



## Monthly Newsletter | February 2026

Dear Members & Friends,

Our Content & Programmes Sub-Committee has been working hard to curate an exceptional calendar through June and beyond. We encourage you to review the upcoming schedule and register early for these sessions.

Earlier this month, we held a spectacular event in **Riyadh, KSA**. With over 100 attendees, our moderator and panelists provided an insightful discussion on the future of Saudi Arabia's workspace. Thank you to our host and platinum sponsor **Diriyah!**

We also recently enjoyed a fascinating event at **MASDAR**, highlighted by a tour of the Masdar podium; our sincere thanks to the Masdar team for their hospitality.

Looking ahead to next month, we invite members and friends to celebrate the holy month of Ramadan with an **Iftar** at the **JW Marriott Marina** in Dubai. Please see this newsletter for more details on the evening and our featured guest speaker.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that **Gensler**, **Interface**, and **Shaw** have renewed their annual Chapter sponsorships. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support, which is vital in allowing us to provide world-class venues and education for our members.

Ramadan Kareem.

**Savas Cizmeci**  
Chapter Chair



## Upcoming Events

**12 March 2026**

Iftar  
Dubai  
[Register](#)

**23 April 2026**

The Longevity Edge: Designing Workspaces that help Humans Thrive  
Dubai  
[Register](#)

**13 May 2026**

Movement by Design: Applying WELL Features to Create healthier, High-Performing Workplaces  
Dubai  
[Register](#)

## Event Spotlight

### From Reactive to Predictive: AI in CRE & FM

Join the Middle East Chapter at **JW Marriott Marina Dubai** on **12 March** for an evening balancing **Ramadan tradition with industry foresight**. Expert **Youssef Mouzahem** provides an evidence-based roadmap for the future of Corporate Real Estate and FM. Attendees will discover how to leverage AI and IoT to reduce costs by 24%, explore case studies capturing \$19M in project value, and learn to restructure SLAs into performance tools. Connect with leaders over Iftar to explore how technology redefines regional logistics. **Spaces are strictly limited** for this session.  
[Register](#)



## Renew your membership now via the CoreNet Global website!

The 2025 membership grace period ends on **28 February**. Starting **1 March**, non-renewed members will lose access to all CoreNet Global benefits, including our premium networking platforms, industry-leading insights, and regional educational resources. Don't miss out on another year of professional growth and the opportunity to connect with fellow industry leaders across the Middle East. Ensure your status is current today to remain fully engaged with our community.



### APAC SUMMIT

Experience the future of CRE at the **APAC Summit** this March. Join industry leaders in a dynamic environment designed for high-level networking and professional development. This premier event offers exclusive insights into regional market trends and innovative workspace strategies. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with global experts and elevate your career. Secure your place today and join the conversation shaping the Asia-Pacific landscape.

Register



### TRASCENT CLOSES 15/4

Applications for the 2026 Trascent Scholarship Programme close **15 April!** In partnership with the CoreNet Global Learning Foundation, Trascent provides **funding for prestigious professional designations** including the **MCR** and **QPCR**. This program is designed to elevate future talent and inspire innovation within the industry. If you are passionate about Corporate Real Estate, don't miss this chance to advance your career.

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### 30 DAY FREE TRIAL

CoreNet Global membership provides exclusive access to **world-class speaking** and publishing venues designed to elevate your professional profile. Present at Global Summits, contribute to *The LEADER* magazine, or join high-level panels to influence the profession's strategic direction. Ensure your status is current by **28 February** to maintain access to prestigious opportunities and the global Knowledge Center. Renew your membership now via the website to stay connected.

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## Sponsor Spotlight

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A special thank you to **Interface**, a long-time sponsor of the Middle East Chapter, for their steadfast support and for renewing their annual sponsorship. As a global leader in commercial flooring, Interface is renowned for its innovative modular carpet, LVT, and rubber flooring solutions. Their commitment to sustainability and "Climate Take Back" initiatives provides our members with invaluable insights into creating carbon-neutral workspaces. We truly appreciate their enduring partnership and the vital role they play in supporting our Chapter's venues and educational programming.

**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](mailto:Sharon.Withe@interface.com) to learn more.

## New Member Spotlight



We are thrilled to welcome new member, **Michelle Plant**, to the CoreNet Global Middle East community. As a Sales Manager at **Office Inspirations**, Michelle brings a decade of specialised expertise in commercial workplace furniture. She focuses on managing global accounts across the UAE and KSA, helping organisations create high-performance environments. Beyond her professional achievements, Michelle is a dedicated dog lover. We look forward to her contributions and seeing her at our upcoming 2026 events. Welcome, Michelle!  
[LinkedIn](#)



We are excited to welcome **Jennie Stallings**, Partner at **ChelseaGREEN**, to the Chapter. With 30 years of global experience and a WELL Accredited Professional designation, Jennie is a leader in ergonomics and holistic workplace wellness. Having worked with industry giants like MillerKnoll, she now focuses on health-positive environments that prioritise employee well-being and flexibility. Jennie also serves on the International WELL Building Institute Advisory Board, driving sustainable, value-driven solutions across the Middle East.  
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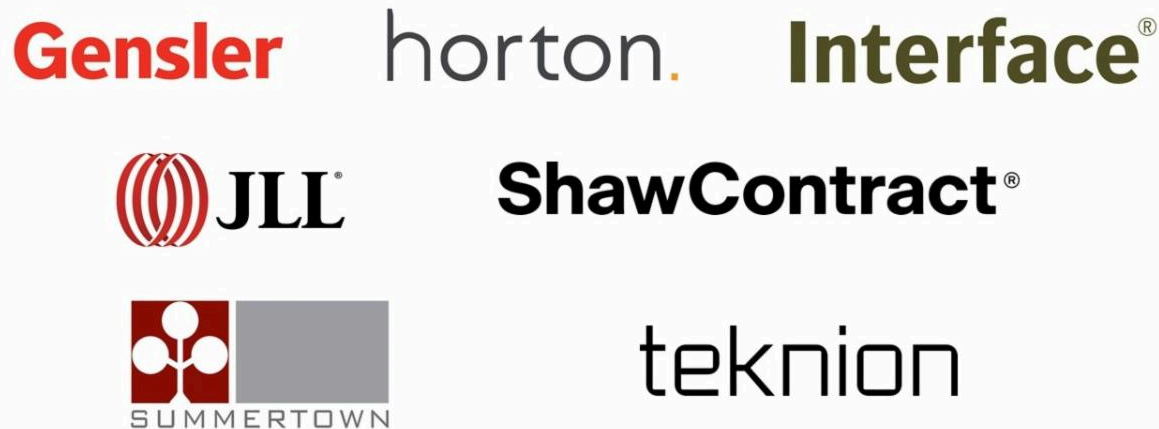
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