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### Weekend reading list

- > BlackRock is forcing finance to take climate risk seriously. Quartz Read more
- > Interesting times for GCC players in global bond markets. Arab News Read more
- > IR trends 2021. Michael Chojnacki Blog Read more

# **MEIRA Updates**

### Announcement: Iman Abdel Khalek, MEIRA Board Member

We are delighted to announce that **Iman Abdel Khalek**, Head of MENA Debt Capital Markets at Citigroup, has been appointed MEIRA Board Member. In her current role, she advises sovereigns, corporates and financial institutions on access to the international debt capital markets and leads a team of bankers serving clients across the region. Iman's career spans 20 years with Citigroup in various roles. She holds a BA in Business Administration from the American University in Cairo.

Commenting on her appointment, Andrew Tarbuck, MEIRA Chair, said: "Iman's professional experience in the capital markets and her role at Citi will offer MEIRA an invaluable perspective to support all of our Members and Partners. We are honoured to count on her in the MEIRA Board and we are certain that her dedication will contribute enormously to continue growing as the professional body for IR in the Middle East. This



our stakeholders to make MEIRA bigger and better in 2021".



Shiny happy January, IR people!

This week, we are delighted to share the announcement of our latest appointment to the MEIRA Board - a warm MEIRA welcome to Iman Abdel Khalek.

Chair Tarbuck has often spoken of the importance of governance and as part of this, promoting diversity and inclusion in our IR community. It is no coincidence that MEIRA continues to renew its leadership, always an important, if not telling, success factor in our, in any, organisation. After all, we all need to believe in our own words - come on, Joe and Kamala - and how better than in leading by example? Bravo MEIRA!

The year is already well underway. A challenge I have presented to Alicia and the MEIRA Events team is what we can possibly do better and what else we can do to reach out to all of you and draw you into our exciting world of IR. Let's make it real, engaging, mutually beneficial and different as we continue to drive stakeholder value together in 2021 and beyond. Or as our Chair likes to say, to infinity and beyond (or was that someone else?)!

Let's stay strong (get vaccinated, if you can) and let's carry on, MEIRA people, until we meet again.

Best wishes,

Team MEIRA



#### Reminder!

We would like to remind all our MEIRA Saudi members and other issuers that the submission for the 2020 Saudi Capital Markets Awards will close on <u>31 January</u>. Hurry up and visit the <u>Awards website</u> to complete your entry for the <u>Best Investor Relations</u> Program. Do you have questions? Contact us on <u>awards@meira.me</u> and we will be happy to help you.

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### **Investor Relations Sr. Specialist**

Bahri is looking for an IR Sr. Specialist to be based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. To know more about this role and apply, <u>click here</u>.

### **Members**



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Don't miss the opportunity to join our IR community and become a member today.

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We are looking forward to welcoming you!

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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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