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Weekend reading list

MENA IPO Summit discusses ESG awareness ([Zawya](#))

State Street boss says facts 'left aside' in attacks on ESG funds ([Financial Times](#))

To have what it takes in the world of finance ([Arab News](#))

Our predictions for 2023 ([Emperor](#))

MEIRA Updates



Notes from the GM

Gong Xi Fa Cai, as we celebrate the auspicious advent of the water rabbit in the Chinese New Year calendar.

The rabbit is known for its calm disposition and like all good signs, peace and prosperity. Sounds like a promising way to start the year – and throw in a Bruce Lee-like ability to adapt to the shape of water, we are good to go!

(analyst estimates of 4% in our home market and a big 7% in our largest market, for starters in 2022, for example). If we believe the stars are going to be better aligned at some point in 2023, what's not to look forward to, more IPOs for sure, maybe an even bigger double-digit EM weighting, notwithstanding there will always be external factors we cannot control – just think Bruce Lee and be like a water rabbit. Coming up:

1. MEIRA IR Awards webinar, 6 February, featuring Institutional Investor and leading IRO award winners. Join us to answer all the award process questions you ever wanted to ask.
2. SCMA to be announced at the Saudi Capital Markets Forum on 12–13 February.
3. MEIRA IR Roadshow coming to a MEIRA Chapter near you – dates to be confirmed in the week of 12 March. Can't wait to catch up again!

Shout if we can help in any way – the professional development training calendar is on our [website](#). We will continue to bring you all you need to navigate another exciting IR (and ESG) year with MEIRA, your professional body, as we build up to the IR event of the year, **MEIRA 2023: From ESG to sustainable capital markets**, join us for the annual conference on 13 November in Manama City, Bahrain.

Here's to the year of the Wabbit!

Best wishes,

Team MEIRA



Sustainable Square is conducting a survey to gauge the state of **ESG in the GCC**. MEIRA is supporting this initiative and would like to encourage the participation of any IR practitioner in the GCC.

We kindly request that you partake in the survey below, which will take **less than 15 minutes** of your time. Your responses will serve in depicting the current state of the market and will provide insights that help in taking the conversation of sustainability forward.

All company information will remain confidential and individual responses will not be published alongside the company name. Data received from the responses will be converted into aggregates to uncover overarching trends.

[Participate here](#)

Events

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from ESG to
Sustainable
Capital Markets

We are already getting ready for the biggest IR event of the year in the Middle East!

Hosted by Bahrain Bourse, this year's conference will also celebrate MEIRA's 15-year anniversary.

MEIRA Events Calendar 2023



IR Awards webinar



DFM ESG Awareness Workshop



Saudi Capital Markets Awards 2022



S&P Global Market Intelligence Dubai Conference
Keeping Pace. Seeking Opportunities



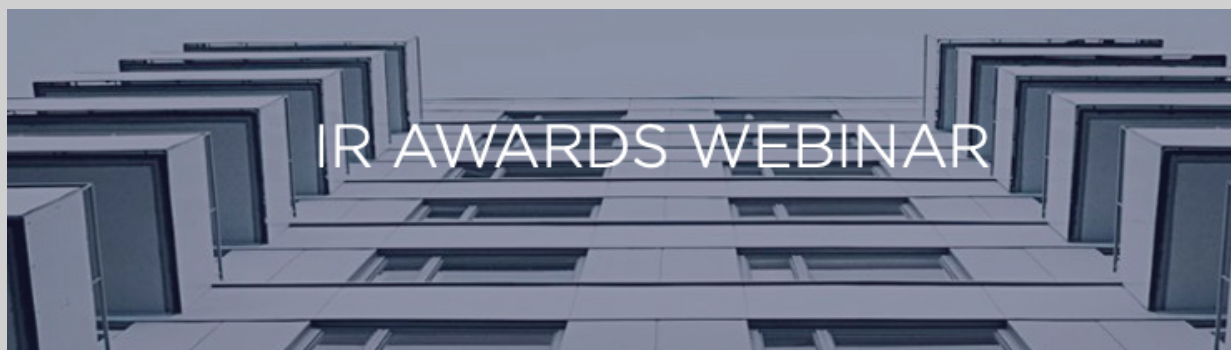
CIRO Bootcamp / Intro to IR



MEIRA roadshow in GCC



Integrating ESG / Sustainability into IR

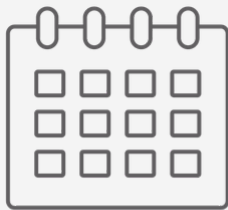


Want to win an IR award, coming soon, a webinar to address all you ever wanted to know!

MEIRA Awards calendar. Join us on 6 February at 1–2 pm (UAE time) to hear from experts and past winners – how do you begin your own process of continuous improvement and how do you prepare to compete among your IR peers?

[Registration](#)

Professional Development

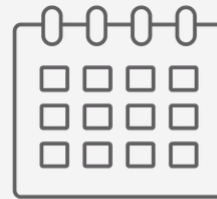


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March

Integrating ESG into IR

Do you want to understand ESG from an IR perspective? Join this 4-hour online training course to learn the principles of ESG and sustainability reporting.

[Learn More](#)



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CIRO Bootcamp

Do you want to get certified as an IRO? Register for the 1-day online bootcamp to get ready for your CIRO exam. We will review the content and share some useful tips too.

[Learn More](#)



Head of IR / IR Director

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