

# Palo Alto Networks Announces Agreement to Acquire CyberArk, the Identity Security Leader

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*Will Create the End-to-End Security Platform for the AI Era*

## NEWS SUMMARY:

- Will accelerate Palo Alto Networks' platform strategy by establishing Identity Security as a new core platform.
- CyberArk extends Identity Security to all users by advancing the vision that every identity, human, machine and AI requires deep security for access across the modern enterprise.
- Will deliver Identity Security for agentic AI to secure the new wave of autonomous AI agents by providing foundational controls for this emerging class of privileged identities.
- Will provide customers with the optimal combination of best of breed technology and integrated platforms to deliver near real-time security outcomes.

SANTA CLARA, Calif. and NEWTON, Mass., July 30, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Palo Alto Networks® (NASDAQ: PANW), the global cybersecurity leader, and CyberArk (NASDAQ: CYBR), the global leader in Identity Security, today announced that they have entered into a definitive agreement under which Palo Alto Networks will acquire CyberArk. Under the terms of the agreement, CyberArk shareholders will receive \$45.00 in cash and 2.2005 shares of Palo Alto Networks common stock for each CyberArk share. This represents an equity value of approximately \$25 billion for CyberArk and a 26% premium to the unaffected 10-day average of the daily VWAPs of CyberArk as of Friday, July 25, 2025<sup>1</sup>.

This strategic combination will mark Palo Alto Networks' formal entry into Identity Security, establishing it as a core pillar of the company's multi-platform strategy. Combining CyberArk's long-standing leadership in Identity Security and Privileged Access Management (PAM) with Palo Alto Networks' comprehensive AI-powered security platforms will extend privileged identity protection to all identity types including human, machine, and the new wave of autonomous AI agents. CyberArk is already establishing itself as an Identity Security platform, and Palo Alto Networks will help accelerate this journey towards platformization to drive better combined security outcomes for customers.

### **Nikesh Arora, Chairman and CEO of Palo Alto Networks, said:**

*"Our market entry strategy has always been to enter categories at their inflection point, and we believe that moment for Identity Security is now. This strategy has guided our evolution from a next-gen firewall company into a multi-platform cybersecurity leader. Today, the rise of AI and the explosion of machine identities have made it clear that the future of security must be built on the vision that every identity requires the right level of privilege controls, not the 'IAM fallacy'. CyberArk is the definitive leader in Identity Security with durable, foundational technology that is essential for securing the AI era. Together, we will define the next chapter of cybersecurity."*

### **Udi Mokady, Founder and Executive Chairman of CyberArk, said:**

*"This is a profound moment in CyberArk's journey. From the beginning, we set out to protect the world's most critical assets, with a relentless focus on innovation, trust, and security. Joining forces with Palo Alto Networks is a powerful next chapter, built on shared values and a deep commitment to solving the toughest identity challenges. Together, we'll bring unmatched expertise across human and machine identities, privileged access, and AI-driven innovation to secure what's next. This is more than a combination of technologies—it's an acceleration of the mission we began over two decades ago. I'm incredibly proud of what our team has built and deeply grateful to everyone who made this milestone possible."*

Identity and security are converging, highlighting the need for a true Identity Security platform. Securing privileged credentials for both human and machine identities—including AI agents and workloads—is the most critical challenge for the modern enterprise. The integration of CyberArk's Identity Security Platform with Palo Alto Networks will provide many critical benefits:

- **Accelerates the Platform Strategy:** The combined platform will provide a single, unified solution designed to help eliminate dangerous security gaps and simplify operations. CyberArk's capabilities will be deeply integrated into Palo Alto Networks' Strata™ and Cortex® platforms, leveraging AI to deliver identity-aware security and real-time response across the entire enterprise.
- **Disrupts the Legacy IAM Market:** This will evolve the legacy IAM market by moving beyond basic hygiene and extending robust, security-first PAM principles to ensure the right level of privilege controls are applied to every identity across the enterprise, whether humans, machines, or agents.
- **Secures Agentic AI:** As organizations adopt autonomous Agentic AI, they are deploying the ultimate privileged users. Identity Security is positioned to become the essential framework for securing this new paradigm of the enterprise workforce. Enforcing just-in-time access and least privilege principles ensures that AI agents are granted only the permissions they need, for the exact moment they need them, providing the critical oversight necessary to secure AI-driven automation at scale.

Once closed, this acquisition will unite two security leaders with similar values, strong cultures, and talented teams. The combination of the two organizations will offer the industry's most comprehensive and integrated security portfolio, providing customers with a single, trusted vendor for their most critical security needs. The combined companies will become the cyber guardian of our customers, allowing customers to focus on their core business objectives and adopting AI, while we secure their digital future.

### **Transaction Details**

Under the terms of the agreement, Palo Alto Networks intends to acquire CyberArk for \$45.00 in cash and 2.2005 shares of Palo Alto Networks common stock for each CyberArk share, which represents a 26% premium to the unaffected 10-day average of the daily VWAPs of CyberArk as of Friday, July 25, 2025<sup>1</sup>. The transaction is expected to be immediately accretive to Palo Alto Networks revenue growth and gross margin. Palo Alto

Networks also expects the transaction to be accretive to free cash flow per share in fiscal year 2028 following the first full year of realization of synergies.

The transaction has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of both Palo Alto Networks and CyberArk, and is expected to close during the second half of Palo Alto Networks' fiscal 2026, subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including the receipt of regulatory clearances and approval by CyberArk shareholders.

For further information regarding the terms and conditions contained in the definitive agreement, please see Palo Alto Networks' Current Report on Form 8-K and CyberArk's Report on Form 6-K, which will be filed in connection with the transaction.

#### Advisors

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC is acting as financial advisor to Palo Alto Networks, and Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz is acting as legal counsel and Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP is acting as regulatory counsel. Qatalyst Partners is acting as financial advisor to CyberArk and Latham & Watkins LLP and Meitar Law Offices are acting as legal counsel.

#### Shareholder letter and Investor Call Details

Read the Palo Alto Networks [Shareholder Letter](#) from Chairman and CEO Nimesh Arora.

Both organizations look forward to providing additional information on the transaction during an investor presentation at 6:30 am (PT) on July 30, 2025. [Webcast link](#).

#### Earnings Call Detail

- CyberArk will forgo its Q2 2025 Earnings Call on August 7, 2025 for the above stated investor call, and has issued a press release today with their Q2 2025 financial results.
- Palo Alto Networks will host its Q4 FY2025 Earnings Call via a live video webcast on August 18, 2025, at 1:30 pm (PT) accessible from the "Investors" section of the Palo Alto Networks website at [investors.paloaltonetworks.com](https://investors.paloaltonetworks.com)

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<sup>1</sup> Calculated based on the unaffected 10-day average of the daily VWAPs as of Friday, July 25, 2025: \$196.66 per share for Palo Alto Networks, and \$380.17 per share for CyberArk

#### About CyberArk

CyberArk (NASDAQ: CYBR) is the global leader in Identity Security, trusted by organizations around the world to secure human and machine identities in the modern enterprise. CyberArk's AI-powered Identity Security Platform applies intelligent privilege controls to every identity with continuous threat prevention, detection and response across the identity lifecycle. With CyberArk, organizations can reduce operational and security risks by enabling zero trust and least privilege with complete visibility, empowering all users and identities, including workforce, IT, developers and machines, to securely access any resource, located anywhere, from everywhere. Learn more at [cyberark.com](https://cyberark.com).

#### About Palo Alto Networks

As the global AI and cybersecurity leader, Palo Alto Networks (NASDAQ: PANW) is dedicated to protecting our digital way of life via continuous innovation. Trusted by more than 70,000 organizations worldwide, we provide comprehensive AI-powered security solutions across network, cloud, security operations and AI, enhanced by the expertise and threat intelligence of Unit 42. Our focus on platformization allows enterprises to streamline security at scale, ensuring protection fuels innovation. Explore more at [www.paloaltonetworks.com](https://www.paloaltonetworks.com).

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#### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release relates to a proposed transaction between Palo Alto Networks, Inc. ("[PANW](#)") and CyberArk Software Ltd. ("[CyberArk](#)"). This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical or current facts, including, without limitation, statements regarding expected future business and financial performance, the expected future benefits to PANW, CyberArk, and their respective customers from completing the proposed transaction, the anticipated future integration of PANW's and CyberArk's capabilities and the benefits they will deliver, the expected completion of the proposed transaction, the expected timing for the completion of the proposed transaction, the expected accretion to free cash flow, revenue growth and gross margin and the timing thereof and the timing of the synergies from the proposed transaction, made in this press release are forward-looking. We use words such as "anticipates," "believes," "continue," "estimate," "expects," "future," "intends," "may," "plan," and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Forward-looking statements reflect management's current expectations and are inherently uncertain. Actual results could differ materially for a variety of reasons.

There are a significant number of factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements made or implied in this press release, including: the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination of the proposed transaction between PANW and CyberArk; PANW's ability to successfully integrate CyberArk's businesses and technologies; the risk that the expected benefits and synergies of the proposed transaction may not be fully achieved in a timely manner, or at all; the risk that PANW or CyberArk will be unable to retain and hire key personnel; the risk associated with CyberArk's ability to obtain the approval of its shareholders required to consummate the proposed transaction; the risk that the conditions to the proposed transaction are not satisfied on a timely basis, or at all, or the failure of the proposed transaction to close for any other reason or to close on the anticipated terms; the risk that any regulatory approval, consent or authorization that may be required for the proposed transaction is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated or that could adversely affect the expected benefits of the transaction; significant and/or unanticipated difficulties, liabilities or expenditures relating to the transaction; the effect of the announcement, pendency or completion of the proposed transaction on the parties' business relationships and business operations generally; the

effect of the announcement or pendency of the proposed transaction on the parties' common or ordinary share prices and uncertainty as to the long-term value of PANW's or CyberArk's common or ordinary share; risks related to disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the proposed transaction; the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against PANW, CyberArk or their respective directors; developments and changes in general or worldwide market, geopolitical, economic, and business conditions; failure of PANW's platformization product offerings; failure to achieve the expected benefits of PANW's strategic partnerships and acquisitions; changes in the fair value of PANW's contingent consideration liability associated with acquisitions; risks associated with managing PANW's growth; risks associated with new product, subscription and support offerings, including product offerings that leverage AI; shifts in priorities or delays in the development or release of new product or subscription or other offerings, or the failure to timely develop and achieve market acceptance of new products and subscriptions as well as existing products, subscriptions and support offerings; failure of PANW's or CyberArk's business strategies; rapidly evolving technological developments in the market for security products, subscriptions and support offerings; defects, errors, or vulnerabilities in our products, subscriptions or support offerings; PANW's customers' purchasing decisions and the length of sales cycles; PANW's competition; PANW's ability to attract and retain new customers; PANW's ability to acquire and integrate other companies, products, or technologies in a successful manner; PANW's share repurchase program, which may not be fully consummated or enhance shareholder value, and any share repurchases which could affect the price of its common stock.

For additional risks and uncertainties on these and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements, please refer to PANW's and CyberArk's respective periodic reports and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), including the risk factors contained in PANW's and CyberArk's annual report on Form 10-K or 20-F, as applicable, periodic quarterly reports on Form 10-Q or reports of foreign private issuer on Form 6-K, as applicable. All forward-looking statements in this press release are based on current beliefs and information available to management as of the date hereof, and neither PANW nor CyberArk assumes any obligation to update the forward-looking statements provided to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made.

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#### **Additional Information about the Merger and Where to Find It**

In connection with the proposed transaction, PANW intends to file with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4, which will include a proxy statement of CyberArk that also constitutes a prospectus of PANW common shares to be offered in the proposed transaction. Each of PANW and CyberArk may also file or furnish other relevant documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. This press release is not a substitute for the proxy statement/prospectus or registration statement or any other document that PANW or CyberArk may file or furnish with the SEC or send to security holders in connection with the proposed transaction. The registration statement will include a definitive proxy statement/prospectus, which will be sent to shareholders of CyberArk seeking their approval of the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4, THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS INCLUDED WITHIN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-4 AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE FILED OR FURNISHED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and proxy statement/prospectus, when available, and other documents containing important information about PANW, CyberArk and the proposed transaction, once such documents are filed or furnished with the SEC through the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by PANW will be available free of charge on PANW's website at [www.paloaltonetworks.com](http://www.paloaltonetworks.com) or by contacting PANW's Investor Relations Department by email at [ir@paloaltonetworks.com](mailto:ir@paloaltonetworks.com). Copies of the documents filed or furnished with the SEC by CyberArk will be available free of charge on CyberArk's website at [www.cyberark.com](http://www.cyberark.com) or by contacting CyberArk's Investor Relations department by email at [ir@cyberark.com](mailto:ir@cyberark.com) or by phone at 617-558-2132.



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