



ISTARI COMPASS SUMMIT

The Royal United Services Institute, London



June 3rd — 4th 2026



Resilience in the Exponential Age

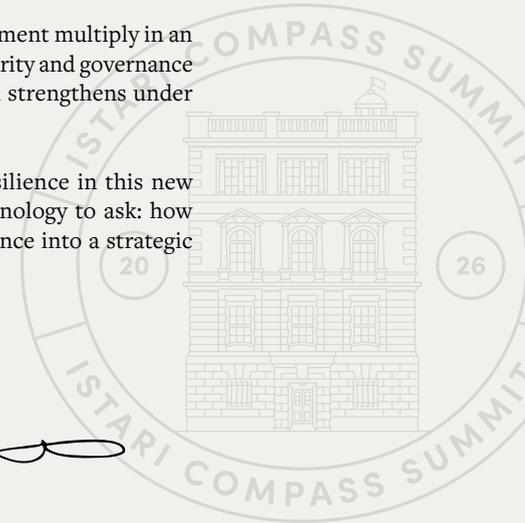
We have entered the exponential age - where technologies like AI, quantum computing, and synthetic media are evolving faster than the ability of societies, institutions, and leaders to adapt, creating an “exponential gap” that challenges the very foundations of resilience. This accelerating change is reshaping geopolitics, competition, and risk itself.

For cyber leaders, the implications are profound. As the speed and scale of technological advancement multiply in an exponential age, so too do the velocity and sophistication of threats. Traditional approaches to security and governance are being outpaced. Resilience must therefore be dynamic - a capability that learns, adapts, and strengthens under stress - and evolve to be exponential itself.

The fifth annual edition of the COMPASS Summit will explore how to lead and invest for resilience in this new era of exponential change. It will bring together leaders from business, government, and technology to ask: how can organisations and institutions not just withstand disruption, but harness it - turning resilience into a strategic advantage in the age of acceleration?



ROSSA SHANKS
Chief Executive Officer
ISTARI





AGENDA OVERVIEW



June 2nd — 4th 2026

Resilience in the Exponential Age

June 2nd

19:00

Welcome Drinks
Café Ciel, Old War Office Hotel



June 3rd

09:00 – 17:30

Day One: Cyber in the Macro
Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

19:00

Gala Dinner
Banqueting House



June 4th

09:00 – 16:00

Day Two: Cyber Leadership & Transformation
Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)





THE SUMMIT AGENDA

Wednesday, June 3rd 2026

Cyber in the Macro

9:00 - 9:10

Welcome and Resilience in the Exponential Age

Rossa Shanks, ISTARI & Jason Mallinder, ISTARI

9:10 - 9:40

Welcome to the Exponential Age

Azeem Azhar, Author and Entrepreneur

9:40 - 10:00

The New Geopolitical Operating System

Gordon Corera, Author and Journalist

10:00 - 10:50

Leadership in a Non-Linear World

Gordon Corera, Author and Journalist

10:50 - 11:15

Break

11:15 - 12:15

The Tipping Point: Cyber at Exponential Speed

Gordon Corera, Author and Journalist
Christopher Ahlberg, Founder, Recorded Future
Chris Inglis, former Deputy Director, NSA
Senior Representative, NCSC

12:15 - 13:00

From Signals to Shockwaves: Three Technologies Redefining Cyber Risk

Rachel Laursen, Partner, ISTARI
Lucas Kello, ISTARI
Tom Garnett, Refute (Synthetic Media)

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 14:30

Adversarial AI: The New Battleground for Defense Automation

Eva Chen, Trendmicro

14:30 - 15:30

No Safe Mode: Governance at Machine Speed

Jamie McColl, RUSI
Ramy Houssaini, Cloudflare
Jonathan Lloyd White, CISO, Bupa
Jonathan Dambrot, Cranium
Lisa Einstein, former Chief AI Officer, CISA

15:30 - 16:00

Break

16:00 - 17:30

Zero Hour: 2030 Simulation

Dr. Lucas Kello, ISTARI & Chris Crummey, Sygnia

19:00 - 22:00

Gala Dinner: Banqueting House



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Thursday, June 4th 2026

Personal Leadership

9:00 - 9:30

NATO's Critical Cyber Mission: Protecting a Billion People Online

Manfred Boudreaux-Dehmer, Inaugural
Chief Information Officer, NATO

9:30 - 10:30

Held to Ransomware: Lessons from the Blackouts

Oli Newbury, Halycon
*Gary Hayslip, former Group CISO Softbank Investment
Advisers, Halycon*
Ffion Flockhart, Partner, AO Shearman
*Kelly Butler, Managing Director, Head of Cyber - UK,
Marsh Speciality*

10:30 - 11:00

Break

11:00 - 12:00

Follow the Money: Funding the Frontier

Roland Cloutier, former CSO TikTok & ByteDance
& Executive Board, Cranium
Nazo Moosa, Paladin Capital
Grace Cassey, 1011
Liran Grinberg, Team8

12:00 - 13:00

Community Sessions

Dr. Lucas Kello, Oxford University
Jason Mallinder, ISTARI and Oli Newbury, Halycon
Jo De Vliegheer, ISTARI and Guy Segal, Sygnia
Dr. Yash Sharma, ISTARI and Jonathan Dambrot, Cranium

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15:00 - 15:45

From CISO to Chief Resilience Officer

Henry Widera, Egon Zehnder
Phil Venables, Ballistic Ventures

15:45 - 16:00

Summit Close

Rossa Shanks, ISTARI



Location



This year's COMPASS Summit will take place at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), in the heart of Whitehall — a historic and prestigious venue at the centre of government and policy.

We'll be occupying the entire building to create an immersive, community-driven environment where senior cyber and business leaders can connect, exchange ideas, and reflect on resilience.

The experience will extend beyond RUSI, with carefully curated settings designed to foster meaningful connection: we'll kick-off on June 2nd with welcome drinks at Café Ciel, within the newly opened Old War Office (OWO) Hotel, followed by a Gala Dinner at Banqueting House - a newly reopened historic venue, originally constructed for elaborate entertaining, and the only remaining part of Whitehall Palace.

Accommodation:

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ISTARI has secured a preferential hotel room rate at nearby hotels. Full details will be shared upon registration.

Date:

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June 3rd–4th, 2026

Address:

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Royal United Services Institute
61 Whitehall
London SW1A 2ET
UK



COLLECTIVE POWER



A community of interest and collective action



Founded on ISTARI's core philosophy of Collective Power, our COMPASS Summit convenes global experts, business leaders, policymakers, and practitioners across the cyber sector.

Our goal is to advance the cyber resilience agenda, making companies, entities, and individuals more secure. We believe the way to this is through sharing insights, developing thought leadership, and driving collective action.

Insights

Be the first to receive timely insights from thought-provoking conversations to proprietary research.

Connections

Develop valuable relationships with your global peers who can help challenge and strengthen perspectives and strategies.

Exposure

We shine a light on our members' wisdom, knowledge, and experience. We encourage dialogue.



PREVIOUS EVENTS



COMPASS is now in its fifth year and we're thrilled to see how our global community has grown.

In today's world, cybersecurity has become mission-critical, and our network of experts is leading the charge as they transition into key business and leadership roles. Each year, COMPASS brings together top minds at the intersection of geopolitics, technology, and organisational strategy, creating a unique space for insightful discussions and forward-thinking solutions.





COMPASS SUMMIT 2025



The 2025 Summit centred on the theme “*Cyber Leadership in a New World,*” exploring what it means to lead in an era defined by geopolitical uncertainty, rapid advances in AI, and the growing influence of digital platforms. We examined the macro forces reshaping the cyber landscape and their implications for leadership, governance, and resilience. Day one focused on emerging global trends and strategic foresight, while day two turned inward — exploring how these shifts are redefining the skills, mindsets, and capabilities required of today’s CISOs. Bringing together policymakers, cyber executives, business leaders, academics, founders, and investors, the summit fostered rich debate, peer learning, and practical insight. The experience culminated in an unforgettable gala dinner at Kensington Palace, a fitting celebration of the collective spirit and global community.

Previous summits:



2024

In 2024 the business and cyber leadership agenda was dominated by the 42 major political elections happening around the world and AI becoming the number one strategic issue on the global policy agenda. Meeting under the theme of “*Resilience in an Age of Mistrust*” the community centred on the challenges and evolution of the senior cyber leader in an atmosphere of growing scepticism and mistrust.



2023

In 2023, “*Leadership in an Age of Uncertainty*” was the core theme and principle of our second global Summit. There was never a more pressing time for the community to meet - they explored the disruptions cyber resilience leaders faced - from global financial instability, inflation, rising interest rates, and the geopolitical uncertainty caused by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine..



2022

In 2022 ISTARI COMPASS Summit welcomed its first community of business and cyber leaders under the theme of “*Time for Collective Resilience*”. Leading government officials, senior investment, and multinational business executives were drawn together to discuss the issues and forces shaping cyber resilience — especially relating to globalisation and the march of frontier technologies like quantum computing, artificial intelligence, digital identity, and operational technology.

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INDUSTRY LEADERS



Speakers



Azeem Azhar

Author & Founder of 'Exponential View'



Eva Chen

Trendmicro



Chris Crummey

*Director, Executive & Board Cyber Services,
Sygnia*



Gary Hayslip

*Former Group CISO Softbank Investment &
Advisor, Halcyon*



Chris Inglis

*First National Cyber Director & former Deputy
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*Executive Search & Leadership Advisor,
Egon Zehnder*



Jonathan Dambrot
CEO & Co-Founder, Cranium



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Jason Mallinder
Client Partner & Global Head of Academy, ISTARI



Liran Grinberg
Co-founder and Managing Partner, Team8



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*Associate Professor in International Relations,
University of Oxford
Strategic Advisor, ISTARI*



Phil Venables

*Former CISO, Google Cloud, & Partner,
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Rossa Shanks

CEO, ISTARI



Tom Garnett

Co-founder & CEO, Refute



Tom Glocer

Former CEO of Thomson Reuters, and Board of Directors, Morgan Stanley



Dr. Yashovardhan Sharma

Advisory Innovation Lead, ISTARI



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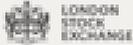
A GLOBAL COMMUNITY



In good company



COMPASS is a meeting of minds and attracts top global companies, bringing together cyber leaders from the world's most influential organisations alongside business executives, policymakers, and investors.



“Over the course of my career I’ve attended more cybersecurity events that I can count and this ranks with the best of them. The quality of both the presenters and the audience was impressive, and the intimate atmosphere made it all the more enjoyable.”

*Jeff Greene
Distinguished Fellow, The Aspen Institute,
and Former Executive Assistant Director
for Cybersecurity, CISA*

Connections and community



Nick Peppas
CISO, Helleniq

“Attending the COMPASS Summit was an immensely positive experience. The meticulously organised curriculum revealed that cybersecurity encompasses far more than just technical aspects. The highlight was undeniably the prestigious speakers invited. Renowned experts in the field, bringing a wealth of knowledge and real-world experience, they made complex concepts easy to understand. Also great for networking opportunities with experts from global organisations that can assist in knowledge sharing through my CISO journey. I highly recommend this program to anyone looking to start thinking out of the box with respect to what cyber resilience really is.”



Declan Burke
CISO, North Standard

“A wonderful event in terms of insights, learning and people. Thank you to ISTARI for these high quality engagements & all the work you do across the cyber leadership space.”



Naina Bhattacharya
CISO, Coats

“I was very impressed with the quality of the speakers and the agenda at Compass. Cybersecurity is no longer a technical topic but an interdisciplinary subject influenced by geopolitics, organised crime, and technological progress. If you want to be at the heart of it all, attend Compass!”



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Summit fee



\$ 1,600 USD / £ 1,200 GBP / \$ 2,000 SGD

Not inclusive of VAT/sales tax.

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- This includes all summit programming, our welcome drinks and Gala Dinner. It does not include hotel accommodation.
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- Payment can be made through an invoice or instantly via credit card.
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- ISTARI has secured a preferential hotel room rate at nearby hotels. Full details will be shared upon registration.

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