

#### 20 February

## Weekend reading list

Emerging economies face 'triple threat' with high debt, says IMF chief (The National)

UAE national economy to grow from 5% to 6% in 2025: Minister (<u>Gulf Today</u>)
A pared-back CSRD might sound good, but ESG-minded investors won't be happy (<u>IR Magazine</u>)

## **Publications**



Boursa Kuwait launched its Investor Relations (IR) Best Practices Guide, a valuable resource to equip listed companies with the essential knowledge and strategies to foster effective communications, enhance corporate governance, and strengthen engagement between listed companies and key stakeholders, including investors, analysts, and regulatory bodies.

Developed in **collaboration with MEIRA**, the guide reinforces the exchange's commitment to elevating IR standards in the Kuwaiti capital market and aligning

### **Events**

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#### **MEIRA collaborates in Saudi Tadawul Group's 2024 SCMF Awards**

We are thrilled to announce our involvement in the prestigious **2024 Saudi Capital Market Forum (SCMF) Awards**, organised by the **Saudi Tadawul Group**. This esteemed event celebrates exceptional accomplishments in Investor Relations and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices.

Our KSA Chair, Rayan Ibrahim Al-Karawi, expressed his enthusiasm:

"It is our pleasure to collaborate with the Saudi Tadawul Group in fostering excellence in investor relations and sustainability through these awards. The increasing sophistication of applicants underscores the market's dedication to enhancing transparency, competitiveness, and sustainable growth, aligning perfectly with Vision 2030."

The awards showcase the remarkable progress being made in Saudi Arabia's capital markets. We extend our warmest congratulations to all winners and finalists for their remarkable achievements.



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## **MEIRA Updates**



#### 2025 MEIRA IR Best Practice Awards - Voting is Now Open!

The polling for the 2025 MEIRA IR Best Practice Awards has officially started! This annual event recognises the best investor relations (IR) programmes and professionals in the Middle East, including top CEOs and CFOs, based on the highly regarded Developed Europe and Emerging EMEA Executive Team Survey by Extel.

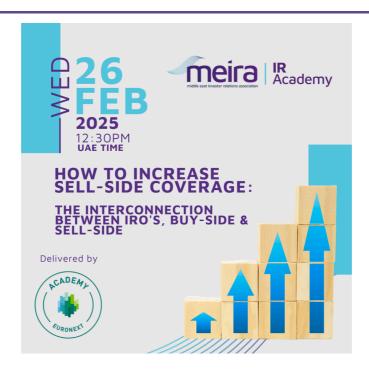
Here's what makes this process special:

- **Completely Open Voting:** There's no preselected list. Voters can nominate any company or IR professional they believe excels, ensuring a broad and democratic selection.
- **Comprehensive Evaluation:** Results are based on over 20 performance metrics and the number of votes, creating a balanced assessment of IR effectiveness and impact.

- Corporate Insights Survey:
  - o Confirm your contact details **HERE**.
  - Share insights about your IR practices, budgets, ESG, AI, and market interactions <u>HERE</u>.
  - Submit your Buy-side and Sell-side contact lists to boost participation
     HERE
- Buy- and Sell-Side Survey: Runs from January 20 to February 21.

**Issuers can actively promote the survey** to their Buy- and Sell-side contacts to increase participation and ensure their efforts are recognized by key stakeholders. This is a unique opportunity to amplify your company's visibility and strengthen engagement with the investment community.

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We provide tailored, forward-thinking strategies that empower businesses to navigate complex markets, achieve sustainable growth, and align with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030.

As part of our commitment to delivering comprehensive, high-impact advisory services, we have forged a strategic partnership with Mekyal Financial Technologies. This collaboration allows us to offer integrated Investor Relations (IR) and Financial Advisory Services, combining our expertise in communication and governance with Mekyal's financial advisory and deep market insights. Together, we help businesses enhance investor confidence, optimize financial performance, and navigate evolving capital markets with clarity and precision.

At Elevare 360, we take a holistic approach that merges corporate storytelling with advanced technology and robust governance practices. Our commitment to integrity, markets.

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Mekyal Financial Technologies is a pioneering, Saudi-based FinTech investment bank, licensed by the Capital Market Authority (CMA) to offer innovative financial solutions that empower businesses across Saudi Arabia and the Middle East. With a robust suite

of services spanning IPO preparation, capital raising, Sukuk issuance, and strategic advisory, Mekyal has become a trusted partner for companies seeking to unlock growth, secure financing, and access public markets.

Mekyal has partnered with Elevare360, a Saudi-born financial communications and investor relations advisory, to deliver a holistic, one-stop-shop for companies navigating the IPO process. As Elevare360's dedicated IR partner, Mekyal brings decades of capital market expertise, cutting-edge technology, and a proven track record of successful fundraising and market entry.

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