



# NEWSLETTER

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## WEEKEND READING LIST

- IMF raises Saudi growth forecast to 4% for 2025 and 2026 ([Arab News](#))
- Global IPO market surges amid rising investor confidence in Q3 2025 ([EY](#))
- Enhancing valuation: optimising your equity story for the right investors ([IR Impact](#))

## PUBLICATIONS



### as a valuation catalyst

At the 2025 MEIRA Annual Conference, InspiR Connect led an in-depth workshop presenting highlights from a **proprietary survey of North American institutional investors**, representing over US\$900 billion in AUM. The findings offered timely insights into how global investors perceive GCC opportunities and what's needed to increase exposure.

Among the key takeaways:

- Governance standards, management access, and disclosure practices continue to shape investor readiness.
- Interest remains concentrated in UAE and Saudi Arabia, though broader regional interest is emerging.
- Many investors see a compelling long-term story, but emphasized the need for stronger engagement and visibility.

[Download the presentation here](#)



### Saudi Arabia on gradual path to close GEM fund gap with regional leader UAE

Iridium's GCC Fund Insights covers actively managed GEM funds with over \$435 billion in assets.

Key takeaways from September 2025:

- GEM funds positioning: Saudi Arabia increased to 60% of GEM funds invested (+1ppt MoM) while the UAE remained the most widely held market at 63%.

- Fund ownership: Emaar (37%) retained the highest GEM fund ownership. Al Rajhi Bank (27%, +2ppt) and Mobily (18%, +1ppt) rose, while ADIB joined the top ownership list at 18%.

[Read the full report here](#)

## EVENTS



### Share your feedback: MEIRA 2025 Annual Conference in Muscat

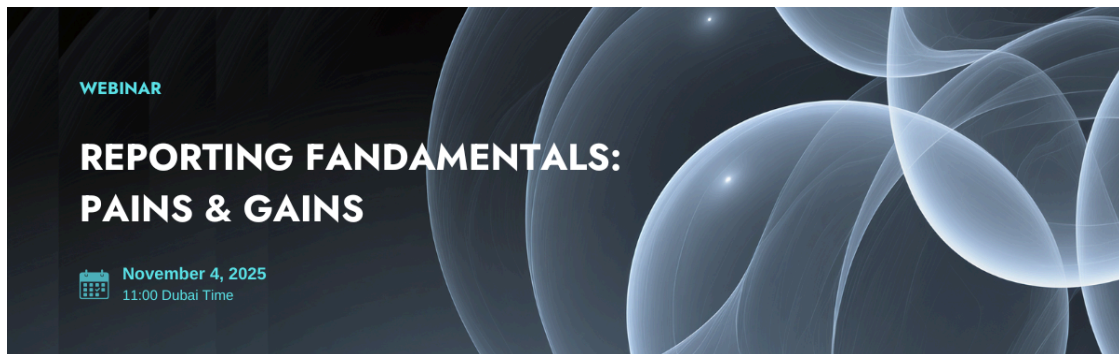
We hope you enjoyed the MEIRA 2025 Annual Conference in Muscat!

Your thoughts truly matter—our quick survey takes **less than four minutes** and **closes today**. Click below to share your feedback and help us shape future MEIRA events.

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### Wednesday, November 19 | MEIRA Kuwait Chapter Meeting - in partnership with Boursa Kuwait

This exclusive event will bring together regional IR professionals and market experts for an afternoon of strategic insights and practical learning. It offers a unique opportunity to connect with industry experts, network with peers, and stay updated on the latest Investor Relations trends.



### Fanda - Webinar: Reporting Fundamentals: Pains & Gains. Full Edition

During this webinar, you will learn how to overcome reporting pain points with practical solutions that drive clarity, consistency, and confidence. We will also explore key regional trends — from the rise of new issuers and ESG mandates to digital reporting and AI — helping you position your organization for market leadership across the MENA region.

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## 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.

**Wednesday, October 22** | Stand out with a truly outstanding earnings announcement ([Link](#))

**Wednesday, November 5** | ESG & Equity Story. The future of ESG reporting: trends, challenges, and opportunities for Investor Relations ([Link](#))

**Wednesday, November 12** | Strategic carbon accounting and decarbonization: Enhancing value for listed companies in the Middle East ([Link](#))

**Thursday, November 13** | IR in Metals & Mining ([Link](#))

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