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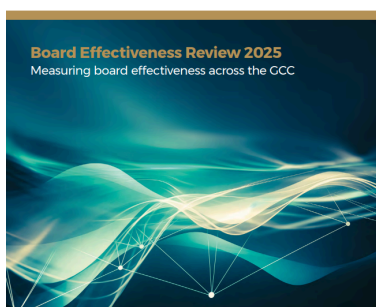
WEEKEND READING LIST

- GCC growth accelerates as diversification and trade reshape economic landscape, says PwC ([Arabian Business](#))
- Beyond ambition: Sustainability in the Middle East ([Economy Middle East](#))
- Inviting all investors to the party: How FinTech is gaining influence in the Gulf ([The National](#))

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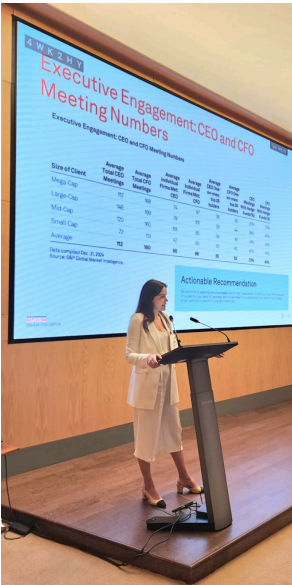
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We are pleased to share the **GCC BDI Board Effectiveness Report 2025**, an authoritative benchmark assessing the performance and maturity of boards across the Gulf Cooperation Council. This latest edition highlights both progress and challenges faced by regional boards amid a rapidly evolving global and geopolitical landscape. Drawing on insights from nearly 200 board members, the report explores key themes including strategic governance, board diversity, AI adoption, and risk management. It offers valuable recommendations to support boards in enhancing their effectiveness and driving sustainable long-term value.

We encourage all members to review this comprehensive analysis to better understand the current governance landscape and future priorities in the region.

EVENTS

MEIRA Kuwait Chapter Meeting





On Wednesday, 19 November, the **MEIRA Kuwait Chapter Meeting** took place in partnership with **Boursa Kuwait**.

This was the **first meeting under the leadership of our new CEO, Reza Eftekhari**. The session featured insightful discussions led by esteemed speakers **John Gollifer** and **Farah Ezzo**, focusing on the evolution of foreign investor ownership in Kuwait and the GCC, data-driven investor targeting, and the role of index inclusion in positioning Kuwait as a competitive destination for global capital.



Abu Dhabi Finance Week 2025, held under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, stands out as the region's premier financial gathering and a focal point for global capital markets professionals.

Over four days, distinguished leaders from across the world will convene in Abu Dhabi to explore the evolution of the Falcon Economy and discuss strategies shaping the future of international investment and finance. With more than 20,000 participants, 600 speakers and 60 events, this summit promises exceptional insights and networking opportunities at the very heart of the MENA region's flourishing financial sector.

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

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

Take the survey here

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

Take a look at our upcoming MEIRA IR Academy webinars and check our full-year calendar on our [website](#).

A banner for the CIRO Revision - Bootcamp. It features the CIRO logo (Middle East IR Association Certified Investor Relations Officer) and a photo of Sara Shadid, Founder & CEO at Pivot Advisory. The text reads: "REVISION - BOOTCAMP", "Nov. 26, 2025", "10.00 AM - 5.00 PM - GMT+4", and "online". The background is a blue and purple abstract design with wavy lines.

The CIRO Programme, delivered by **MEIRA** is an internationally recognised qualification for Investor Relations professionals. MEIRA's professional development pathway equips IR

The CIRO Programme will be on **26 November, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.**

Why CIRO?

- An international certification that recognises you as a qualified IR practitioner
- A better understanding of the fundamental principles and best practice of investor relations
- The tools and techniques to perform and develop your role within the IR environment

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The **CESG-IR Professional Programme**, delivered by **MEIRA** in partnership with **Middle East Institute of Directors, Sustainable Square & Embera Partners**, equips professionals with practical knowledge and tools to lead a sustainable and well-governed Investor Relations function.

The CESG-IR Professional Programme will be on **27 November, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm GST**

Why CESG-IR?

- Specialised course on ESG from an Investor Relations perspective
- Developed with insights from regional and global IR leaders
- Practical guidance for IR strategy formulation, stakeholder engagement, and disclosure
- Aligned with the global best practices and frameworks such as GRI, SASB, and ISSB
- A course designed to align with internationally recognised professional development standards

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