



NEWSLETTER

Your weekly IR publication

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WEEKEND READING LIST

- Risks to the equity markets are tailwinds to infrastructure ([Institutional Investor](#))
- GCC economy set for 4% growth in 2025 amid global uncertainty: ICAEW ([Arabian Business](#))
- GCC banking sector set for strong performance in 2025 ([EY](#))

MEIRA UPDATES



HAITHAM AL SALMI - MEIRA BOARD DIRECTOR

We are profoundly honored to announce the appointment of Haitham Al Salmi as a distinguished new Board Member.

Haitham, the esteemed CEO of Muscat Stock Exchange S.A.O.C (MSX) and Chairman of Muscat Clearing and Depository Company, brings an unparalleled depth of over 22 years in executive leadership within the capital markets and securities industry. His influential roles extend to

His visionary leadership and profound expertise are vital assets that will undoubtedly propel MEIRA towards achieving new milestones in advancing the investor relations profession across the region.

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MIDDLE EAST IR SURVEY

We want to remind our MEIRA members that the "Middle East IR Survey" is open. The initiative is designed to **capture key insights** on IR practices, investor engagement, remuneration, and budget trends across the region.

This survey is **exclusively for professionals working in listed companies** and is not open to service providers or buy-side participants.

The survey takes approximately **9 minutes to complete**, and **all responses remain completely anonymous**. Your input will help provide valuable benchmarks and contribute to the development of best practices in the evolving IR landscape.

[Take the survey](#)

ASK THE EXPERTS



MEIRA is pleased to launch **Ask the Experts**, a new initiative designed to enhance knowledge exchange within our community. Readers can now submit questions on any topic related to investor relations, market trends, corporate governance, and beyond. We will identify **the right expert from our network** to provide a comprehensive response, which will be featured in this newsletter.

This initiative aims to facilitate **meaningful discussions, share expertise**, and support the professional development of our members. Submit your questions and be part of the conversation.

[Ask the experts](#)

EVENTS



MEIRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025 - EARLY BIRD

Don't miss this opportunity to position your brand at the region's leading capital markets event. Secure your sponsorship before the deadline and maximise your visibility.

Contact us today to reserve your place.

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MEIRA CHAPTER EVENTS

After the Eid break, MEIRA members have **a full agenda of chapter meetings across the region**, offering valuable opportunities to connect, exchange insights, and stay ahead of key industry developments. With a range of discussions and networking sessions planned, we encourage all members to participate and make the most of these gatherings.

Tuesday, April 8 | Dubai Evening ([Info](#))

Tuesday, April 22 | Dubai ([Info](#))

Monday, April 14 | Doha ([Info](#))

Wednesday, April 23 | Kuwait ([Info](#))

Tuesday, April 15 | Riyadh ([Info](#))

Monday, May 5 | Jeddah ([Info](#))

Monday, April 21 | Abu Dhabi ([Info](#))

Monday, May 19 | Manama ([Info](#))

Speakers and detailed agendas will be available soon on our online event calendar.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MEIRA offers a comprehensive calendar of professional development courses and webinars throughout the year.

Take a look at our upcoming courses and check our full-year calendar on our website.

Thursday, March 19 | 2025 geopolitical outlook: Navigating conflicts and trade Wars ([Link](#))

Tuesday, April 15 | CIRO Online Revision Course ([Link](#))

Wed., March 26 | Investment approach & challenges for GCC Corporates ([Link](#))

Wed., April 16 | Double materiality: How European standards are changing the landscape of sustainability reporting in the ME ([Link](#))

Wed., April 9 | Crafting a compelling equity story & impactful investor presentation ([Link](#))

Thursday, April 17 | Financed emissions & sustainable finance as value driver ([Link](#))

NEW MEMBERS



Masraf Al Rayan is a Qatar-based Islamic bank providing banking, financial, investment, and brokerage services across Qatar. The bank was incorporated in January 2006 and is licensed by Qatar Central Bank. Masraf Al Rayan is the second-largest bank in Qatar by market value.

Alrayan Bank, formerly known as Masraf Al Rayan, is a Qatar-based Islamic bank that leads the way in digital banking. Formed through the merger of Gulf Commercial Bank "Khaliji" and Al Rayan Bank, Alrayan Bank stands as the country's second-largest Sharia-compliant institution, boasting QAR 182 billion in assets. Our commitment to innovation and seamless digital services positions us at the forefront of Qatar's financial landscape.

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