



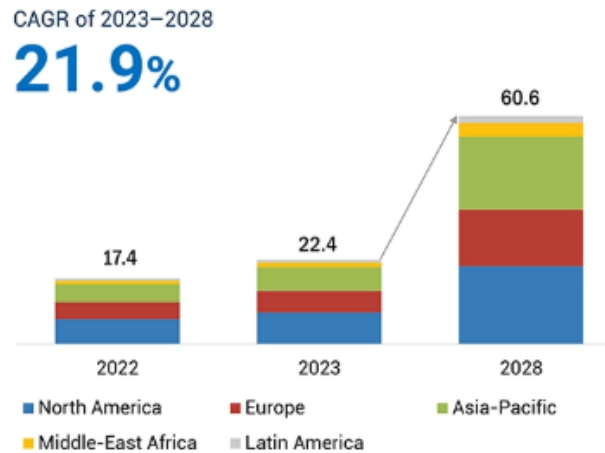
## Investment Opportunity In

Cybersecurity Sector \_\_\_\_\_

**AI-Powered Security Operations Center (AI SOC)**

## Global Market

The global Artificial Intelligence in Cybersecurity Market size was valued at USD 22.4 billion in 2023 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 21.9% from 2023 to 2028. The revenue forecast for 2028 is projected to reach \$60.6 billion. The base year for estimation is 2022, and the historical data spans from 2023 to 2028. The growing adoption of real-time threat detection solutions within security operations is driving the demand for AI in cybersecurity. This trend is crucial for enhancing cybersecurity processes by integrating advanced technologies such as AI, ML, and cloud solutions.



Source: [Markets and Markets](#)

## Location\ Area



- Muscat

## Investment Offer

Oman has launched the National Programme for Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Digital Technologies (2024-2026), aiming to integrate AI across various economic sectors. This program includes establishing a national open data platform, a research and development center for AI, and an AI studio to support technological solutions. These efforts align with Oman Vision 2040, which seeks to increase the digital economy's contribution to the GDP from 2% in 2021 to 10% by 2040. [Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology](#)

In support of these goals, the Ministry of Economy has allocated OMR 15 million (approximately \$39 million) for AI projects in 2025, with OMR 10 million designated for government agencies and OMR 5 million for governorates. This funding is intended to stimulate investment and foster the integration of AI applications in development projects within the economic diversification sectors outlined in the Tenth Five-Year Development Plan (2021-2025). [Times of Oman](#)

## Opportunity Description

The Omani cybersecurity market is experiencing growth, particularly in AI-driven security solutions that enable faster detection and response to potential threats. There is a rising adoption of cloud-based security systems as more businesses transition to cloud operations. The market also sees increased implementation of multi-factor authentication systems and end-to-end encryption technologies to safeguard sensitive data. Government spending on cybersecurity initiatives is on the rise, emphasizing the protection of critical national infrastructure. [6Wresearch](#)

With the rapid digital transformation in Oman, cybersecurity threats are increasing, creating a strong demand for advanced threat detection and response solutions. An AI-Powered Security Operations Center (AI SOC) offers a next-generation cybersecurity infrastructure, utilizing artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning to detect, analyze, and mitigate cyber threats in real-time. This investment opportunity aims to establish the first AI SOC in Oman, catering to government agencies, financial institutions, telecom providers, and enterprises.

## Key Stakeholder and players

- Ministry of Transport, Communications & IT
- Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Investment promotion.
- Ministry of Economy
- Oman Investment Authority
- Cyber Defense Center
- Telecommunications Regulatory Authority

## General Indicators & overview



Total estimated investment  
**3 \$ -10 \$ M**



Implementation Duration:  
**12 Months – 18 Months**



Estimated Capex:  
**\$4.4 million**



Land area:  
**2 Months**



Expected number of employees  
**around 100**

## Incentives

- Investments sharing
- Tax exemptions
- Utility subsidies (Electricity, Water, etc...)
- Salary Subsidies for local employees for the first 2 years.
- Training subsidies
- Government support

## Local Status

- Oman's Vision 2040 and the National AI Program promote digital transformation, driving the need for advanced cybersecurity solutions.
- Oman has a strong ICT infrastructure with growing internet penetration, widespread high-speed broadband access, and modern telecommunications networks, supporting the development of advanced technology solutions like AI SOCs.
- Oman's strategic location and modern IT infrastructure support the deployment of cutting-edge solutions.
- Oman serves as an ideal base for expanding into the GCC and broader Middle Eastern and Asian markets.

## Target Market:

Local,

Regional

And Global

