Outsourced CFO's Wilhelm Walser to Speak at Executive Cyber and AI Risk Leadership Event

Outsourced CFO COO Wilhelm Walser will share a finance and operations perspective on cyber, AI and executive risk at Ctrl+Protect: 360 in Cape Town.

Wilhelm Walser, Director of Operations and COO at Outsourced CFO, will speak at Ctrl+Protect: 360 in Cape Town on 8 September 2026.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, August 21, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Wilhelm Walser, Director of Operations and COO at Outsourced CFO (OCFO), will speak at Ctrl+Protect: 360, an executive event examining the professional, commercial and personal risks facing today’s business leaders.

Hosted by Dire Wolf Insurance Advisory in partnership with OCFO and Zenith by Western, the event will take place in Cape Town on 8 September 2026. It will bring together an intimate group of CEOs, CFOs, founders and industry specialists for a practical discussion on cyber resilience, AI governance and executive risk.

The event will explore how today's business leaders can better protect their organisations against an increasingly complex risk landscape. Rather than focusing solely on technology, the discussion will examine the commercial, operational and governance implications of cyber security and AI adoption, alongside the growing overlap between business and personal risk for company leaders.

OCFO’s participation reflects its commitment to helping growth-focused businesses strengthen their financial foundations while preparing for emerging strategic risks. As organisations adopt AI-driven processes and increasingly digitise their financial operations, executive teams are being asked to make decisions that extend far beyond traditional finance.

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finance operations, Walser has helped build the operational systems that support hundreds of growing businesses. At the event, he will share the finance and operations perspective on cyber investment, governance readiness, AI within finance functions and the commercial consequences of inadequate preparation.

According to Walser, cyber resilience is no longer simply an IT discussion.

"Every investment decision carries an element of risk, but cyber and AI risks are different because they can disrupt every part of a business simultaneously," said Walser. "Finance leaders need to understand not only the cost of prevention, but also the financial impact of downtime, lost customer confidence, regulatory exposure and operational disruption. These are business decisions that belong in the boardroom."

The event comes as businesses across South Africa and globally continue integrating AI into daily operations while facing an increasingly sophisticated cyber threat environment. For many organisations, questions around governance, accountability and operational resilience are becoming as important as the technologies themselves.

For scaling businesses in particular, these challenges are often magnified. Founders and executive teams must balance growth, investment and innovation while ensuring appropriate controls are in place to protect financial data, customer information and business continuity.

Walser believes finance teams have an important role to play in helping organisations navigate this changing environment.

"As AI becomes embedded in everyday business processes, organisations need to ask tougher questions about governance, accountability and control," he said. "Strong financial leadership is about enabling innovation responsibly. Businesses that build sound governance today will be better positioned to earn investor confidence, satisfy boards and adapt to whatever comes next."

The Ctrl+Protect: 360 programme will feature perspectives from specialists across insurance, cyber security, technology leadership and finance. Discussions will examine practical issues facing executives, including cyber preparedness, governance expectations, personal and commercial exposure, and the growing responsibilities placed on CEOs and CFOs in an increasingly digital economy.

For OCFO, participation in the event aligns with its broader mission of equipping entrepreneurs and business leaders with practical advice that supports sustainable growth. Beyond outsourced finance services, the firm regularly contributes thought leadership, educational events and strategic guidance designed to help businesses make informed decisions in an increasingly complex commercial environment.

"The pace of technological change is extraordinary," Walser added. "Business leaders don't need to become cyber security experts, but they do need to understand the financial and operational implications of the decisions they make. Conversations like these give leaders practical insights they can take back into their organisations immediately."

The Ctrl+Protect: 360 event will bring together approximately 50 CEOs, CFOs and founders at Jean Restaurant in Cape Town on 8 September 2026 to explore the practical business implications of cyber security, artificial intelligence and governance in an increasingly digital economy.

As businesses continue navigating the opportunities and risks presented by AI and digital transformation, Outsourced CFO provides strategic financial leadership to help organisations build stronger governance, improve operational resilience and scale with confidence. Learn more at www.ocfo.com.

Walser is available for media interviews to discuss cyber investment, AI governance, finance leadership and operational resilience for growing businesses.

About Outsourced CFO
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