



# NEWSLETTER

Your weekly IR publication

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## WEEKEND READING LIST

- GCC, Middle East region poised for next wave of global investments ([Zawya](#))
- Can UAE investors still rush to gold, bonds for safety as volatility becomes new normal? ([Gulf News](#))
- Middle East sovereign rating outlook 2026: Stable through geopolitical and oil price volatility ([S&P Global](#))

## MEIRA UPDATES



### MEIRA Annual IR Report 2026 is now available

We are delighted to announce the launch of the MEIRA Annual IR Report 2026, our flagship publication developed with valuable input from our corporate member community across the Middle East.

remuneration and incentives, team structures and resourcing, IR budgets, investor engagement, ESG disclosure, and the evolving strategic role of IR within senior management and boards. This comprehensive publication reflects the collective experience of MEIRA members and serves as an authoritative benchmark for IR professionals, issuers, and market participants across the region.

The MEIRA Annual IR Report 2026 is now available for download. Complete the short form below to access your copy.

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

[MEIRA Events Calendar](#)

**Our next IR Academy webinar:**



**HOW INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS MAKE INVESTMENT DECISIONS:**  
Mandates, Constraints and Real-World Targeting for IR Teams

**Wednesday, February 11** | How Institutional Investors make Investment Decisions: Mandates, Constraints and Real-World Targeting for IR Teams ([Link](#))

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**Tuesday, February 17** | Storytelling in IR: Crafting Narratives that Influence Valuation ([Link](#))

**Thursday, April 2** | CESG-IR Professional Programme ([Link](#))

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## THE ROLE OF THE ESG FUNCTION IN GULF COMPANIES IN 2026

Trends, Market Insights, and Business Value

Secure your  
spot now

SPEAKER: **Ksenia Lopatkina**  
Director, Sustainability & ESG

EVENT DATE: **17th February, 2026**  
**11 am (GMT+4)**

### Upcoming Webinar: ESG Function in Gulf Companies in 2026

**Fanda** will be hosting an insightful webinar titled ***“ESG Function in Gulf Companies in 2026: Trends, Market Insights, and Business Value”*** on **17 February at 11:00 am (GMT+4)**.

The session will explore how Gulf-based companies are structuring their ESG functions to drive business value and stay ahead of emerging market trends

[Register here](#)

In preparation for the event, Fanda has also launched a short executive survey, ***“ESG Today: Capabilities, Governance, and Business Value.”*** **Submissions are open until 4 February**, and participants will receive the aggregated results once the study is completed.

**[Take the survey here](#)**

## NEW MEMBERS

**Finvizier**  
CONSULTANCIES

**Finvizier Consultancies** operates in two main areas 1) financial and credit analysis, 2) sustainability and climate change, and at the intersection of both. We advise on credit rating and rating-improvement strategies, financial and sustainability-linked modelling, capital-structure optimization, and debt capacity analysis. Our services include climate transition and adaptation strategies, GHG assessment, climate risk and impact analysis, development of climate projects. We support alignment with leading sustainable finance and disclosure frameworks, including leading rating and assessment methodologies, taxonomy alignment, and through external verification process. Our work complements investor relations, communications, and technology providers by focusing on analytical depth

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## EVENTS



### Participate in the 2026 Extel Corporate Insights Survey!

There's still time for MEIRA members to take part in the *2026 Developed Europe & Emerging EMEA Executive Team – Corporate Insights Survey and Corporate Roster*.

This initiative gathers valuable input from corporate IR teams to shape an independent best practice insights and trends report, with results announced in June 2026.

- **Survey closes on 13 February**
- **One response per company (IR team)**

Participation is free of charge via the [Extel platform](#). Don't miss this opportunity to benchmark your IR practices and contribute to the regional dialogue.

## Quick links



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