

CEE Property Forum & Awards Gala 2025 - Vienna, Austria

24th November 2025

17:45-22:00 – CEE PROPERTY AWARDS GALA 2025 & WARM-UP PARTY

Venue: Palais Niederösterreich. Tickets for CEE Property Forum 2025 also include entry for the Awards Gala and Networking Party.

17:45 - 18:15 Registration & Welcome Drinks

18:15 - 18:30 Introduction of the Annual CEE TOP 100 List

Building on the success of country-specific TOP 50 lists, Property Forum will unveil the second edition of its CEE TOP 100, a publication listing the 100 most influential people in the CEE real estate business.

18:30 - 19:30 Awards Ceremony

The CEE Property Forum Awards celebrate the best projects, most impactful transactions and most inspiring personalities and companies in the CEE real estate market. The winner of each Property Forum award will be selected by an exclusive jury, comprising leading professionals from across the region.

The Award categories:

Concept of the Year

Project of the Year (Office / Retail / Logistics / Living)

Investment Deal of the Year

Financing Story of the Year

Investment Professional of the Year

Financing Professional of the Year

Tech Gamechanger of the Year

19:30 - 22:00 Warm-up Party

Guests can enjoy an amazing food and drink offer, including several uniquely themed bars.

25th November 2025

7:15-8:00 – MORNING NETWORKING RUN SPONSORED BY TAYLOR WESSING

A casual morning run with fellow real estate runners starting from Hotel Andaz am Belvedere. We will start from Hotel Andaz and will go through the neighbouring Schweitzergarten and the breathtaking Belvedere Park. You can either go for one lap (5km) or two laps (10 km) with the group.

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08:00-08:30 – REGISTRATION WITH WELCOME COFFEE

SECTION 1: MONEY TALKS

08:30 - 08:45 Welcome Remarks by Property Forum & Introducing the MCs of the Day

Following the welcoming words of Property Forum's CEO, the hosts of the day will introduce the agenda.

James Dearsley is a global proptech and innovation guru who looks at industry problems a little differently. His whole career has been built on understanding many of the industry challenges in relation to change and digital transformation, and he is currently writing a book about leadership and transformation in the real estate sector.

Dr Paul Toyne leads the global architecture and design practice Grimshaw on sustainability, overseeing their goals of net-zero carbon-ready designs by 2025 and truly sustainable and regenerative designs by 2030. Paul has a diverse background, having worked all over the world as an environmental campaigner, conservationist - with WWF- and sustainable built environment specialist.

People:

Csanád Csürös, CEO, Property Forum

James Dearsley, CEO EMEA, Verv

Paul Toyne, Practice Leader Sustainability, Grimshaw

08:45 - 09:15 Predictions for 2030: Europe and CEE Under the New Economic and Geopolitical Order

This session will set the tone for the day with forward-looking insights into how shifting geopolitics, demographic trends, and macroeconomic changes could redefine investment strategies across Europe and CEE by the end of the decade.

09:15 - 10:00 The Funding Formula: Insights into Financing Strategies

Senior banking and corporate leaders will share perspectives on how developers and investors can secure capital in a high-interest environment. The panel will explore debt versus equity strategies, refinancing challenges, and the evolving role of banks in CEE's growth story.

Chair: **Dorota Wysocka-Kuzdra**, Senior Partner, Head of Corporate Finance & Living Services CEE, Colliers

Conversation participants:

Dieter Knittel, Head of CEE, pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank

Florian Nowotny, CFO, Indotek Group

Maarten Otte, Head of Investor Relations, CTP

Marius Perenea, Chief Operating Officer, IULIUS Company

Gábor Pető, Capital Markets Director, Futureal Group

Hannes Wimmer, Managing Director, Loan Capital Markets, Erste Group Bank AG

10:00-10:30 – NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK WITH SACHER CAKE CORNER SPONSORED BY KAUFLAND



SECTION 2: ALL ABOUT INVESTMENTS

10:30 - 10:50 The New Investment Map: CEE's Emerging Hubs and Shifting Capital Flows

Experts from CBRE will present the latest research on how new cities and sectors are attracting capital across CEE. The presentation will highlight the regions and asset classes with the strongest growth potential.

People:

Daniel Bienias MRICS, Managing Director CEE & Poland, CBRE

Gábor Borbély, Senior Director, Head of Research CEE, CBRE

10:50 - 11:35 The Great Capital Hunt: Who's Buying and Who's Selling in 2026?

This panel will bring together leading investors, lawyers, and advisors to analyse the current transaction landscape. The speakers will debate who is most active on the buy side, which assets are being traded, and what to expect from cross-border capital in the year ahead.

Conversation participants:

Victor Constantinescu, Managing Partner, Romania & Co-Head of Real Estate, Kinstellar

Adrian Karczewicz, Head of Divestments CEE, Skanska

Christopher Mertlitz, Managing Director, Head of European Investments, W. P. Carey

Benjamin Perez Ellischewitz, Principal, Avison Young in Hungary

Andrei V?caru, Head of Capital Markets CEE, iO Partners

11:35 - 12:20 Building Resilient Portfolios: Rethinking Investment Management Strategies

Investment and asset management leaders will share their approaches to navigating market volatility. The conversation will focus on diversification, operational efficiency, and strategies for sustaining long-term value in changing market conditions.

Chair: **Clare Sheils MRICS**, Managing Director, CBRE Czech Republic

Conversation participants:

Charles Boudet, CEO, iO Partners

Raul Garcia Rodriguez, Real Estate Transformation, Value & Growth Lead for CEE, Colliers

Micha? Mieciski, Partner | Real Estate and Construction Department, CMS Poland

Marek Noetzel, COO, NEPI Rockcastle

Noah Steinberg FRICS, Chairman & CEO, WING

12:20 - 13:05 Local & Cross-Border Capital: Unlocking New Deal Flows

Regional and international players will examine how domestic investors and foreign capital can complement each other. The panel will address pricing, competition, and the partnerships driving transactions across CEE.

Conversation participants:

Grzegorz Chmielak, Head of Valuation & Capital Markets, Axi Immo Group

Álmos Mikešy, CEO and Chairman of the Board, Gránit Asset Management

Paulius Stulgaitis, Head of Investments, Eika Asset Management

Tim Wilkinson MRICS, Head of European Acquisitions, Indotek Group

13:05-14:00 –NETWORKING LUNCH

SECTION 3/A: EXPLORING ALL ASSET CLASSES

14:00 - 14:15 Inside Europe's Data Centre Boom: Trends, Demand, and Investment Drivers

This presentation will unpack the forces behind Europe's rapidly expanding data centre market. It will explore the demand drivers, key investment trends, and the role of digital infrastructure in reshaping real estate strategies across the continent.

People:

Nikki Venetsanakis, Partner - Head of Advanced Tech for UK & Europe, RLB

14:15 - 14:55 Urban Living 2.0: Residential, Mixed-Use and the Future of City Life

This session explores how changing lifestyles and demographics are reshaping urban development. Panellists will discuss residential demand, the role of mixed-use projects, and how cities can adapt to new living patterns.

Conversation participants:

Kinga Barcho?, Partner, Real Estate Leader, PwC Polska

Bálint Botos, Managing Partner, Forestay Group

Renata McCabe Kudla, Country Manager, Grupo Lar Poland

Forgács Pál, Managing Director, Emonika

14:55 - 15:10 Anchor of Attraction: How Supermarkets Drive Retail Revitalisation

Dominik will explain how grocery-anchored retail formats continue to attract investors and revitalise shopping centres. The presentation will illustrate why supermarkets remain resilient even in times of market turbulence.

People:

Dominik Uhe, Head of Investor Relationship Management, Kaufland International

15:10 - 15:50 Office, Retail, Logistics: Finding the Best-Yielding Assets for 2026

Industry leaders will compare the performance of key asset classes and share insights on where yields remain strongest. The panel will weigh tenant demand, financing conditions, and development pipelines to identify the most attractive opportunities.

Conversation participants:

James Fitzgerald, Director, Head of Industrial Agency, iO Partners

Paul Kusmierz, CEO, Master Management Group

Martin Polák, Managing Director CEE, GARBE Industrial Real Estate

Carmen Ravon, Head of Retail Occupiers CEE, CBRE

Dominik Uhe, Head of Investor Relationship Management, Kaufland International

Erik Wafler MRICS, Senior Investment Manager, Gránit Asset Management

15:50 - 16:30 Reposition, Reinvest, Reinvent: Navigating the New Office Reality

People:

Tomas Zach, International Business Director, Country Manager Romania, M2C

SECTION 3/B: FOCUS ON NEW OPPORTUNITIES

14:00 - 14:15 AI at Work: Transforming Real Estate Through Data and Intelligence

James will explore how artificial intelligence is reshaping real estate. His keynote will highlight practical applications of AI across project management, investment decisions, and asset operations, showing how data-driven intelligence can unlock new efficiencies and value for the industry.

People:

James Garner, Global Head of AI & Data, Gleeds

14:15 - 14:55 Data, Risk, and Returns: Rethinking Investment Logic

This panel will explore how investors can better balance risk and reward in today's uncertain environment, with an emphasis on data-driven decision-making. The session will highlight how technology and analytics are reshaping traditional investment logic.

Conversation participants:

Andreas Kozma, Founder & CEO, iREMS International AG

Sylwia Toczyska, Enterprise Account Management, Vistra Fund Solutions

14:55 - 15:10 Energy & Sustainability Performance in Real Estate: What to Do Now, Next, and Beyond

People:

Steffen Walvius, Founder, Walvius Partners

15:10 - 15:50 Sustainable ROI: Delivering Profits Today While Building Value for Tomorrow

CEOs and innovators will share approaches to combining profitability with sustainability. The discussion will highlight ESG-driven business models and the tangible benefits of inclusive, green, and socially responsible strategies.

Conversation participants:

Hubert Abt FRICS, CEO, New Work & workcloud24

Tamás Méri, Co-Founder and Chief Business Development Officer, Access4you International

15:50 - 16:30 SEE Rising: Navigating Growth Markets from the Adriatic to the Balkans

This panel will examine the growth potential of Southeastern Europe, focusing on dynamic markets from the Adriatic coast to the Balkans. The discussion will cover investor appetite, capital flows, and the opportunities shaping the region's real estate landscape.

People:

Boško Tomašević, Managing Director SEE, CBRE

16:35-17:30 – CLOSING & PROSECCO