



Monthly Newsletter | January 2026

Dear Members & Friends,

**Happy New Year!** I hope you are feeling rested after the holidays and ready for an impactful year ahead.

The Chapter has started as it means to go on in 2026, with three premier events already open for registration.

Our **Annual Social** moves to **Brass Monkey Bluewaters** this year for a night of bowling, dining, and games. This event is historically popular; with only a handful of spaces remaining, we encourage you to book immediately to avoid disappointment.

For our corporate occupiers, **Google** is hosting our first **End-User Roundtable** at their Dubai Internet City headquarters. This session has seen incredible demand, and with only **two spaces left**, this is the final call for members and non-members to join the conversation on CRE's internal branding and influence.

We are also proud to announce our first 2026 event in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. On **3 February**, our Platinum sponsor, **Diriyah Company**, will host a deep dive into the **Future of Riyadh's Workspace**. This highly anticipated forum features an expert panel from **ROSHN, Diriyah Company, CBRE, EY, and The Executive Centre**, alongside an exclusive overview of the **Diriyah Master Plan**.

Make plans now to join us for these events and the full slate of activities we have planned for the year!

**Savas Cizmeci**  
Chapter Chair



Upcoming Events

**22 January 2026**  
Chapter Social - Bowling  
Brass Monkey Bluewaters  
Dubai  
[Registration Sold Out](#)

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

**3 February 2026**  
The Future of Riyadh's Workspace  
Riyadh, KSA  
[Register](#)

**12 February 2026**  
Masdar City Podium Site Tour  
Abu Dhabi  
[Save The Date](#)

Event Spotlight

Exploring the Future of KSA's Workspace

Join us in **Riyadh** on **Tuesday, 3 February**, for an exploration of the KSA office sector. Hosted by **Diriyah**, this session features an exclusive master plan overview and expert panel moderated by John Harris of **ROSHN**. Discover insights on 18-hour districts, premium amenities, and the ROI of public transit. Our specialists from **CBRE, EY Global Consulting, Diriyah, and The Executive Centre** will analyse supply trends and market cycles. Stay ahead of the KSA real estate landscape at this essential networking event. Register now to secure your spot.  
[Register](#)



A Sustainable Tech Workplace for the Future in Redmond

Since Microsoft established its headquarters in Redmond, Washington, in 1986, the company's campus has grown from four buildings to more than 100. The East Campus Modernization Project is the latest addition: occupying 72 acres (29 ha) of the 520-acre (210 ha) site, it replaces several older structures with ones designed to meet the demands of the modern hybrid workplace - and embody the company's commitment to both employee well-being and environmental stewardship. **Read more on the Urban Land Institute's article [here](#).**



#### ATTENTION END USERS

Join our first 2026 **exclusive roundtable** for **CRE end-users** on **Friday, 23 January**, at **Google**, Dubai Internet City. Facilitated by Irina Budnik, Workplace Services Manager at Google, we will explore "Internal Branding: How CRE Reshapes Its Influence." Network with decision-makers, share challenges in a confidential setting, and gain strategic insights. This event is free, but seats are limited. Reserve your spot now by replying to this email!

Register



#### MCR SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the **2026 Trascent Scholarship Program** opened 15 January! In partnership with the CoreNet Global Learning Foundation, Trascent provides funding for prestigious professional designations. Whether you are seeking the **MCR** (5+ years of experience) or the **QPCR** (under 5 years), this programme is designed to elevate future talent and inspire innovation. If you are passionate about CRE, don't miss this opportunity to advance your career.

Learn More



#### 30 DAY FREE TRIAL

Unlock professional growth with a **30-day free trial** of CoreNet Global. Gain exclusive access to a premier network of corporate real estate experts. Engage locally through the Middle East Chapter, spanning from the UAE to Saudi Arabia. Participate in global webinars, access the Knowledge Center, and join regional networking events. It is a perfect opportunity to experience membership benefits firsthand and elevate your career within the CRE industry today.

Join

### Sponsor Spotlight



We are proud to recognise **Summertown Interiors** as a long-standing annual sponsor of the CoreNet Global Middle East Chapter. As one of the UAE's leading sustainable fit-out, design, and build specialists, Summertown has been a cornerstone of our community for years. Their commitment to delivering "LEED Gold" and "WELL" certified interiors aligns perfectly with our Chapter's mission to drive innovation and responsibility in the built environment. Through their consistent support, we are able to provide the high-quality programming and networking opportunities our members expect.

**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 meet **Ellie Phillip**, Regional Sales Manager for UAE & Oman at **The Senator Group**. Ellie brings six years of valuable experience from the Commercial Furniture Industry, with the majority of her career spent serving the UK market, specifically Manchester. Recently, she made the inspiring decision to pursue her professional dream by relocating to Dubai to join The Senator Group. Ellie shared that while the move was challenging, it has been the most rewarding experience. We extend a warm welcome to Ellie and look forward to meeting her at an upcoming event very soon! [Linkedln](#)



We are pleased to welcome **Dylan Happe** to CoreNet Global. As Business Development Manager at **Summertown Interiors**, Dylan drives commercial growth for the region's leading sustainable fit-out specialist. With a background in marketing and customer success, he brings a strategic approach to navigating complex stakeholder environments and delivering value-driven, eco-conscious solutions. Dylan's commitment to long-term partnerships mirrors Summertown's purpose-led culture. Outside the office, he is an avid golfer and a dedicated Arsenal fan. Welcome to the Chapter, Dylan!




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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