

# World Family Office Forum | Middle East

16-17 November 2026

Four Seasons Resort Dubai at Jumeirah Beach, UAE





# The Event

*The World Family Office Forum | Middle East brings together the region's leading business families and capital stewards in a private, invitation-only environment.*

The inaugural edition of the summit brings together an exceptional community of family principals, family office leaders, and trusted advisors for in-depth dialogue on the most pressing challenges and opportunities facing families today. From navigating succession and governance to exploring new frontiers in investment and innovation, every session is designed to spark meaningful conversations and actionable insight.

Built around closed-door discussions, private roundtables, and informal networking, the forum creates a trusted environment where families can speak openly, share experiences, and form lasting partnerships.

Hosted by Connect Group, a long-established global leader in family office events, the forum blends international perspectives with a distinctly GCC lens. The event maintains a deliberately high ratio of family offices - with at least 70% of participants representing families or their offices - ensuring a peer-led atmosphere and conversations grounded in shared experience and long-term priorities.

Whether you're seeking strategic insight, or simply new connections with your peers, the World Family Office Forum | Middle East offers an opportunity to engage and learn.





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# 16 Nov

08:00 - 09:00

## Registration & Light Breakfast

09:00 - 09:10

## Chairman Welcome Remarks

09:10 - 09:50 | Panel Discussion

## The Family Business: Managing Relationship Dynamics, The Rising Generation and Transition

Family businesses are wrought with complexities, from balancing family dynamics with business decisions, integrating the younger generation into leadership roles, effective governance, and the challenges of preserving the family's core values and reputation in a modern market. This discussion will aim to address these issues and explore the role of family businesses in supporting social causes, sustainability, and community development.

09:50 - 10:10 | Fireside Chat

## Next Generation Empowerment

The story of a next-gen leader and his creation of influential networks and novel strategies for future-focused leadership.

10:10 - 10:30 | Keynote Presentation

## Prosperity & Responsibility

This presentation offers a holistic approach to understanding and managing the complexities of prosperity in today's world.

10:30 - 11:10 | Panel Discussion

## Constructing a Family Office Portfolio: Trends and Investment Strategies to Consider During Turbulent Times

As global markets face heightened volatility from shifting macroeconomic and geopolitical trends, family offices must rethink their investment strategies. This session explores strategies for building resilient portfolios with a focus on portfolio diversification, rebalancing, alternative investments and risk.

11:10 - 11:30

## Networking Break / One-To-One Meetings

11:30 - 12:30

## Roundtable Discussions

**Table 1:** Harnessing Mid-Market Potential: Private Equity Insights for Family Offices

**Table 2:** Unlocking Opportunities in Private Debt: Strategies, Risks, and Innovations

12:30 - 14:00

## Networking Lunch

14:00 - 14:40 | Panel Discussion

## Family Office Venture Investing

This panel explores strategies for family offices in venture capital, comparing direct/co-investing with fund investments. It covers how to access top deal-flow, compete in a rapidly growing startup ecosystem, and identifies key sectors to watch, such as AI, healthtech, fintech, and sustainable energy, for long-term investment opportunities.

14:40 - 15:00 | Keynote Presentation

## Technology & Innovation: Investing at the Cutting Edge

15:00 - 15:20 | Keynote Presentation

## The Future of Healthcare: A GP Perspective

15:20 - 15:40 | Keynote Presentation

## Public Markets as a Cornerstone of a Family Portfolio

15:40 - 16:00

## Networking Break / One-To-One Meetings

16:00 - 16:40 | Panel Discussion

## Digital Assets & Beyond

Digital assets are gaining momentum among family offices, signalling a transformative shift in wealth management. This discussion will examine the evolving cryptocurrency markets and how Web3 technologies are integrating with traditional finance and what this means for family office investors.

16:40 - 17:20 | Panel Discussion

## Beyond Giving: Innovating Philanthropy in the 21st Century

How do we align philanthropic efforts with family values, utilize collaborative giving, understand innovative funding models, and engage the next generation? This panel seeks to answer these questions, offering practical insights for effective philanthropy.

17:20 - 17:40 | Keynote Presentation

## SoleFamily: Providing Hope and Creating Smiles in Bali

19:00 - 22:00

## Networking Cocktail Reception & Gala Dinner, with Special Entertainment

Experience relaxed luxury with your fellow delegates on the lawn terrace of the Four Seasons Jumeirah, Dubai.

# 17 Nov

08:00 - 09:00

## Networking Breakfast

09:00 - 09:40 | Panel Discussion

## Making Sense of Impact Investing

Impact investing is reshaping family office priorities, guided by a new generation focused on social and environmental change. This discussion will address the growth drivers of impact investing, strategies for targeting investments with sustainable outcomes, and methods for measuring their societal and environmental impact. Additionally, it will examine tactics for fostering collaboration to amplify impact, providing a roadmap for those looking to make a difference through their investments.

09:40 - 10:00 | Keynote Presentation

## The Future of Food

Gain insights from a leading UAE based impact fund on how addressing the global food challenge depends on sustainable methods, cutting-edge technologies, and smart investment.

10:00 - 10:20 | Keynote Presentation

## Beyond Borders: Unlocking Opportunities in Frontier Markets for Long-Term Social Good

A deep dive into frontier markets, showing how long-term investment beyond borders can drive growth, resilience, and meaningful social impact.

10:20 - 11:00

## Networking Break / One-To-One Meetings

11:00 - 11:40 | Panel Discussion

## Transforming Real Estate for Tomorrow's Investor - A Deep Dive into Emerging Trends and Opportunities

Real estate is evolving rapidly to meet the demands of tomorrow's investor, influenced by changing lifestyles and consumer behaviours. This discussion will explore how these shifts are impacting commercial, retail, and residential real estate markets and what it means for investors. The panel will look into the growing focus on sustainability, green buildings, and the role of proptech in revolutionizing the industry. Looking ahead, the panelists will share their perspectives on the future of the real estate market over the next decade, offering a comprehensive overview of emerging trends and opportunities.

11:40 - 12:00 | Keynote Presentation

## Smart Investing: Optimizing Investment Operations with Family Office Software

12:00 - 12:10

## Closing Thoughts from the Summit Chair

The Summit Chair looks back on the discussions of the two days sharing his key takeaways.

12:10 - 14:00

## Networking Lunch

Enjoy the closing networking lunch.

# Join Us at Other Forums

The World Family Office Forum is a global series of private gatherings for family principals and family office executives. Each edition brings together a curated community to exchange insights, share experiences, and build meaningful peer relationships.

While every forum reflects the priorities of its region, the core philosophy remains consistent: peer-level dialogue, practical perspectives, and conversations that go beyond market commentary to address governance, leadership, impact, and long-term strategy.

Join us at an upcoming edition and continue the dialogue.



## World Family Office Forum | Europe

8-9 June 2026  
Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, Switzerland

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## World Family Office Forum | Asia

15-16 October 2026  
The Ritz Carlton, Hong Kong

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