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CIO Retreat

THE UNWRITTEN RULES OF THE BOARDROOM

An exclusive offsite for 50 of India's foremost CIOs - two days to step back from the org chart and rethink how technology leadership earns its seat in the boardroom.

DATES

23rd-24th October 2026

VENUE

**The Westin Sohna
Resort & Spa**

DELEGATES

50 Top CIOs of India

NEW DELHI, INDIA



EVENT OVERVIEW



Why This Retreat Matters

Technology leaders often struggle to translate technical expertise into boardroom influence. Success today demands more than digital transformation — it calls for strategic thinking, executive communication, and the ability to align technology with business priorities. Over two days at **The Westin Sohna Resort & Spa**, this retreat brings together senior technology leaders to decode these unwritten dynamics and exchange practical insight on gaining executive buy-in, building consensus, and driving impactful decisions.

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TOP INDIAN CIOs

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CURATED SESSIONS &
TALKS

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Retreat at a Glance



DAY ONE

23rd OCTOBER 2026

1:00 PM	Arrival & Lunch
2:00 PM	Relax & Recharge
3:00 PM	Welcome Address
3:10 PM	Panel: Leading AI Under Pressure
4:10 PM	Panel: Funding AI
4:50 PM	Leadership Talk — Raghu Raman
5:30 PM	Networking High-Tea
8:30 PM	Gala Dinner & Cocktails

DAY TWO

24th OCTOBER 2026

7:00 AM	Yoga / Cycling / Golf
9:00 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Relax & Recharge
11:00 AM	Roundtable Sundowner
12:00 PM	Checkout & Departure

Full agenda detail follows

DAY 1 · 23rd OCTOBER



Arrival & Settling In



1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Arrival & Lunch

Delegates arrive, check in, and network over a delightful lunch — the perfect start to set the stage for collaboration.



2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Relax & Recharge

Dedicated downtime for attendees to unwind and prepare for the sessions ahead.



3:00 PM – 3:10 PM

Welcome Address & Opening Remarks

An introductory session welcoming all participants and setting the tone for the discussions to follow.

PANEL DISCUSSION 1 · 3:10 – 3:40 PM

Leading AI Under Enterprise Pressure

How can CIOs enable rapid AI adoption while maintaining governance, risk management, and the ability to demonstrate measurable business value? This panel unpacks what it takes to deliver real enterprise AI value beyond the hype — meeting the demands of the board and executive business leaders.

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- Balancing AI speed with governance and control
- Transitioning from AI pilots to enterprise-scale applications
- Meeting the board's ROI expectations for AI investment
- Establishing trust through data integrity, ethics & compliance
- Aligning AI initiatives with broader business objectives

DAY 1 • 23rd OCTOBER

Industry Voices & Panel 2

INDUSTRY PRESENTATIONS



3:40 – 3:55 PM

Industry Presentation 1

Insights and innovation from an industry leader on AI in the enterprise.



3:55 – 4:10 PM

Industry Presentation 2

Expert perspective on emerging trends and case studies for CIOs.



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PANEL DISCUSSION 2 • 4:10 – 4:40 PM

Funding AI When ROI Is Still Uncertain

How CIOs can advocate for AI funding amidst tight budgets and competing priorities.

- Building a business case without immediate ROI
- Identifying early-value use cases
- Gaining stakeholder consensus
- Understanding value beyond cost savings
- A responsible AI exploration roadmap

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LEADERSHIP TALK · 5:10 – 5:40 PM

Leadership Beyond the Org Chart



RAGHU RAMAN

Ex-Army Officer · Author

Former CEO, NATGRID

An engaging, closed-door conversation with Raghu Raman, who brings a rare vantage point spanning military command, national security infrastructure, and enterprise leadership. He shares hard-won insight on decision-making under pressure, building institutional trust, and leading technology functions with the same conviction required in the field.

A signature moment of the retreat — leadership lessons that translate directly to the boardroom.

DAY 1 · EVENING

A Golden-Hour Evening to Unwind



5:40 – 6:40 PM

Networking High-Tea

A casual gathering to connect and reflect on the day's insights over high tea.



6:40 – 8:00 PM

Relax & Recharge

Further time for relaxation and informal conversation ahead of the evening.



8:00 PM ONWARDS

Gala Dinner & Cocktails

A formal evening of gourmet dining, continued networking, and celebration under the stars.

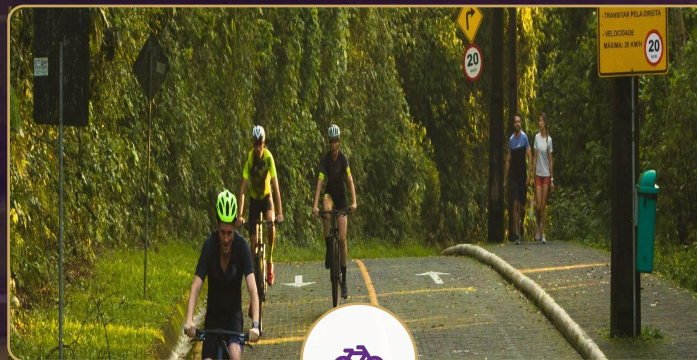
DAY 2 · 24th OCTOBER

Rise & Recharge



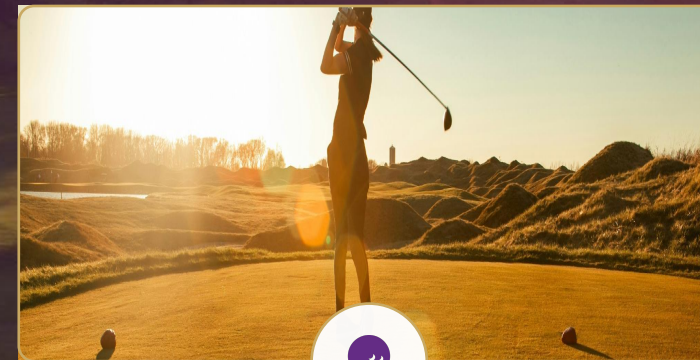
YOGA

Sunrise mindfulness by the lawns



CYCLING

A scenic ride through the estate



GOLF

A relaxed round to start the day

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM · Participants choose from early-morning activities to invigorate mind and body before the day's sessions begin.



9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Breakfast

A hearty breakfast to fuel the day's activities and another chance to network.



10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Relax & Recharge

A final chance to unwind before the concluding roundtable session.



11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Roundtable

An interactive closed-door session where CIOs come together to exchange best practices, discuss key challenges, and share actionable insights in a collaborative boardroom environment.



12:00 PM – 1:00 PM · Checkout

Delegates check out, concluding the retreat with new connections and insight to take back to their organizations



1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

CIOs Networking Lunch

A curated networking lunch bringing together **50 leading CIOs and technology leaders** in a relaxed setting. The session encourages informal discussions, peer-to-peer knowledge sharing, and meaningful business conversations, providing partners with an opportunity to engage with senior decision-makers while fostering relationships beyond the boardroom.