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19TH MEIRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AWARDS

Capital Markets in a New Era:

Building Resilience and Unlocking Future Growth

1st & 2nd OCT.2026

- Atlantis The Royal -
- Museum of the Future -
- Dubai Financial Market -

DUBAI

Day One - Full Day

Thursday, 1 October 2026 | Atlantis The Royal, Dubai

08:00 – 09:10

Registration, Networking Breakfast & Exhibition

09:10 – 09:15

19th MEIRA Annual Conference – Opening

SPEAKER **Habiba Basiony**, *Master of Ceremonies*

09:15 – 09:25

Capital Markets in a New Era: The Questions Shaping 2026 and Beyond

- Welcome to the 19th MEIRA Annual Conference & Awards and perspectives on a year of significant change for the region's capital markets
- The evolving role of investor relations and the importance of strong, trusted connections between companies and the investment community
- Setting the scene for the conversations, perspectives and ideas that will shape MEIRA 2026

SPEAKERS

Andrew Tarbuck, *Chair, MEIRA*

Reza Eftekhari, *Chief Executive Officer, MEIRA*

09:25 – 09:45

Regulating the Future: Innovation, Integration and Trust in UAE Capital Markets

- The evolution of the UAE's capital markets and the regulatory priorities shaping their next phase of growth
- Enabling innovation while strengthening investor confidence, market integrity and trust
- Building a more connected, competitive and globally attractive UAE capital markets ecosystem

SPEAKERS

H.E. Waleed Saeed Al Awadhi, *Chief Executive Officer, UAE Capital Market Authority*

MODERATOR **Andrew Tarbuck**, *Chair, MEIRA*

09:50 – 09:55

Leadership Keynote

SPEAKER **Fatema Mohamed Al Nuaimi**, *Chief Executive Officer, ADNOC Gas*

09:55 – 10:10

The Global Economic Outlook: What Lies Ahead

SPEAKER **Rajeev Sibal**, *Managing Director, Senior Global Economist, Morgan Stanley*

10:10 – 10:40

The Great Repricing: Navigating the Global Economic Landscape

- The forces reshaping the global economy and investment landscape — from interest rates and geopolitics to technology and shifting patterns of growth
- How investors are reassessing risk, opportunity and asset allocation in a rapidly changing world
- What the changing global landscape means for capital flows, valuations and investor sentiment across the Middle East

SPEAKERS

Rajeev Sibal, *Managing Director, Senior Global Economist*, Morgan Stanley

Dr. Edward Geall, *AVP, Investment Strategist*, State Street

Ehsan Khoman, *Director, Macro Strategist*, BlackRock

Moderator Amer Halawi, *Head of Research*, Al Ramz

10:40 – 11:10 Networking Break & Exhibition

11:10 – 11:45

Leading Through Uncertainty: The C-Suite Agenda for Growth, Resilience & Value Creation

- How leadership teams are navigating growth and capital allocation in an increasingly complex and uncertain environment returns
- Balancing investment and growth with financial resilience, operational performance and sustainable shareholder
- Communicating priorities, managing risk and building long-term investor confidence

SPEAKERS

Youssef Salem, *Chief Financial Officer*, ADNOC Drilling

Dr. Christoph Berentzen, *Chief Financial Officer*, TECOM Group

Khalid Al Qassabi, *Chief Financial Officer*, OQ Exploration & Production

Mazin Khan, *Chief Financial Officer*, Masdar

Moderator Reza Eftekhari, *Chief Executive Officer*, MEIRA

11:45 – 12:20

Inside the Investor Mind: What Drives Allocation Decisions Today?

- What drives investment conviction today — from earnings quality, cash generation and returns to governance, liquidity and dividends
- How global investors assess GCC companies and markets against opportunities across developed and emerging markets
- What investors expect from management and IR — from access and disclosure to guidance, engagement and building long-term conviction

SPEAKERS

Rami Sidani, *Head of Frontier Investments*, Schroders

Salah Shamma, *Portfolio Manager & Head of Investment*, MENA Equities, Franklin Templeton

Gus Chehayeb, *Founding Partner & Chief Investment Officer*, Sancta Capital

Moderator Ilhame Aidi, *Head of MENA Equity Sales*, Morgan Stanley

12:20 – 12:50

Markets in Transition: The Evolution of Regional Capital Markets

- How regional exchanges are evolving to deepen markets, attract capital and broaden investor participation
- The next phase of market development — from new products and greater access to technology and innovation
- How MENA capital markets can strengthen their global relevance, competitiveness and connectivity as the region continues to grow

SPEAKERS

Hamed Ali, *Chief Executive Officer, Dubai Financial Market*

Omar Radwan, *Executive Chairman, Egyptian Stock Exchange*

Haitham Al Salmi, *Chief Executive Officer, Muscat Stock Exchange*

MODERATOR **Simon Hailes**, *Head of Middle East, Edelman Smithfield*

12:55 – 13:00

Morning Closing Remarks

SPEAKER **Habiba Basyony**, *Master of Ceremonies*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch and Networking

14:00 – 14:35

Investor Relations Under Pressure: What Investors Expect in Volatile Markets

- How leading IR teams navigate periods of volatility, uncertainty and rapidly changing investor sentiment
- What investors expect when visibility is limited — from speed and transparency to consistency, judgement and credibility
- How companies approach guidance, disclosure and investor engagement while maintaining confidence in the long-term investment case

SPEAKERS

Peter Hutton, *Senior Vice President, Investor Relations, Saudi Aramco*

Tatiana Volochkovich, *Vice President, Investor Relations, ADNOC Group*

Ahmed Al Baraami, *Chief Financial Officer, OQ Base Industries*

Dalal AlDousari, *Deputy General Manager - Investor Relations, Gulf Bank*

MODERATOR **Sam Ryan Siahpolo**, *Partner, Head of IR, IP Excellera*

14:35 – 15:10

Beyond Equity: Financing Growth in Global Capital Markets

- How leading companies are approaching funding and global capital markets to support growth, investment and long-term strategic ambitions
- What debt investors and rating agencies look for — from financial resilience and capital allocation to liquidity and funding discipline
- Building an integrated approach to debt and equity investor relations that strengthens market confidence and supports long-term access to capital

SPEAKERS

Redwan Ahmed, *Group Senior Vice President, Investor Relations, DP World*
Abdalla Mohamed Al Musharrek, *Senior Vice President, Treasury and Investor Relations, Mubadala*

Asjad Yahya, *Vice President, Investor Relations, TAQA*

Bruce Johnson, *Director, Corporate Finance and Treasury, Masdar*

Moderator Dhanya Issac, *Managing Director, Head of Capital Markets, Edelman Smithfield*

15:10 – 15:15

Special Announcement

SPEAKERS

Reza Eftekhari, *Chief Executive Officer, MEIRA*

Habiba Basiony, *Master of Ceremonies*

15:15 – 15:30 Afternoon Break

15:30 – 15:50 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The IR Team Just Got Bigger: Owned AI, AI Visibility and the Agentic Future — Euroland

SPEAKER Akshay Coppa, *Co-Founder & CPTO, Euroland*

Translating Climate Science into Financial Impacts: Pricing Risk Across Public Market Portfolios — S&P Global

SPEAKER Prerna Divecha, *Global Head of Market Development for ESG & Climate Credit Risk, S&P Global Energy*

16:00 – 16:20 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

From Data to Disclosure: Building a Smarter IR Data Journey — Fanda

SPEAKER Andrey Kozhevnikov, *Founder & CEO, Fanda*

Enterprise AI, Ownership Intelligence & Investor Targeting — S&P Global

SPEAKER Andres Vallejo Palacios, *Associate Director, Issuer Solutions, S&P Global Market Intelligence*

16:30 – 16:50 BREAKOUT SESSIONS

The New Capital Equation: Performance, Sustainability and Investor Access — MSCI

SPEAKER Ana María Romero, *Vice President, Sustainable Finance, MSCI*

18:00 – 19:00 Pre-Gala Reception

19:00 - 23:00 Gala Dinner & Awards



meira IR Excellence Awards 2026

Presented during the Gala Dinner Reception & Awards Ceremony,
Thursday, 1 October 2026

This year's Awards programme celebrates excellence in Investor Relations across three distinct areas of recognition:

1. Voted Categories — in Partnership with Extel

Industry-voted awards recognising excellence across a range of IR categories, delivered in partnership with Extel. Nominations will be announced shortly.

2. MEIRA Gold Standard Certification (New)

A new certification concept replacing the previous self-entry awards format, an evolution of the existing programme, as communicated previously to members. The judging panel has been confirmed and the assessment methodology is being finalised; the entry window will open soon.

3. MEIRA IR Champions (New)

A category celebrating individuals who have made an excellent, above-and-beyond contribution to the IR community throughout the year.



Friday, 2 October 2026

MEIRA CONNECT: Following the main Conference and Awards at Atlantis The Royal on Day One, MEIRA Connect takes the Conference beyond the traditional format, with an interactive programme across some of Dubai's most distinctive locations – from the Museum of the Future to Dubai Financial Market and At.mosphere, Burj Khalifa.

The IRO of the Future: A dedicated programme exploring how the role of the IRO is evolving — what AI will transform, what it cannot replace, and the human judgement, influence and leadership skills that will become even more important.

The programme brings together Microsoft's Senior AI Architects, senior IROs and real-world case studies to explore Agentic AI, building credibility, earning C-suite trust, leading through change and responsible AI adoption.

DAY TWO - THE IRO OF THE FUTURE

Friday, 2 October 2026 | Museum of the Future and Dubai Financial Market

LOCATION 1 | MUSEUM OF THE FUTURE (AUDITORIUM)

09:30 – 10:00 Arrival

10:00 – 10:50

MICROSOFT INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP

AI and the Future of Corporate Leadership: How Agentic AI is Reshaping Capital Markets, Investor Relations, and Executive Decision-Making

- The AI Inflection Point
- The Rise of Human-Agent Teams
- AI in Capital Markets and Investor Relations
- From Copilots to Autonomous Agents
- Microsoft's Perspective: Enabling the AI-Operated Enterprise
- Trust, Governance, and Responsible AI
- Leadership Call to Action

SPEAKERS

Godwin Tenzing, *Digital Enterprise AI Architect*, Microsoft

Mai Lootah, *AI Business Solutions Engineer*, Microsoft

10:50 – 11:30

Claude Interactive Workshop with Beacon58

- AI: A Brief History of How Fast We Got Here
- Claude in Action: Hands-on Market Intelligence Briefings, Competitor Research, and Daily Workflows
- Agentic AI Beyond the Marketing Fluff, a Live Conversation with an Agent
- Building an Investor Relations Website and Annual Report Live with AI

SPEAKERS

Holly Joint, *Managing Partner & Co-Founder*, **Beacon58**

Ewan MacLeod, *CTO & CIO, Digital Banking, AI Governance, Risk & Resilience - UK & GCC*, **Beacon58**

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee Break

11:50 – 12:30

IR Leadership Roundtable

SPEAKERS

Roger Tejwani, *Senior Director of Investor Relations*, **Presight**

Marc Hammoud, *VP, Investor Relations*, **AD Ports Group**

Hubert Lafeuille, *Chief Financial Officer*, **Abraj Energy Services**

Abdulwahab Zarah, *Senior Director, Investor Relations*, **SAL**

MODERATOR Reza Eftekhari, *Chief Executive Officer*, **MEIRA**

12:30 – 12:50

AI Governance Conversation

SPEAKERS

Andreas Posavac, *Managing Partner and Founder*, **Embera Partners**

Julian Smith, *Managing Director*, **BRR Media**

Marc Harper, *Chief Technology Officer*, **Lumi Global**

12:50 – 13:00 Closing Remarks

SPEAKER Habiba Basiony, *Master of Ceremonies*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 Transfer to Dubai Financial Market

LOCATION 2 | DUBAI FINANCIAL MARKET (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

14:20 – 15:30 A behind-the-scenes market experience at Dubai Financial Market, including the opportunity to observe the market close and experience one of the region's leading capital markets first-hand.

LOCATION 3 | AT.MOSPHERE, BURJ KHALIFA (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

FROM 16:00 MEIRA 2026 will conclude with an informal reception at At.mosphere — an opportunity to reconnect with fellow delegates and conclude two days of conversations and connections overlooking Dubai.

PRIORITY ACCESS MEIRA members will receive priority access to limited-capacity experiences throughout the programme.



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