

SANJU MISRA

Pragmatic Cybersecurity and IT Risk Executive

3X Former CISO in Fortune 100 life sciences, manufacturing and financial industries



Sanju Misra is a visionary leader in the field of information security and risk management, boasting a distinguished career marked by transformative achievements across Fortune 100 companies in the life sciences, chemical, financial, and healthcare sectors. With a pragmatic approach and a deep understanding of varying risk tolerances, Sanju has successfully led global security and risk programs, steering organizations through complex challenges and emerging threats.

Previously serving as the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and the IT Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) organization at [Alnylam Pharmaceuticals](#), a 1.5B RNAsi company. In this role, she scaled the IT risk program to cover the growth of Alnylam's pipeline serving patients in 25 countries and managed a direct budget of \$6mm. She regularly reported on the information security and GRC strategy and status to the Board of Directors and the Board subcommittee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Prior to Alnylam, Sanju was the CISO and Director of IT Strategy and Architecture at [Linde plc](#). Sanju oversaw the security and IT strategy for a \$30 billion industrial gas company operating in over 100 countries with 70,000 employees. In this role, she was instrumental in integrating the security programs of two leading industrial gas companies following a merger of equals, unifying disparate risk landscapes into a cohesive and effective strategy. She was responsible for \$15mm P&L and team of 30 professionals.

Sanju's leadership extends beyond organizational boundaries, as she cultivates relationships with business leaders, vendor partners, and cross-functional teams, earning Sanju a reputation as a trusted advisor to the CEO, CFO, Board of Directors, and other key business stakeholders. Her ability to identify opportunities and transform challenges into accomplishments has been instrumental in driving business success and fostering strategic partnerships.

With a strong commitment to talent development, Sanju has a proven track record of building high-performing teams and developing top talent to succeed in executive roles. Under her guidance, teams have flourished, driving innovation, and delivering results that exceed expectations including several members who are now successful CISOs across several industries.

Sanju's expertise is underscored by a rich array of certifications over her career, including Certified

Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC), and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM).

She contributed a chapter to a non-profit book on security strategy called ["Fight Fire with Fire"](#) and spends much of her time mentoring those new to cybersecurity or IT careers focusing on women, minorities and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. She majored in Biology at the University of Massachusetts and has participated in executive education programs, including the prestigious two-year Executive Information Management Program at GE Crotonville.

Sanju's strategic vision, leadership acumen, and dedication to excellence make her a valuable asset to any board seeking to enhance its security posture, drive innovation, and create sustainable value in an increasingly complex and dynamic business landscape.