



19TH MEIRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AWARDS

Capital Markets in a New Era:

Building Resilience and Unlocking Future Growth

1st & 2nd OCT. 2026

Day One - Full day

Thursday, 1 October 2026 | Atlantis The Royal, Dubai

TIME	SESSION
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

Ibrahim Sultan Al Haddad, Chief Executive Officer, Salik

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

Ehsan Khoman, AVP, Investment Strategist, BlackRock

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

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
- Balancing investment and growth with financial resilience, operational performance and sustainable shareholder returns
- 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 and Head of Investment, MENA Equities, Franklin Templeton

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

Moderator: **Ilhame Aidi**, Executive Director | 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 Basiony, 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 Musharrekh, 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 New Capital Equation: Performance, Sustainability and Investor Access — MSCI

Speaker

Ana Maria Romero, Vice President, Sustainable Finance , MSCI

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

Speaker

Andrey Kozhevnikov, Founder and CEO, Fanda

16:00 – 16:20

Breakout Sessions

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

AI, Ownership Intelligence & Fundamental Targeting in Middle East Capital Markets — S&P Global

Speaker

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

16:30 – 16:50

Breakout Sessions

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

Speaker

Akshay Coppa, Co-Founder & CPTO, Euroland

18:00 – 19:00

Pre-Gala Reception

19:00 – 22:00

Gala Dinner & Awards

MEIRA IR Excellence Awards 2026

Presented during the Gala Dinner Reception and Awards Ceremony, 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.

Day Two | MEIRA Connect - 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.

LOCATION 1 | Museum of the Future (Auditorium)

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 - MEIRA Connect

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

TIME	SESSION
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

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

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

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 selected limited-capacity experiences throughout the programme.