i>, CITIZENS FINANCIAL GROUP		Presentation: Data Leadership in the Age of Transformation: How to Thrive, Not Just Survive • The evolving role of the CDAO in navigating disruption and embracing data-driven transformation. • Transitioning from a data provider to a strategic advisor within the organization. • Essential leadership skills to foster a culture of data empowerment across teams Andrew Patricio, <i>Chief Data and AI Officer</i>, UNIDOSUS
12:20pm-1:30pm -	Lunch & Networking	PRIVATE LUNCH ROUDTABLE Hosted by WNS: <i>Agentic AI: The Enterprise Reality Check</i> Moving beyond agentic AI hype to practical implementation frameworks that deliver measurable business value. Enterprise leaders need concrete approaches to deploy Agentic AI systems while maintaining control, transparency, and regulatory compliance. • From Concept to Production: Practical roadmaps for deploying agentic AI systems that integrate with existing enterprise architectures and governance frameworks • Enterprise-Grade Autonomy: Building AI agents that can operate independently while maintaining the transparency, auditability, and control required by regulated industries • ROI-Driven Implementation: Demonstrating measurable business impact through strategic use cases that align with enterprise priorities like risk management, customer experience, and operational efficiency	

		Kushal Shah, <i>SVP-NA Practice</i> , WNS Analytics
MAIN EVENT KICK-OFF		
1:30pm- 1:40pm	Chairperson's Opening Remarks Cecilia Dones, Former Adjunct Professor, COLUMBIA BUSINESS SCHOOL	
1:40pm- 2:20pm	Opening Panel: What are The Key Data Management Issues Keeping Leaders Awake in 2025? • What are the most pressing challenges data management leaders face in optimizing data strategies to drive informed decision-making in 2025? • How can data management leaders effectively integrate emerging technologies like AI and machine learning to enhance data governance and decision-making processes? • What are the best practices for balancing the need for data accessibility with the imperative of maintaining robust data security and compliance? • In a rapidly evolving data landscape, how can leaders ensure continuous data quality and integrity to support long-term strategic goals and real-time decision-making? Panelists: Julia Cherashore, <i>Deputy Superintendent, Data Governance and Management</i>, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES Sam Marks, <i>Director of Business Strategy & Analytics</i>, BOSTON BRUINS & TD GARDEN Rafique Awan, <i>VP Director, Information & Solution Architecture</i>, MFS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT Farid Sheikhi, <i>Senior Manager, Analytics Innovation</i>, RBCx Sherman Cooper, <i>Head of Data</i>, QBE North America Moderator: Shawn Brennan, Worldwide Go To Market Leader, Data Management, IBM	
2:20pm – 2:50pm	Keynote Presentation: Rethinking Data Lineage: Aligning Teams for Cost and Performance Optimization • Break silos by creating shared visibility into data flows • Use lineage to reduce duplication, inefficiencies, and cost • Align business, tech, and data roles through end-to-end traceability	

	Victoria Gamerman, <i>Global Head of Digital Transformation COE</i> BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM
2:50pm-3:20pm	Keynote Presentation: From Chaos to Clarity: How Data Contracts Turn Governance into a Growth Engine When done right, governance is a growth engine. In this talk, Jean-Georges “jgp” Perrin will show how data contracts bring precision, trust, and accountability into your data and AI pipelines—without creating bottlenecks. Using the Open Data Contract Standard (ODCS) from the Linux Foundation’s Bitol project, you’ll see how organizations can cut downstream defects, accelerate AI model onboarding, lower compliance risk, and reduce firefighting—often in just days. Jean-Georges Perrin, <i>Senior Product Manager</i> ACTIAN, a division of HCLSoftware
3:20pm-3:50pm	NETWORKING BREAK SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS: Stay ahead with next-generation Data, Analytics, and AI technologies redefining industries. 3:30-3:40 pm - Data Without Limits, Teams Without Burnout: A New Way Forward for CDAOs - Caroline Meidan – <i>CEO and co-founder, BONDATA</i> As data volume and complexity skyrocket, data teams are hitting capacity, business demands keep rising, and silos are holding back progress. In this session, Caroline Meidan explores how CDAOs can break free from these constraints and lead their organizations into the next era of data. Discover how autonomous data connectivity and AI-powered systems are reshaping the way teams deliver trusted, ready-to-use data without burnout and without limits. 3:40-3:50 pm - Unframe: Turning AI into Real Business Impact - Alissa Gilbert, <i>Sr. Solutions Engineer, UNFRAME AI</i> AI should be a superpower. Instead, it’s a struggle. Most AI efforts stall before they scale, blocked by inaccurate results, mounting costs, and poor adoption when solutions fail to deliver real business value. Unframe’s Managed AI Delivery Platform changes that by making AI solutions that actually work: tailored to your business, delivered in days, and deployed securely without sharing data or upfront costs.
3:50pm - 4:30pm	Panel Discussion: Transforming Data into Strategic Assets: The Critical Importance of Data Quality for Generative AI Applications: Practical Strategies for Success - How can AI help produce the trustworthy data businesses have longed for? - What role can AI play in enhancing data quality, governance, and operational efficiency? - Can AI agents do most of the work?

	What are data products and how do they enable scalability, reliability, and repeatability? Panelists: Elena Alikhachkina, <i>Chief Data and AI Officer, TE CONNECTIVITY</i> Tyler Frieling, <i>Director - PMG - DS&S Alternative Data Research, BLACKROCK</i> Victoria Gamerman, <i>Global Head of Digital Transformation COE, BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM</i> Dr. Tarun Sood, <i>CDO, AMERICAN CENTURY INVESTMENTS</i> Steve Boras, <i>Head of Model Risk Management & Validation, CITIZENS FINANCIAL GROUP</i> Moderator: Anthony Deighton, <i>Chief Executive Officer, TAMR</i>	
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Keynote Presentation: The Future of MDM As data volumes grow exponentially and organizations adjust to a new normal of constant AI-fueled disruptions, business and data leaders are increasingly expected move at a pace and dexterity as never before experienced. Sitting at the core of this chaos is the data that's always mattered the most, master data. In a world of transformation and change, companies that leverage modern, adaptive, and intuitive approaches to MDM processes and technologies will out-pace their competitors, and those who fail to embrace them will be left behind. In this presentation, Malcolm Hawker, ex-Gartner MDM analyst shares his insights into the future of MDM, including: - Why MDM will remain relevant in an AI dominated future - What 'modern' MDM will look like in the future - The future state MDM technical landscape - What data leaders should start doing to prepare Malcolm Hawker, <i>Chief Data Officer</i> PROFISEE	
5:00pm - 5:40pm	Networking Roundtables <i>Meet your fellow attendees and engage in lively discussions with fellow professionals, thought leaders, and visionaries on the diverse dimensions of data, analytics and AI. Each roundtable offers a unique opportunity to share insights and explore various aspects of this transformative technology.</i>	<i>Dell Technologies Capital Private Reception (5:00pm-6:00pm)</i>

	Roundtable A – Data’s Not the Problem. Delivery Is Let’s talk about how you have too much data: new, old, and everything in between, and what it actually takes to make it useful Moderator: Sami Akbay, <i>VP, Product Management, Data & Analytics, INSIGHTSOFTWARE</i>	Roundtable B: Balancing Innovation, Risk and ROI with AI A collaborative and knowledge exchange session focused on agentic governance, risk, evaluation, and scaling. Moderator: Mery Zadeh, <i>Senior Vice President, AI Governance and Risk Consulting, LUMENOVA AI</i>
	Roundtable C: Humans + AI: Building AI-Ready Teams and Cultures Defining culture for the workforce of the future Moderators: Mohammad Nasar, <i>Data & Analytics Partner, CROWE</i> Tommie Davis, <i>Data & Analytics Partner, CROWE</i>	Roundtable D: AI Adoption and Articulating Business Value Practical considerations for measuring AI’s return on investment (ROI) and ways to improve adoption. Moderator: Gagandeep Singh, <i>Partner, TIGER ANALYTICS</i>
5:40pm-7:00pm <i>CORINIUM Cocktail Reception & Awards</i>		

CDAO Fall 2025 Day 2 – OCTOBER 23, 2025	
Day 2 Main Stage	
8:20am-8:50am	<i>Registration & Networking Breakfast</i>
8:50am – 9:00am	<i>Chair’s opening remarks: Avinash Tripathi, Vice President, Analytics at UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX</i>

9:00am-9:40am	Day 2 Opening Panel Discussion: Accelerating Digital Transformation Through Effective Data Management • What are the biggest data management challenges that slow down digital transformation, and how can they be overcome? • How can organizations balance data quality, governance, and scalability to accelerate digital initiatives? • What role do AI and automation play in enhancing data management for a seamless digital transformation? • How can businesses effectively measure the impact of their data management strategies on digital growth? Panelists: Ramila Peiris, <i>Global Head, Data Management, ML and AI Platform, MSAT</i>, SANOPI PASTEUR Rafique Awan, <i>VP Director, Information & Solution Architecture</i>, MFS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT Randall Gordon, <i>Head of Data Governance</i>, CROSS RIVER Gurprit Singh, <i>Global Head of Data and Analytics</i>, PARTNERS CAPITAL (former) Akhil Mahajan, <i>Technical Director, Data & AI</i>, PROCTER & GAMBLE Moderator: Celio Oliveira, <i>Executive Director</i>, GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
9:40am-10:10am	Presentation: “Weaponizing” data as a competitive advantage: Thoughts from the frontline on how we got here, where things are going and how to not lose, or lose your mind, in the world of AI, ML and ChatGPT Welcome to age of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, otherwise known as the Fourth Industrial Revolution. While we can trace steady advances in microchips over the past fifty years, the past 50 months have clearly demonstrated the disruptive force that generative artificial intelligence has become, particularly for leaders in volatile and uncertain business environments. As members of the commercial scientific community, we recognize that discovery and innovation is often isolated, by both approach and time, from the applied science that changes industry. Our call to action will focus on “weaponizing” data as a competitive advantage. Along the way we will look to what we can be learned and applied from human biochemistry, skyscrapers and Marco Polo. Jason Webster, <i>Founder & CEO</i>, ARCHETYPE
10:10am-10:40am	Keynote Presentation: AI Agents: From Concept to Real-World Impact • From hype to reality – why many organizations struggle to move from talking about AI agents to actually deploying them. • Augmentation, not replacement – how combining AI’s speed and scalability with human empathy and judgment creates the best outcomes • Overcoming key challenges – data quality, hallucinations, compliance, and ensuring reliability in agentic solutions

	Driving business value – real-world lessons on how AI agents can boost efficiency, empower human teams, and scale impact across industries Nitin Kumar, <i>Director Data Science, GenAI</i>, MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL		
10:40am-11:10am	<i>Networking Break</i>		
11:10am-11:50am	Panel Discussion: AI is Changing the Relationship Between Data and the Business, as CDO/CDAO Are You Ready? - How to support the transition from decision support (charts and graphs) to decision automation (models) - Managing accountability for the Amplified Value and Amplified Risk of AI (AI Governance) - Scaling AI despite unprecedented operational complexity (AI Change Management) - How to embrace the CDO/CDAO responsibility as the Enterprise AI leader (AI Portfolio Management) Panelists: Sam Marks, <i>Director of Business Strategy & Analytics</i>, BOSTON BRUINS & TD GARDEN Frederique De Letter, <i>Head of Data Analytics & AI</i>, PLANTE MORAN Lin Liu, <i>Director, Data Science</i>, WEALTHSIMPLE Gurprit Singh, <i>Global Head of Data and Analytics</i>, PARTNERS CAPITAL (former) Anu Sundaram, <i>VP, Business Analytics</i> at RUE GILT GROUPE Moderator: Ellis Wong, <i>Chief Information Security Officer</i>, JST CAPITAL		
11:50am-12:30pm	Track Panel Discussion: From Data Analyzer to Decision Enabler to Business Driver - How to Elevate Your Organization's Data Analytics Maturity - How do you know when your organization is ready to move beyond basic analytics? - What's needed to position analytics as a core business driver, not just a support tool?	Track Panel Discussion: Proving the Value: Measuring and Communicating the ROI of Analytics Initiatives - What metrics have been most effective in demonstrating the ROI of analytics projects in your organization? - How do you tailor the value story of analytics for different stakeholders like executives, operations, or finance?	Track Panel Discussion: How Productization of Data Brings in Efficiency and Scalability that Today's Business Require? - What does "data productization" involve, and how does it transform traditional data management? - What key factors make a data product scalable and efficient

	- How do you balance innovation and governance as analytics capabilities grow? - What are the main blockers to analytics maturity—and how have you overcome them? Panelists: Kevin Nickerson, <i>AVP, Analytics & Sales Enablement</i>, CHUBB Nishit Dhilen Mehta, <i>Vice President, Data Analytics</i>, JPMORGAN CHASE Eunice Beck, <i>SVP Business Analytics & Quality</i>, HEARTSHARE HUMAN SERVICES OF NEW YORK Dan Power, <i>Founder/Principal</i>, HUB DESIGNS Moderator: Avinash Tripathi, <i>Vice President, Analytics</i>, UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX	What strategies help shift analytics from a cost center perception to a business value driver? Panelists: Sadashiv K Vaasista, <i>Senior Director, Analytics</i>, HONEYWELL Kevin Kramer, <i>Senior Data Scientist Advisor</i>, HEALTHSHARE EXCHANGE Tamilla Triantoro, <i>Associate Professor</i>, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY Micky Chhabda, <i>TEDx Speaker Analytics Manager</i>, IPSOS MMA Anu Sundaram, <i>VP, Business Analytics</i> at RUE GILT GROUPE Moderator: Mona Birjandi, <i>Principal Economist and Director of Data Analytics</i>, OUTTEN & GOLDEN, LLC	in today’s fast-paced business environment? - What are the main challenges in productizing data, and what strategies can overcome them? - How does productizing data enhance decision-making and drive measurable business results Panelists: Gene Voskov, <i>Chief, Data Analytics & Resources Bureau, Division of Local Services</i>, MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Vatsal Modi, <i>Data Science Leader</i>, DRAFT KINGS Alejandro Zarate Santovena, <i>Global Head of Data Strategy</i>, MARSH Moderator: Matt Geibel, <i>Director, Enterprise</i>, ALATION
12:30pm-1:40pm	Lunch & Networking in the Exhibit Hall		Private Lunch
Eco-System Tracks			
	Data Dive – All things Data	AI Wonderland – All things AI	
1:40-2:20pm	Panel Discussion: Building a Data-Driven Culture: Turning Vision into Everyday Practice How executive support and consistent messaging shape organizational mindset around data	Panel Discussion: How Customer Data Readiness Powers AI and CX Innovation Defining customer data readiness: What foundational elements must be in place to support AI and CX innovation?	

	• Translating high-level data goals into practical behaviors, tools, and workflows • Equipping employees with the right data literacy and tools to make informed decisions at every level • Using success stories and feedback loops to reinforce a culture of data use and continuous improvement Panelists: Linda Hermer, <i>Chief Data Strategy Officer</i>, AMMON LABS Thomas Shola, <i>E Executive Director Enterprise Data & Analytics, Technology & Cybersecurity Risk & Controls</i>, FIRST CITIZENS BANK Jasper Cannon, <i>Management Consultant</i>, CHESTERTON HILLS CONSULTING Micky Chhabda, <i>Analytics Leader TEDx Speaker</i>, IPSOS Ganesh Sivakumar, <i>Global Chief Data Analytics & AI</i>, MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION Moderator: Nishit Dhilen Mehta, <i>Vice President, Data Analytics</i>, JPMORGAN CHASE	• Creating context with your data: How are organizations enriching customer profiles with behavioral, transactional, and engagement data to drive relevance and impact? • Overcoming common challenges: From siloed systems to inconsistent identities and fragmented customer journeys, how are data leaders tackling barriers to readiness. • Real world outcomes: What measurable benefits come from investing in customer data readiness? Panelists: Khizar Hayat, <i>Chief Data Officer</i>, DAKOTA Martin Bernier, <i>Senior Director Quantitative Strategies and Data Science</i>, La Caisse Lin Liu, <i>Director, Data Science</i>, WEALTHSIMPLE Shannon Haringx, <i>Business Technology Director</i>, VANGUARD Moderator: Steve Zisk, <i>Product Marketing Principal</i>, REDPOINT GLOBAL
2:20pm-2:50pm	Presentation: Linking Data Strategy to Business Strategy - How Data Projects can be Prioritized Based on their Potential Impact on Key Business Objectives • Strategies to generate revenue from data, such as through data products, services, insights, or a modern data- and analytics platform • How a modern data infrastructure and technologies supports the business strategy • Strategies and experience with fostering a culture where data is valued and used effectively by all employees Thomas Shola, <i>Executive Director Enterprise Data & Analytics, Technology & Cybersecurity Risk & Controls</i>	Presentation: From Reactive to Remarkable: The Next Frontier of AI-Driven Customer Experience • How AI Personalization is Reshaping Customer Engagement • Chatbots vs. Human Touch: Striking the Right Balance • AI Ethics in Customer Interactions Besa H. Bauta, <i>Chief Information Officer</i> THE JEWISH BOARD

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2:50pm-3:20pm	Keynote Presentation: Data Storytelling- What Stories are Worthwhile and What is Just Noise? How Can you Tell the Most Effective Story Using your Data? • How to separate valuable data stories from irrelevant noise to focus on what truly matters? • Turning complex data into a compelling story that resonates with your audience • Using visuals to simplify data and enhance storytelling effectiveness • Ensuring your data narrative drives actionable insights and supports strategic decisions Sadashiv K Vaasista, <i>Senior Director, Analytics</i>, HONEYWELL	
3:20pm-4:00pm	Closing Panel Discussion: Understanding the Need for Speed: Making AI a Priority for Every Part of the Business • What risks do companies face if they delay AI adoption? • Can you share examples of AI improving decision-making or agility? • How can organizations overcome resistance to AI initiatives? • What's the best way to address AI skill gaps in teams? • How can departments collaborate to make AI a business priority Panelists: Andrew Patricio, <i>Chief Data and AI Officer</i>, UNIDOSUS Robi Krempus, <i>Global Head of AI</i>, MANULIFE WEALTH & ASSET MANAGEMENT Frederique De Letter, <i>Head of Data Analytics & AI</i>, PLANTE MORAN Jasper Cannon, <i>Management Consultant</i>, CHESTERTON HILLS CONSULTING Manish Nigam, <i>Senior Director, AI</i>, AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL Moderator: Dr. Ram Singh, <i>Chief Performance Media Officer</i>, NIGHT MARKET	