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Chief AI Officer Fall 2026, our inaugural edition, is the premier gathering for **senior AI and enterprise technology leaders across industries.**

Join us for a transformative experience where industry experts share the **latest strategies** for leveraging AI-driven decision-making, generative AI adoption, governance, and ethical frameworks to accelerate business growth and innovation. This year, Chief AI Officer Fall also explores the intersection of technology, strategy, and responsible AI use, shaping the future of enterprise intelligence.

In 2026, **Chief AI Officer Fall** will bring together a diverse audience of senior AI leaders, offering an unparalleled opportunity to gain actionable insights, build meaningful connections, and position your organization at the forefront of the evolving AI landscape.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2026?

1. **A Co-Located Experience with CDAO Fall:** CAIO Fall shares the stage with CDAO Fall, creating a unique two-community event that reflects how the data and AI functions are converging in the real world. Combined sessions throughout both days bring CDAOs and CAIOs together to tackle the challenges that sit at the intersection of both roles.
2. **Engage with** fellow attendees during and beyond the sessions, and foster new partnerships through our interactive networking experiences
3. **Collaboration and problem-solving** with like-minded professionals during our interactive sessions
4. **Examine how to** balance rapid AI innovation with ethical frameworks, governance standards, and responsible deployment practices that build trust and reduce organizational risk

CAIO Fall 2026 Key themes:

- The AI Management Challenges Leaders can't Ignore in 2026
- AI-Driven, Future-Ready: Accelerating Enterprise Transformation through AI Maturity

- Ensuring Trust, Integrity, and Reliability in AI-Powered Organizations
- From AI Vision to Business Value: Aligning Strategy, Technology, and Data End-to-End
- Inside Successful AI Leadership: What sets High-Impact CAIOs apart?

Confirmed Speakers:

Biswa Sengupta PhD, *Chief AI Technologist: LLM Suite (CDAO)*, JPMORGAN CHASE & CO

Yousuf Khatib, *Chief AI Strategy Officer*, VANTAGE FINANCIAL ALLIANCE

Meghan Barrett Welch, *Chief Data Officer*, MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Anitha Sivasubramanian, *Chief AI Officer*, LYCA GROUP

Celio Oliveira, *Chief Data and AI Officer*, FINANCE CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF CANADA)

Sreedhar Sistu, *Vice President, AI Offers*, SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC

Jillian Landi, *Chief AI Officer*, NEEDHAM BANK

Haroon Abbu, *Senior Vice President, Digital Technology, AI & Data Analytics & CDAO*, BELL AND HOWELL

Zhiyong (Sean) Xie, *Chief AI Officer*, FOSUN PHARMACEUTICAL DEVELOPMENT (SHENZHEN)

Mohan Krishna Rayapuvuri, *Sr Director AI & Machine Learning*, MANULIFE

Manish Nigam, *Vice President, AI & Data Science*, AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL

Marina Printz, *VP of AI*, NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Amin Assareh, *Vice President, Data Science*, FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

Ramesh Natarajan, *Head - GenAI/ML Solutions*, DAIICHI SANKYO US

Monica Jang, JD, CLP, *Associate Director of Artificial Intelligence Innovation and Data Strategy*, BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Sathish Balasubramanian, *Vice President, Head of Enterprise Data, Analytics, GRC, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning*, BRIGHT HORIZONS

Lauren (Liutong) Li, *Executive Director, Head of AI & Innovation Product Strategy*, NOVARTIS

CAIO FALL 2026 Monday, October 26, 2026	
08:00am	Registration & Coffee in the Exhibition Area
08:45am	Chairperson's Opening Remarks
09:00am	Opening Keynote Presentation: AI-Driven, Future-Ready - Accelerating Enterprise Transformation through AI Maturity - Enhancing customer and employee experiences through intelligent solutions - Driving sustainable growth by embedding AI into core business strategies - Fostering a culture of innovation, continuous learning, and AI fluency - Transforming business outcomes through measurable AI adoption and maturity progression Celio Oliveira, <i>Chief Data and AI Officer</i> , FINANCE CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF CANADA)
09:20am	Key AI Management Priorities CAIOs Shouldn't Ignore in 2026 - How can we accelerate AI innovation without exposing the organization to unacceptable legal, ethical, or operational risks? - How do we ensure our AI systems remain fair, unbiased, and ethical as they scale across diverse users, markets, and use cases? - Are we continuously monitoring and adapting to new regulations to avoid penalties and ensure responsible AI deployment across all regions? - How can we safeguard sensitive data while still unlocking its value for innovation, analytics, and AI-powered decision-making?

09:50am	Keynote Presentation: From AI Vision to Business Value - Aligning Strategy, Technology, and Data End-to-End • What does a successful transition from AI vision to measurable business value look like? • Which business objectives should be prioritized when defining an AI strategy? • How can organizations ensure alignment between business strategies, technology investments, and data capabilities? • What are the key enablers of successful end-to-end AI transformation? Sathish Balasubramanian, <i>Vice President, Head of Enterprise Data, Analytics, GRC, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning</i>, BRIGHT HORIZONS
10:10am	Inside Successful AI Leadership: What sets High-Impact CAIOs apart? • Defining a clear AI vision aligned with business strategy and measurable outcomes • Building cross-functional collaboration between business, IT, data, and risk teams • Embedding responsible AI principles into every stage of the lifecycle • Prioritizing high-impact use cases that deliver tangible value quickly • Establishing strong governance frameworks without slowing innovation • Investing in talent development and fostering an AI-driven culture <i>Panelists:</i> Biswa Sengupta PhD, <i>Chief AI Technologist: LLM Suite (CDAO), JPMORGAN CHASE & CO</i> Haroon Abbu, <i>Senior Vice President, Digital Technology, AI & Data Analytics & CDAO, BELL AND HOWELL</i>
10:45am	<i>Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>
	CHIEF AI OFFICER
11:15am	Aligning AI Initiatives with Business Priorities: A Framework for Impact • Identifying high-impact AI use cases that address real business challenges • Linking AI initiatives to key performance indicators such as revenue, cost reduction, and productivity • Assessing data readiness by ensuring quality, accessibility, and governance • Evaluating technical and organizational capabilities to support AI delivery <i>Panelists:</i> Lauren (Liutong) Li, <i>Executive Director, Head of AI & Innovation Product Strategy, NOVARTIS</i> Sreedhar Sistu, <i>Vice President, AI Offers, SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC</i>
11:45am	Keynote Presentation: Ensuring Trust, Integrity, and Reliability in AI-Powered Organizations • How to establish clear AI governance frameworks to define accountability, oversight, and decision rights? • How to ensure data integrity and quality through standardized data management and validation processes? • How to implement ethical AI principles covering fairness, transparency, and accountability? • How to design explainable AI systems that build user trust and support decision-making? • How to mitigate bias and unintended outcomes through continuous testing and monitoring? Sreedhar Sistu, <i>Vice President, AI Offers</i>, SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC
12:05pm	Spotlight Session 1:
	Spotlight Session 2:

12:25pm	Lunch & Networking Break in the Exhibition Area	
	CDAO & CAIO FALL GENERAL SESSION	
01:25pm	From Governance to Velocity: Why Enterprise AI Succeeds or Fails on Internal Alignment, Not Technology - Enterprise AI rarely fails because of technology alone. What does effective alignment between data, AI, risk, legal, security, and the business actually look like in practice? - Governance is often seen as the function that slows innovation down. How can leaders design governance models that enable responsible speed rather than create bottlenecks? - As AI moves from experimentation into production, ownership becomes more complex. Who should be accountable for decisions that sit across data, models, workflows, and customer outcomes? - The organizations scaling AI successfully are building repeatable operating models, not one-off pilots. What structures, decision rights, and cross-functional ways of working are needed to move quickly without creating unnecessary risk? <i>Panelists:</i> Aiswarya (Ammu) Menon, <i>Chief Data & AI Officer, NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS</i> Amritha ArunBabu Mysore, <i>Head of Product – Marketing and AI, STAPLES</i> David Krauza, <i>Vice President, Enterprise Data Strategy, Products, and Governance, COMCAST</i> Nirav Parikh, <i>Head of Enterprise Data and AI, MASS GENERAL BRIGHAM HEALTHCARE</i> <i>Moderated by:</i> Taige Eoff, <i>Go to Market Data Practice Lead, Google Cloud, GOOGLE</i>	
01:55pm	Keynote Presentation: Decisions at Machine Speed - Putting Analytics where the Action Is - The gap between generating an insight and acting on it has historically been measured in days. The organizations closing that gap to seconds are building a fundamentally different competitive capability. - Embedded analytics, edge decisioning, and real-time AI inference are converging to put intelligence directly into operational workflows. Where are the use cases with the clearest measurable impact right now? - Most analytics platforms were designed to answer questions. The next generation needs to trigger actions. How does that shift change what you need from your technology, your data, and your people? RESERVED	
02:15pm	The Agentic Leap: From AI that Advises to AI that Acts - We spent three years building AI that helps humans decide. We are now building AI that decides and acts on its own. That demands a fundamentally different kind of thinking. Are organizations ready for it? - Over 70% of enterprises are using agentic AI in some form, but fewer than 20% have a governance model designed for autonomous agents. What does closing that gap require? - Agentic systems fail differently from traditional software. They can fail silently, gracefully, and in cascading chains. How are organizations building the observability and intervention capabilities they need? - At what point does an agentic AI system warrant the same level of scrutiny and validation as a human being given significant business authority? <i>Panelists:</i> Ravinath Kausik, <i>Vice President, Data Science, AI and Analytics, THE HARTFORD</i> Suresh Kumar Gunasekaran, <i>Senior Software Engineer, WALMART GLOBAL TECH</i> Tasneem Nipplewala, <i>Head of Data, Cyber and AI Enterprise Architecture, MASSMUTUAL</i>	
	TRACK A: CHIEF AI OFFICER	TRACK B: AI LEADERSHIP

02:45pm	Track Panel: Beyond AI Adoption: How Chief AI Officers Create Lasting Business Value - What should CEOs and boards expect from a Chief AI Officer? - How do you build executive support for AI initiatives during periods of economic uncertainty? - What's the most important thing leaders must do to turn AI from a technology initiative into a sustainable business advantage?	Track Panel: The Road to Enterprise AI Scale: Challenges, Successes, and Lessons Learned - How did you secure executive sponsorship and business buy-in for large-scale AI initiatives? - What early decisions had the greatest impact on your ability to scale AI later? - How important was having a clear AI strategy versus learning through experimentation? <i>Panelists:</i> Mohan Krishna Rayapuvuri, <i>Sr Director AI & Machine Learning</i>, MANULIFE
03:15pm	Keynote Presentation: Redefining the AI–Business Relationship - Are CAIOs prepared to Lead? - Managing the evolution of the CAIO role from technology advocate to business strategist - Preparing organizations for an AI-first future through leadership, governance, and operating-model transformation - Evaluating whether today's CAIOs are ready to lead the next phase of enterprise AI transformation Anitha Sivasubramanian, <i>Chief AI Officer</i>, LYCA GROUP	Keynote Presentation: How AI Leadership Accelerates Digital Transformation Outcomes RESERVED
03:45pm	<i>Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>	
	CDAO & CAIO FALL GENERAL SESSION	
04:15PM	Regulation is Coming Whether You're Ready or Not: Building AI Governance that Doesn't Break the Business - The EU AI Act, evolving US federal guidance, and sector-specific financial services regulation are creating a genuinely complex compliance landscape. How are organizations building frameworks that work across multiple regimes? - Legal and compliance functions want to slow deployment until the picture is clearer. Business units want to deploy and deal with it later. How are data and AI leaders mediating that tension? - Responsible AI has been a priority conversation for years. How much of it has been translated into operational processes that actually change how systems are built, versus principles that sit in a document? - Where do you genuinely believe the regulatory environment is heading in the next 24 months and how is that shaping your governance investments today? <i>Panelists:</i> Colleen Tartow, <i>Senior Director, Enterprise Data Engineering</i>, CAPITAL ONE	
04:45pm	Keynote Presentation: Human in the Loop is not a Strategy - Rethinking Oversight for Systems that Move Faster than People Do Human in the loop has become a reassuring but often meaningless shorthand for AI oversight. When systems are making thousands of decisions per second, what does meaningful oversight actually look like?	

	• The cognitive load of overseeing AI systems is a growing problem organizations are only beginning to grapple with. How do you design oversight that humans can actually sustain at scale? • Different decisions warrant different positions on the spectrum from full human control to full autonomy. How are organizations making those calibration decisions systematically rather than case by case? • The most dangerous moment in AI deployment is often not the launch, when everyone is watching, but six months later when oversight becomes routine and then perfunctory. How do you design against that? Besa Bauta, <i>(Former Chief Information Officer) Assistant Professor, NYU</i>
05:05pm	Two Titles, One Mission: What CDAOs and CAIOs are Finally Figuring out About Each Other • The CDAO and CAIO roles were often created independently, sometimes in competition with each other, and occasionally in confusion about where one ends, and the other begins. Now that both functions are maturing, what have you learned about how to make this partnership work in practice? • The data layer and the AI layer are inseparable in theory but frequently siloed in reality. Where does the friction between these two functions live day to day, and what does it cost the organization when it goes unresolved? • There is a version of this relationship where the CDAO and CAIO spend most of their time negotiating with each other over ownership, budget, and priorities. And there is a version where they operate as a genuine leadership unit that is stronger than either function alone. What is the difference between those two organizations and how do you deliberately build the second one? • If you could say one honest thing to the person sitting across the aisle in the other community tonight, something you would not normally say in a formal setting, what would it be? <i>Panelists:</i> Jillian Landi, <i>Chief AI Officer, NEEDHAM BANK</i> Adem Albayrak, <i>Chief Data and AI Officer, ALZHEON</i> Sanjay Sidhwani, <i>Chief Data & Analytics Officer, VALLEY BANK</i>
05:35pm	<i>Chairperson's Closing Remarks</i>
05:45pm	<i>Networking Drinks Reception</i>

CAIO FALL 2026 Tuesday, October 27, 2026	
08:00am	<i>Registration & Coffee in the Exhibition Area</i>
08:45am	<i>Chairperson's Opening Remarks</i>
09:00am	Driving Accountability in AI: Defining Success Metrics and Governance Models • How has the definition of "accountability in AI" evolved in the past few years? • What does "success" look like for AI beyond model accuracy? • What leading indicators should organizations track to ensure AI initiatives are on the right path? • How are organizations preparing for evolving regulatory requirements around AI? <i>Panelists:</i> Ramesh Natarajan, <i>Head - GenAI/ML Solutions, DAIICHI SANKYO US</i>
09:30am	Opening Keynote Presentation: AI Readiness Starts with Foundations - Data, Governance, and Model Trustworthiness • Which data quality challenges pose the greatest risk to AI success?

	• Where do data silos limit visibility, insights, or innovation? • Who owns accountability for AI-related decisions and outcomes? • How important is explainability for business-critical AI decisions?
10:00am	Keynote Presentation: Agentic AI Strategy - Balancing Cost, Performance, Autonomy, and Control • Optimizing cost structures by balancing compute intensity, model complexity, and usage patterns • Prioritizing performance through rigorous evaluation of accuracy, latency, and scalability • Designing autonomous systems that can act independently while respecting defined boundaries • Establishing control mechanisms to govern agent behavior, decision rights, and escalation paths Ramesh Natarajan, <i>Head - GenAI/ML Solutions</i> , DAIICHI SANKYO US
10:25am	Keynote Presentation: AI Governance in a Regulated Environment - How a Large Healthcare and Research Institution Actually Governs Enterprise AI Adoption and Clinical Data Sharing — The Policy, Licensing, and Data-governance Mechanics Behind Putting AI into Production Responsibly • How is AI governance formally structured across clinical, research, legal, compliance, privacy, and IT functions? • How often are AI governance policies reviewed and updated as technology evolves? • What governance principles determine whether specific datasets can be used for AI development? Monica Jang, JD, CLP, <i>Associate Director of Artificial Intelligence Innovation and Data Strategy</i> , BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
10:45am	<i>Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>
11:15am	Responsible AI: Balancing Innovation with Ethics, Privacy, and Regulation • Promoting innovation while ensuring ethical AI development and deployment • Balancing technological advancement with privacy protection and data security • Navigating evolving regulatory requirements across global markets • Mitigating bias and enhancing fairness in AI models and decision-making
11:45am	Keynote Presentation: Closing the Strategy-Execution Gap with AI, Analytics, and Agentic Systems • What are the biggest barriers to operationalizing AI and analytics at scale? • How do you ensure AI-generated recommendations are acted upon rather than ignored? • What organizational changes are required to embed AI into day-to-day execution? • How do you break down silos between strategy, operations, technology, and business teams?
12:05pm	Keynote Presentation: AI Innovation at Scale - Balancing Opportunity with Risk Management • Unlocking AI-driven growth while maintaining strategic and operational control • Establishing governance and risk frameworks that enable innovation at scale • Managing security, compliance, and regulatory challenges in a rapidly evolving landscape • Building trust through responsible AI practices and transparent decision-making Yousuf Khatib, <i>Chief AI Strategy Officer</i> , VANTAGE FINANCIAL ALLIANCE
12:25pm	<i>Lunch & Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>
	CDAO & CAIO FALL GENERAL SESSION
01:25pm	AI: What's Next? Hype Cycle to Hard Reality AI is expensive, operationally complex, and increasingly impossible to justify as a blanket investment strategy. As organisations move from experimentation to scale, the real constraint is no longer ambition, it's

	prioritization, cost discipline, and deciding what not to do. • If AI is not cheap to build or run, what use cases should simply be stopped, even if they look innovative? • Are organizations being honest about ROI, or are they subsidizing experimentation under the label of transformation? • Who should have the authority to shut down AI initiatives that don't deliver measurable impact — the CDAO, CAIO, or the business? <i>Panelists:</i> Yvonne Li, <i>Chief AI and Data Officer</i>, STARR INSURANCE Amin Assareh, <i>Vice President, Data Science</i>, FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Mitch Holt, <i>AVP – Head of Data & Analytics</i>, <i>Pet Insurance</i>, METLIFE
01:55pm	Keynote Presentation: What the Next Generation of Data Leaders Actually Needs that We Are Not Teaching Them • The pipeline of future data and AI leadership talent is real but incomplete. What are the gaps between how organizations are developing the next generation of data leaders and what those leaders are actually going to need? • Technical excellence gets people into senior data roles. It is rarely what determines whether they succeed once they get there. What are the non-technical capabilities that make the difference? • Mentorship, sponsorship, and deliberate career architecture for data talent are all underinvested relative to their impact. What do organizations that do this well look like? • What is the one thing you wish someone had told you earlier in your career that would have meaningfully changed your trajectory as a data leader? Meghan Barrett Welch, <i>Chief Data Officer</i>, MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
02:15pm	Keynote Presentation: Real Intelligence, Artificial Patience - Designing AI Systems that Work with Human Behavior, Not Against It • AI systems frequently fail not because the model is wrong but because the humans working alongside them do not trust, understand, or engage with the output in the way designers expected. How do you build AI that accounts for real human behavior rather than idealized human behavior? • The adoption gap between deploying an AI tool and having it genuinely change how people work is wider than most organizations anticipate. What determines how quickly and completely that gap closes? • Change management for AI is different from change management for other enterprise technologies because the system is making judgments, not just processing transactions. How does that change the human dynamics of adoption? • What does a genuinely human-centered AI deployment process look like, and how do you know when you have got it right?
02:35pm	The New Power Couple: How the CDAO and CAIO Have to Work Together or Watch Everything Fall Apart • The CDAO and CAIO roles were created to solve different problems but are increasingly inseparable in practice. Where does the real friction between these functions live, and how are organizations resolving it before it becomes a structural problem? • Data strategy and AI strategy are often developed separately and then expected to align. How do you build genuine joint ownership of the decisions that sit at the boundary? • The reporting line for CDAO and CAIO functions varies enormously across organizations. How much does structure matter versus the quality of the working relationship between the people in those seats? • What are the decisions that look like CDAO decisions or CAIO decisions but are actually only good decisions when both functions are genuinely in the room together?
03:05pm	<i>Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>
03:35pm	Keynote Presentation – Topic TBC

	David Krauz, Vice President, Enterprise Data Strategy, Products, and Governance, COMCAST
04:05pm	The Future is Unevenly Distributed: Where Enterprise Data and AI goes from Here • The gap between AI leaders and AI laggards is widening faster than most people anticipated. What happens to the organizations that are still in early stages of their data and AI journey as the leaders pull further ahead? • Agentic AI, multimodal models, and real-time decision intelligence are converging into something that looks qualitatively different from the AI landscape of two years ago. How should data and AI leaders be positioning their organizations for what comes next? • The pace of change in foundational AI capability is forcing organizations to make architectural and strategic bets on platforms and approaches that may look very different in 18 months. How do you make durable decisions in an environment that keeps shifting underneath you? • If you had to bet on the two or three developments in data and AI that will most significantly change how enterprise organizations operate in the next three years, what would they be?
04:25pm	<i>End of Event</i>