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Your weekly IR publication

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WEEKEND READING LIST

- Five GCC economic themes to watch in 2026 ([PwC](#))
- Responsible AI adoption in IR: from intimidation to impact ([IR Impact](#))
- Why biotech investment is the next strategic move for emerging markets ([Arab News](#))

MEIRA UPDATES



Saudi Arabia's Capital Market Authority has announced that the Saudi capital market **will be opened to all categories of foreign investors as of 1 February 2026**, removing the previous Qualified Foreign Investor (QFI) framework and the use of swaps as the main access route.

This important regulatory development is expected to broaden international participation in the Saudi market and further support the growth and depth of the region's capital markets.

To know more, click below.

CAREERS



MEIRA is seeking an experienced **Events & Partnerships professional** to lead its flagship Conference, awards and regional chapter events, while developing and managing strategic partnerships across the region. The successful candidate will oversee the full events lifecycle, work closely with senior stakeholders and sponsors, and contribute to shaping the future of IR best practice in the Middle East.

If you are based in Dubai, have a strong track record in events across the GCC and are ready for your next challenge, please send your CV and a short cover note to careers@meira.me.

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EVENTS

Inside the Extel EMEA Awards: Methodology, Insights, and Best Practices



To support MEIRA members in making the most of Extek EMEA Awards initiative, we will host a member-only webinar with Extel to walk through the survey methodology, participation process and how the results can be used for benchmarking and IR planning.

Webinar details:

- **Date:** 12th January
- **Time:** From 12:30 to 13:15
- **Format:** This 45-minutes webinar will be delivered exclusively online through the MEIRA platform, allowing participants to join virtually from anywhere.

executives (CEO and CFO level).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the MEIRA team at: info@meira.me

Register here

The banner features a black background with white text and graphics. On the left, the text reads: "2026 Europe & Emerging EMEA Corporate Insights Survey", "Polling: 1st Dec - 13th February", and "Verify your company details and vote for buy /sell side here". On the right, there is a stylized bar chart with five bars of varying heights, and the "extel" logo in the top right corner.

MEIRA is pleased to share an invitation from Extel to participate in the 2026 Developed Europe & Emerging EMEA Executive Team – Corporate Insights Survey and Corporate Roster. This initiative gathers detailed input from corporate IR teams across the region to inform an independent best practice insights and trends report, with results to be published in June 2026.

Corporate issuers can register or log in free of charge on the Extel platform to take part in the survey and update their corporate roster. Participation offers MEIRA members an opportunity to benchmark their IR practices, contribute to the regional dialogue and, upon completion of both the Corporate Insights Survey and Roster, gain access to top 3 and range results once they are released.

Participate here

Key survey information

- Corporate Insights Survey period: **1 December – 13 February**
- Eligibility: **One response per company** from the IR team

What corporates can do:

- **Confirm here** and update IR contact details to ensure accurate voting allocation
- **Share insights here** on IR practices, processes and structures, including IR budgets, ESG, AI and market interactions
- **Vote for buy-side and sell-side** across a range of categories
- Increase participation by **submitting lists of top buy-side contacts here**

MEIRA members to circulate this opportunity within their IR teams and wider corporate networks for the duration of the survey period.



MEIRA partners with Arqaam on Professional IR Bootcamp

MEIRA is proud to partner with Arqaam on the new **Professional Investor Relations Bootcamp**, an advanced training programme designed to upskill IR professionals at Saudi-listed companies and strengthen financial communication across the Saudi market.

The bootcamp focuses on enhancing disclosure reliability and supporting IR teams in communicating results effectively, in line with the requirements of the Capital Market Authority (CMA), Tadawul and the objectives of the Financial Sector Development Program under Vision 2030.

Through this partnership, we support a high-quality, practice-oriented curriculum that covers international investor targeting, the latest technologies in investor communications, post-earnings engagement, financial disclosure drafting and ESG and governance standards, complemented by practical exercises and simulations.

If you would like to explore participation for your IR team, please visit: events.argaam.com



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