

MEIRA Newsletter - 16 April 2020

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## **MEIRA Newsletter**

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## Weekend reading list

- > INTERVIEW: Global Ventures founder sees investment opportunities in post-COVID-19 world. Arab News Read more
- > Emerging markets to see sharp decline in capital flows due to Covid-19 and low oil prices, IIF says. The National <u>Read more</u>
- > The impact of coronavirus on the U.A.E economy. Yahoo Finance Read more
- > Boursa Kuwait postpones listing of its shares due to coronavirus. The National <u>Read</u> more

## **Publications**

#### Virtual engagement with shareholders (by Lumi and Instinctif Partners)

With the COVID-19 pandemic disrupting every aspect of daily life, issuers across the Middle East are facing restrictions on travel, country-wide curfews and bans on meetings, all of which make hosting an in-person AGM all but impossible. This short guide looks at the most pressing considerations around the Virtual AGM process, and how corporates can make remote shareholder engagement a success.

For more information, contact George.Allen@instinctif.com.

## **MEIRA Updates**



#### **MEIRA Whatsapp Chapters' Groups**

During these times, being connected to the rest of the members in your Chapter is essential. Don't forget that you can join your Chapter group in Whatsapp by sending an email to <u>info@meira.me</u> with your name and mobile phone number.

The main objective of the groups, which are moderated by MEIRA, is to share any information related to IR in each Chapter, including events, news and market updates. The groups also offer our members the possibility to interact with each other and share their thoughts with the rest of the MEIRA community.

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Notes from the GM Greetings all,

We've just enjoyed Easter time and it will soon be Ramadan. After that, we have summer just waiting to bloom. We need that and yet, strange fruit it is that we're facing. Reflection is always a healthy response,

particularly in the times we find ourselves. We should pray for a return to the simple things we miss and consider other ways of looking at all we do and wish to do given it will surely be different. What scenarios are there?

Today, MEIRA's objectives for the coming year still remain to:

1. Bolster our financial position having reported another small surplus in 2019, a good base worth preserving.

2. Continue to grow our membership, the lifeblood of any professional body.

3. Continue to add to our content by developing more bespoke training through each MEIRA Chapter.

4. Celebrate IR success with an inspiring calendar of events - we can still do all this!

Let's keep the faith and keep going as best we can. One of the discussion points at this week's MEIRA Chapter Head conference call was what impact the current situation will eventually have on any growth prospects. The IMF estimates most economies will be 5% smaller, even after an expected recovery in 2021. However, we would be keen to hear from you on the ground given your own experience of the past month and see what you are doing and thinking about, including any feedback for MEIRA - how can your professional

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We'll certainly keep going and let's not forget to all do the essentials well: eat well; get some worthwhile work done in the time we all have; and remember to do some daily exercise. Other than that, all we need is love!

"The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems" - Mahatma Gandhi

Best wishes,

Team MEIRA

## **Events**

#### **MEIRA Calendar of Events**

MEIRA Webinar: TBC April (Online)

MEIRA Annual Conference & Awards Dinner: 23 September (Dubai, UAE)

## Training

#### CIRO programme

The Certified Investor Relations Officer programme, delivered in partnership with the London based UK IR Society, is an internationally recognised qualification in Investor Relations.

#### Read More

#### **CIRO Calendar 2020**

> Abu Dhabi: 9 - 10 - 11 June

> Dubai: November

Register now!

## The Introduction to Investor Relations course

This one-day course provides an introduction to financial markets, Investor Relations and the financial environment in which Investor

### Introduction to IR Calendar 2020

> Abu Dhabi: 9 June



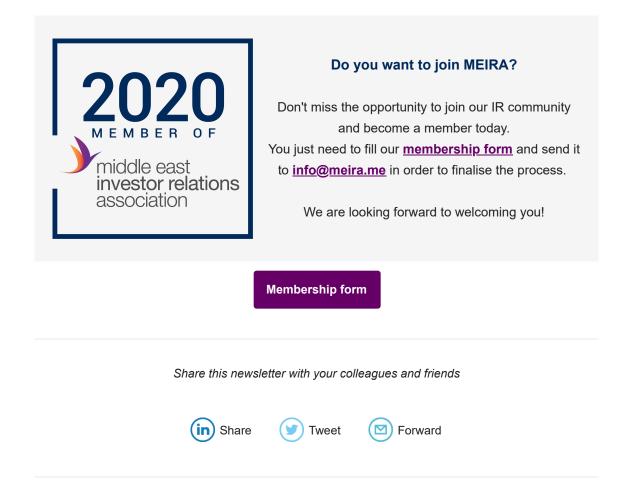
#### Are you looking for a bespoke or in-house training?

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## **Members**

# We are delighted to count on the support of our renewed member (9 - 16 April period):







#### About Middle East Investor Relations Association

The Middle East Investor Relations Association (MEIRA) is an independent non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the Investor Relations (IR) profession and industry standards in corporate governance. The mission of MEIRA is to enhance the reputation, efficiency and attractiveness of the Middle East capital markets.

This involves a commitment to fostering increased dialogue among its members and to encourage them to share and adopt best practice techniques within the field of IR. In partnership with stock exchanges, regulators and other market participants, MEIRA supports companies through its professional development and certification programmes as well as its membership community and network of country chapters.



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