

Monthly Newsletter | November 2023

Dear Members & Colleagues,

Wow this year has flown! In just over 2 weeks we will hold our **Year End Event** - are you registered? We are excited to be gathering at **Reform Social Grill** for a **QUIZ** evening hosted by **Aylissa Boyce**, Radio Presenter of DriveTime show daily on Luv 107.1 FM. There'll be food and beverages and **PRIZES** so make plans to join us on the **14 December** from 6pm.

November has been a busy month for the Chapter. Our monthly event was held in conjunction with Dubai Design Week at Teknion's D3 showroom – **thank you Teknion**. We were joined by Phil Pond, Client Business Strategist from Scarlet Opus who shared some great insights on how **'Design is a crucial Recruitment Tool'**. We also participated in an event in **Abu Dhabi** organised by **Nick Nunnington**, Visiting Professor of Real Estate, Nottingham Trent University and students from the University of Adelaide, at which members of our Board **Savas Cizmeci**, Microsoft, **Sharon Withe** Standard Chartered and **James Hodgetts**, Knight Frank MENA, joined a panel discussion on the products needed to meet the evolving expectations of end users and investors in the UAE, in 2025-2030'.



We also gathered for our **annual strategy day** to plan for 2024 and beyond, so watch this space as we have some great new things planned!

Sarah Aoun
Chapter Chair



Upcoming Events

14 December 2023
End of Year QUIZ
Reform Social Grill Dubai
[Register](#)

5-7 March 2024
APAC Summit
Kuala Lumpur
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10-12 September 2024
EMEA Summit
Berlin
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Event Spotlight



Spaces are filling up fast for our **QUIZ** night **14 December 2023**! Taking place at **Reform Social Grill** in Dubai and joined by **Aylissa Boyce**, Radio Presenter of DriveTime show daily on Luv 107.1 FM in Dubai, kick off is at 6pm for food and drinks, Quiz fun and lots of great networking. A big thank you to our **Event Sponsor EFS**. For more information and to register [Register!](#)



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GCC approves unified tourist visa for UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries will roll out a unified Gulf tourist visa within the next two years, which will allow visa holders to travel across the six Gulf countries. “This initiative is an integral part of the GCC 2030 tourism strategy, designed to elevate the tourism sector’s contribution to the GDP through increased inter-GCC travel and elevated hotel occupancy rates, transforming the GCC into a pre-eminent global destination for both regional and international tourists,” [Read More](#)



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SOURCING CONTENT

We are busy planning an exciting **schedule of events for 2024**. You are invited to share your ideas for topics, speakers, educational site tours with us NOW for consideration by our event planning committee. Make sure to send as much detail as possible so we can properly review your proposed programme, including information on speakers, contacts you have with potential site tour locations. The more the better! We'll then discuss and a member of the team will be in touch to discuss further.

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New Member Spotlight

A very warm welcome to **Ewout Holst**, Executive Director IFM at JLL. Ewout first joined CoreNet Global while based in Johannesburg, South Africa as Head of JLL's Corporates Solutions for Sub-Saharan Africa, and in 2017 played a key role in the formation of the CoreNet Global South Africa Networking Group – a prelude to Chapter status. With more than 15 years' experience in Corporate Real Estate, Ewout has worked for several international companies in locations around the world and relocated to Dubai in 2021 where he now resides with his family who are taking advantage of the many wonderful opportunities Dubai has to offer!

[Ewout Holst | LinkedIn](#)



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