



Monthly Newsletter | August 2025

Dear Members & Friends,

Welcome back, we hope you had a restful summer. As we gear up for an active autumn, we're excited to share some important updates and upcoming events.

Welcoming Our Newest Platinum Sponsor. While our Chapter Board volunteers their time to give back to the CRE community, the chapter relies heavily on sponsorships to deliver exciting events and valuable learning opportunities for our members. With that in mind, we're thrilled to announce and welcome our newest - **a n d first -Platinum Level Sponsor: Diriyah Company.** Please take a moment to learn more about them in the **Sponsor Spotlight** section of this newsletter. We're also excited to reinstate our event plans for KSA in the near future, so stay tuned for more updates!

Building Biology: Our First Event of the Season. Join us for our first post-break event, an insightful session on "Building Biology." Our guest speaker will help us understand the unseen elements in our workspaces. You can find more information and registration details under the **Event Spotlight**. A big thank you to **Teknion** for hosting us!

June Event at the University of Wollongong. Read more about our successful June event at the University of Wollongong in Dubai. See the photo below with our Chapter leaders and the university's team.



IAMC EMEA Summit in Amsterdam. The EMEA Summit is just around the corner. If you plan to attend, register now to secure your spot before it's too late. Several members of our Chapter Board will be there, and we look forward to connecting with you.

Savas Cizmeci
Chapter Chair



Upcoming Events

8-10 September 2025

EMEA Summit
Amsterdam
[Register](#)

24 September 2025

Building Biology for the Workplace
Dubai
[Register](#)

22 October 2025

The Hidden Costs of Inefficient Space
Utilisation
Dubai
[Save the Date](#)

11 November 2025

Transforming the Workplace
*From Legacy to the Metaverse at
Audemars Piguet*
Dubai
[Save the Date](#)

3-5 March 2026

ASIAPAC Summit
Kuala Lumpur
[Register](#)

Event Spotlight

Healthy Spaces, like Healthy Food: Building Biology for the Workplace

Join us next month for an insightful session at which guest speaker **Valentina Cereda**, Health & Wellbeing Architect and Founder of Energy & Space will educate us on how many buildings are full of hidden toxins that can drain energy and affect focus. Valentina will help us understand the unseen ingredients in our workspaces with simple, science-backed strategies to create a healthier, more productive office for everyone. [Register](#)

Event Host

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New Platinum Sponsor Announced

We are thrilled to announce that **Diriyah Company** is our newest and first Platinum Level Sponsor. This partnership is a significant milestone for the Chapter. As Chapter Chair **Savas Cizmeci** stated, *"Our partnership with Diriyah is a monumental investment in the chapter's history."* We are excited to collaborate with Diriyah Company not only as a new sponsor but also to host compelling events for our members in the Kingdom. These events will be led by Chapter Board member **John Harris** of ROSHN. To learn more about Diriyah Company, please [click here](#).



Wellness takes centre stage in UAE's luxury retail evolution

In the United Arab Emirates (UAE), wellness has surpassed its traditional definition to encompass a comprehensive approach to health, self-care and personal growth. It now includes physical fitness, mental well-being, nutrition and social experiences. This concept of wellness is now deeply intertwined with the luxury market, particularly in the dynamic setting of the UAE. Read more at JLL [Insights](#).



UNIVERSITIES

In June, the Chapter held its first university event of the year at the **University of Wollongong in Dubai**. This event kicked off a new series of initiatives designed to connect academia with the corporate real estate (CRE) sector. The session was a dynamic meeting of undergraduate and postgraduate students from various disciplines, including engineering, business, and management, along with key faculty members. The primary goal was to introduce students to the field of corporate real estate and highlight the many diverse career paths available within this growing industry.

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MCR MODULE

Master Service Delivery and Outsourcing: A Virtual MCR Module. Ready to take your skills to the next level? Join the prestigious MCR programme for the virtual module on Introduction to Service Delivery and Outsourcing, running from **10-12 September** in the EMEA region. This course goes beyond theory, showing you how to build strategic partnerships that make a real impact. You'll explore different models and approaches, discuss compensation and metrics, and participate in activities that will give you a practical understanding of service delivery. Don't miss this opportunity!

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Sponsor Spotlight



A big shout out to **Sedus** a long-standing supporter of the Chapter! Sedus Stoll AG continues to be a key partner in our mission. Thank you, Sedus, for your continued trust and support! As a leading global supplier of office furniture and workplace solutions, Sedus develops and manufactures high-quality products from its two German locations and distributes them worldwide. With nine European subsidiaries and a presence in Dubai, the company's global reach extends to more than 70 countries.

Interested to become a sponsor? Learn more about the benefits of partnering with the Middle East Chapter and elevate your brand within the corporate real estate community. Email [Sharon Withe](#) to learn more.

New Member Spotlight



Please join us in welcoming **Rishab Narayanan**, Digital Activations Specialist at Granteq, our newest member! Granteq is a leading audio-visual intergrator, delivering cutting-edge solutions across corporate, education, hospitality, retail, and more for over 20 years. Rishab is at the forefront, leading Global AV deployments for MNCs and managing client relations with all corporate clients across the globe and GCC. He is passionate about blending



Please join us in giving a warm welcome to **Chris Chambers**, Director – Head of Transactional Services KSA at Savills, our newest member! Chris recently relocated to Riyadh from London, UK bringing with him a wealth of experience. He spent over nine years as a Director with CBRE in London, where he specialised in Central London tenant and landlord leasing advisory. A member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and holding

design, technology, and user experience to craft intuitive working spaces. His innovative approach was recognised when he was named in Inavate's 40 Under 40 – Class of 2024 for rising talents in the AV Industry. Outside of work, Rishab enjoys sound design, music production, tennis & padel. Welcome Rishab!
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the prestigious MRICS designation, Chris also holds an undergraduate degree from Loughborough University and an MSc in Real Estate from Kingston University. We're thrilled to have Chris join our Chapter and look forward to meeting him at one of the upcoming events from September onwards!
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