

# CISO 360 ROUNDTABLE

## DORA – PREPARED TO FAIL?

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VENUE: HOTEL GOTHAM - MANCHESTER

ROOM: WELCOME RECEPTION: PRIVATE MEMBERS CLUB. DINNER: STRONG ROOM

DATE: THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2025

TIME: 17:30–21:30



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### HOW ARE WE STRENGTHENING INCIDENT PREPAREDNESS AND OPERATIONAL RESILIENCE IN THE ERA OF DORA

Join us for an intimate gathering at Hotel Gotham in the wonderful city of Manchester to connect with CISO peers as we dive deep into tactics and strategies to meet the expectations of the Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA).

#### Why join?

- Discuss the key challenges facing CISO/CSOs in establishing resilient incident response practices under DORA which covers not only the EU but supply chains and multinational organisations operating in other regions with overlapping or conflicting requirements.
- Share pain points and solutions arising from the need to adopt a holistic approach to incident response, leveraging automation, cross-functional collaboration, and strong third-party oversight to achieve regulatory compliance and operational resilience.

#### Questions for discussion:

- How prepared are you for DORA compliance?
- How do you ensure alignment between business continuity plans (BCPs) and DORA requirements?
- How do you evaluate the resilience of third-party providers and partners in line with DORA?
- How do you balance DORA compliance with operational agility?
- What immediate changes will you make to align with the Act?

Hosted by Pulse Conferences and kindly sponsored by QinetiQ, this exclusive dinner discussion will be hosted under the Chatham House Rule, ensuring candid and insightful exchanges. Please R.S.V.P. below to confirm your complimentary place in this wonderful private dining setting.

We very much look forward to welcoming CISOs and senior security and resilience practitioners who are currently working in-house within medium to large enterprises.

Yours sincerely,  
Team Pulse  
Pulse Conferences

### ABOUT OUR SPONSOR

# QINETIQ

QinetiQ is an integrated global security and defence company. QinetiQ has been established as a Cyber Security service provider and thought leader for longer than almost any other company in the world, continually providing assurance and resilience for our customers in a collaborative way. We address today's rapidly changing cyber security environment, with decades of experience protecting the most highly targeted organisations and securing the most critical operations. With our defence-grade solutions, rigorous threat checks and our understanding of defending against the most persistent threats, we can help you build digital resilience so you can face the future with greater certainty.

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### EVENT AGENDA

- **17:30 – 18:30:** Welcome drinks and introductions as guests arrive before we sit together as a group for dinner.
- **18:30 – 21:00:** Discussion while dinner is served. Conversational and dynamic, all guests are invited to input.
- **21:00 – 21:30:** Wrap-ups and coffee officially bring a close to the proceedings.
- **21:00 – Late:** Optional drinks at the bar.



### VENUE

Hotel Gotham – Private Members Bar + The Strong Room  
100 King St  
Manchester. M2 4W  
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### ABOUT THE VENUE:

#### HOTEL GOTHAM - STRONG ROOM MANCHESTER

Step into the extraordinary world of Hotel Gotham, an upmarket art deco-style venue offering chic rooms with vintage décor and private dining. Located in the heart of Manchester at 100 King Street, this grand listed building—once the premises of Midland Bank—is an architectural masterpiece designed by Edwin Lutyens in 1928. Inspired by the Parisian 1920s and 30s cabaret clubs and the secret bars of prohibition, The Strong Room is hidden behind old bank vault doors, deep within the building's historic underground vaults.

This intimate, atmospheric space is the perfect setting for private CISO 360 roundtable discussions. With its theatrical flair and neoclassical design, Hotel Gotham is not just a venue—it's an experience. The evening's culinary delights will be crafted by Head Chef Rob Taylor and his talented brigade, showcasing modern international menus with an emphasis on fresh local produce and creativity.

### ABOUT THE CO-STEERS

#### DISCUSSION WILL BE CO-STEERED BY A FELLOW CISO + STRATEGIST



**James Mason**  
**Enterprise Security**  
**QinetiQ**

James Mason has been working in Information Security for over a decade, specialising in pen testing and advanced attack simulation, working with the world's first formally dedicated pen test team (MoD) and one of the world's first red teams (formed circa 2000), who have proudly never unwillingly shown a "Get out of jail free card" in 24 years. Inspired by some of the best hackers out there, James quickly progressed to a member of QinetiQ's red team. For over a decade, James has successfully infiltrated some of the largest banks, insurance, legal, CNI & other sensitive environments and is proud of his "never been caught record" too. James is extremely passionate about red teaming and the positive values a single exercise can bring to an organisation, its staff and their customers.

## WHY JOIN A PULSE 360 ROUNDTABLE?

- **Forge Connections Locally:** Expand your professional network with CISO peers local to you.
- **Candid Conversations:** Engage in open and honest dialogue under the Chatham House Rule.
- **Always Practitioner-Led, Sales-Free:** Designed 'by, with, and for' the cybersecurity community, while the event is sponsored, the focus remains entirely on knowledge sharing, with our trusted sponsor representatives acting as strategic contributors, offering real-world insights rather than sales pitches.
- **Actionable Takeaways:** Share journeys and learn what works (and what doesn't) to uncover best practices and strategies.
- **Stay on the Pulse:** Discuss the most pressing and locally relevant security challenges facing your peers today.
- **Private Fine-Dining Experience:** Enjoy a memorable evening in top private dining settings, selected for their atmosphere.
- **Ongoing Engagement:** Return to the office equipped with actionable insights and a strengthened professional network, ready to tackle challenges with fresh perspectives. The event itself is not the end!