



Monthly Newsletter | November 2025

Dear Members & Friends,

The CoreNet Global Middle East Chapter is buzzing with activity!

Earlier this month, we hosted a special **Sponsor Appreciation** event at **Jones the Grocer**, featuring an interactive cooking class. It was a delightful evening filled with fun moments and great conversations with those who could join us. As always, we deeply appreciate our sponsors - their support makes these events possible.

We were also thrilled to finally hold our postponed session with **Key Kawamura**, Partner and CEO of **Studio Banana**, the Switzerland-based design firm behind innovative spaces for renowned brands like Audemars Piguet. It was an inspiring event packed with valuable insights and learning.

We also convened for the Chapter's **Board Strategy Meeting** last week where reviewed priorities and board composition for 2026 and beyond. Your feedback is always welcome - please feel free to share your thoughts with us.

As we close this month, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our members and pre-members for your continued support and engagement with CoreNet Global. Together, we are building a stronger community.

Savas Cizmeci
Chapter Chair



Upcoming Events

TBA December 2025
Building Tour
Dubai
[Registration Coming Soon](#)

3 December 2025
India Conference
Bengaluru
[Register](#)

22 January 2026
Chapter Social - Bowling
Brass Monkey Bluewaters
Dubai
[Save the Date](#)

23 January 2026
End-User Roundtable
Dubai
[Email your interest](#)

3-5 March 2026
Asia Pac Summit
Kuala Lumpur
[Register](#)

Event Spotlight

Exclusive Building Tour Alert!

We will shortly announce a special December **building tour** opportunity. Join us for an exclusive look inside a prestigious financial services tower, located right in the city's key business district. The session will include an overview of the latest development followed by a tour of the workspace's key areas. More information and registration details coming soon!

Chapter Board & Sponsors
A Fun Night at Jones the Grocer

Earlier this month, the Chapter held its annual Sponsor Appreciation event, inviting our valued sponsors to test their culinary skills at a mystery cooking class held at Jones the Grocer in Dubai. Sponsor representatives were joined by members of the Chapter Board for a fun, hands-on evening of cooking, networking, and tasting the delicious results. See the highlights [here](#).





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WORKER WELLBEING

The Chapter invites you to help shape their comprehensive 2026 learning agenda! As the CRE landscape evolves, we seek innovative content to inspire and educate members. Share your expertise with industry leaders. We are interested in submissions on: Wellbeing, AI & Technology, Geopolitical Risk, Sustainability, and Finance. Send a synopsis, key takeaways, speaker info, and preferred location (UAE/KSA/Both) by **Friday, 9 January 2026**.

Not Too Late to Join : A QPCR programme is now underway! A new Qualified Professional of Corporate Real Estate (QPCR) group has just launched, and there's still time to enroll. Strengthen your foundational knowledge in corporate real estate and build essential power skills. You will learn directly from industry leaders, gaining the expertise needed to significantly grow your career. This is a crucial opportunity you won't want to miss. Enroll today!

Enjoy a free class: Workplace Trends: Navigating the changing nature of work. Join two industry leaders for valuable insights into the evolving workplace. **Theresa Broderick**, Senior Director, EY Pathenon and **Lisa McGregor**, Global Lead, Jacobs will take a fresh look at how employee wellbeing, workplace design, and organisational needs are currently evolving worldwide. Access this complimentary session now to stay ahead of the curve.

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Sponsor Spotlight



We are delighted to announce the **continuation of our partnership with JLL!** JLL holds a special place in our history as our very first Chapter sponsor. Since the beginning, they have been instrumental in helping to fund the initiatives that have allowed the Chapter to grow and develop over the years. For those unfamiliar with JLL, they are a global leader in real estate services, investment management, and property management. We look forward to another year of successful collaboration.

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



We're thrilled to welcome **Alan Monkhouse** to our Chapter! Alan is an innovative leader with over 15 years of experience developing built environment solutions throughout the Middle East, Africa, and Europe. Having spent the last three years co-founding a successful startup in Dubai, Alan is now returning to the CRE space, bringing a fresh perspective rooted in sustainability and wellness. Previously a key member of the CBRE GWS team across EMEA, Alan is known for major achievements, including leading the CRE services for a client's global digital campus build in Greece and a hardscape project for the Shebara Hotel (RSG) that earned a feature in TIME magazine. We look forward to supporting Alan as he expands his knowledge and network. [LinkedIn](#)



We are thrilled to welcome our new member, **Alice Inigo Jones**! Alice is the Senior Business Development and Client Relationship Manager at Dutco Interiors. Alice's career spans over 13 successful years in the highly competitive fit-out industry, with experience gained in Australia, the UK and the UAE. Before joining Dutco as a Senior Business Development Manager, Alice demonstrated her entrepreneurial spirit by establishing and running her own design-and-build company back in Australia. This unique blend of experience gives her a deep understanding of the industry. Outside of work, Alice is passionately interested in travel, art and architecture. Welcome aboard, Alice! We look forward to meeting with you. [LinkedIn](#)

We want your ideas! Help us make the Middle East Chapter the best it can be. Email us your suggestions today.

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