

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 • 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

MORNING

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9:00 AM
to 10:00 AM

Check-in • Breakfast + Networking

10:00 AM
to 10:10 AM

OPENING

Welcome Address

SPEAKER

Salim Gheewalla 

President, OPEN Houston • CEO & Founder,
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10:10 AM
to 10:40 AM

KEYNOTE

Morning Keynote

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Azam Kundi 

Chairman & CEO, Kelsey-Seybold Clinic

MODERATOR

Dr. Uzma Iqbal 

President & Medical Director, Houston Center of
HOPE

10:40 AM
to 11:10 AM

SESSION

CEO Fireside Chat: Houston Story

SPEAKER

Faisal Naseem 

CEO, Sorian

MODERATOR

Faisal Bhutto 

President & CEO, Alykas

11:20 AM
to 12:00 PM

PANEL 01

Zero to 100

PRESENTED BY



SPEAKER

Aziz Rahim 

President, Wallis State Bank

SPEAKER

Snehee Chaplot 

Founder & CEO, The Food Shop

SPEAKER

Joe Alapat 

Founder & CGO, Liongard

SPEAKER

Mark Winchester 

District Director, SBA

MODERATOR

Samina Farid 

Board Chair, OPEN Houston • Managing Director,
Golden Seeds

12:00 PM
to 1:00 PM

BREAK

Lunch

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 • 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

AFTERNOON


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to 1:45 PM

PANEL 02
The Career Leap

PRESENTED BY


SPEAKER
Atif Riaz 

Corporate Officer, Treasurer & Head of Investor Relations, Murphy Oil

SPEAKER
Khurram Agha 

Head of USA, Cur8 Capital

SPEAKER
Nada Ahmed 

Co-Founder, Energytech Cypher

MODERATOR
Mustafa Ali 

Head of Growth, Twilio

1:45 PM
to 2:30 PM

PANEL 03
Industries of Tomorrow

PRESENTED BY


PANELIST
Aater Suleman 

Founder, Vixul Studios

PANELIST
Amyn Gillani 

VP, Core Tech

PANELIST
Raazia Ali 

VP, Head of Engineering, Secure AI

MODERATOR
Aasher Syed 

Product Marketing Leader, HashiCorp • Founder, AngelsRound

2:30 PM
to 2:40 PM

CLOSING
Closing Remarks
SPEAKER
Salim Gheewalla 

President, OPEN Houston

2:40 PM
to 3:30 PM

NETWORKING
Networking Breakouts

PRESENTED BY


 Five tables: Technology • Startups • Finance • Healthcare • Energy.
Day ends at 3:30 PM.

TECHNOLOGY TABLE
Mehrab Momin 

Founder, AiCTO Services

STARTUPS TABLE
Tanu Jain 

Founder & CFO, FlowCare

FINANCE TABLE
Omair Mirza 

Vice President, Banker, J.P. Morgan Private Bank

HEALTHCARE TABLE
Alisha Pourbundarwala 

CEO, CapitalMed Solutions • CEO, Aivara Health • Executive Director, OPEN Conference 2026

ENERGY TABLE
Ken Head 

VP, Savant Energy

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