CoreNet Global | Middle East Chapter



Monthly Newsletter | October 2026

Dear Members & Friends,

October reminded us that plans sometimes need to change. Many of us were looking forward to getting together in Riyadh, but unfortunately we had to cancel the event. As disappointing as that was, the safety of our members, speakers and guests will always come first. We look forward to being back in Saudi Arabia soon.

There is also plenty of good news. We have listened to your feedback and are adding more value to your membership. Members will now receive **three complimentary guest invitations** each year, giving you the opportunity to introduce someone from our industry to your CoreNet community. One guest per event, subject to availability. More details will follow shortly.

We are also putting greater focus on the next generation. **Student membership is free**, and we will be working more closely with universities to introduce students to corporate real estate and our community. I'm delighted that **Heather Portingale** from Teknion will lead this effort as our University Liaison.

Our Young Leaders are building momentum too, with their first event at Five Iron Golf last week.

November brings more opportunities to meet, learn and connect, with more new ideas already taking shape.

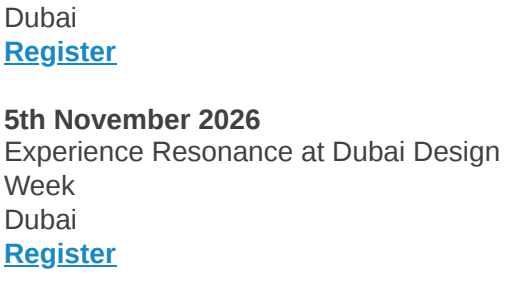
We've been listening, and there is much more to come. Watch this space. We want you on the ride.

Stay curious. Stay connected.

Samer Mahdi
Chapter Chair



Event Spotlight



Indoor Air Quality & the WELL Building Standard

Join us on **Thursday 29 October** for a session with **Henry Ng**, Regional Director EMEA at Kaiterra. Explore how indoor air quality drives health, productivity, and asset value. Learn how the WELL v2 Air concept shapes certification, compare continuous monitoring against performance testing to maximise WELL points, and translate environmental data into actionable strategies for corporate real estate. **Register!**

Upcoming Events

29th October 2026
Indoor Air Quality & the WELL Building Standard
Dubai
Register

5th November 2026
Experience Resonance at Dubai Design Week
Dubai
Register

18 November 2026
What's Next for Commercial Real Estate?
Dubai (Joint event with the RICS)
Save the Date

2 December 2026
India Conference
Bengalaru
Register

15 December 2026
Savills Market Update & Expo City Master Plan
Dubai
Save the Date

2-4 March 2026
Asia Pac Summit
Hong Kong
Register

New Member Spotlight

We are thrilled to welcome **Bora Ersen** to our community! With over 25 years of global experience in architecture and corporate workplace design, Bora is the Founder & CEO of Atlasera Architecture & Interiors, operating between Dubai and Istanbul. He also represents Diem UAE, driving regional expansion and strategic partnerships. Combining deep design expertise with hands-on project delivery, Bora is passionate about the

future of modern office environments and workplace evolution. Please join us in giving Bora a warm welcome! [Bora Erşen | LinkedIn]



EMEA VIRTUAL

Join our inaugural members-only **EMEA Virtual Chapter Webinar** Panel Session on **26th November 2026** ***Navigating Rebound, Shift & Transformation*****.** Facilitated by Tom Carroll, Head of Research, Sectors & Geos at JLL, and joined by prominent regional occupier leaders, it will explore critical corporate real estate market trends and strategic outlooks heading into 2027.

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YOUNG LEADERS

Ready to accelerate your career? Join the Middle East Young Leaders community and shape the future of CRE alongside ambitious peers. Gain access to collaborative learning, mentorship, and dynamic networking - with an exciting lineup of events and drop-in sessions planned for 2027. Don't miss out - reach out to our team today to get involved!

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Sponsorship Spotlight



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Interested? Learn more about the benefits of partnering with the Middle East Chapter and elevate your brand within the corporate real estate community. Send us an email to request a prospectus.



Young Leaders & Step Up

The wait was worth it!

CoreNet Global Middle East Young Leaders & Step Up members kicked off their return with an unforgettable evening at **Five Iron Golf Dubai**. From multi-sport simulator challenges to high-energy networking, it was incredible to bring our young professional community back together after a hiatus. Proof that some of the best industry connections happen on and off the course! Special thanks to Five Iron Golf UAE for hosting us, and to everyone who helped us celebrate this long-awaited gathering. **Keep an eye out for what's coming next!**

Have an idea? We'd love to hear it.

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