

# CEE Property Forum & Awards Gala 2025 - Vienna, Austria

**24th November 2025**

## **17:00-17:45 – TRAM RIDE TO THE GALA VENUE**

Are you staying at Andaz or nearby? We've arranged a ride by a historic tramcar to take our guests from Andaz to Palais Niederösterreich, the venue of our Awards Gala and Networking Party. **The tram departs at 17:20.** If you'd like to take advantage of this free-of-charge transfer option, meet our team in the lobby of Andaz at 17:20. (The journey takes 30 minutes and involves 10 minutes of walking.)

## **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 - 18:20 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.

**18:20 - 18:30 Introduction of Property Forum's Charity Partner**

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People:

**Mateusz Bonca**, CEO, JLL Poland, long-time friend of the Ronald McDonald Foundation

## 18:30 - 19:30 Awards Gala

Join us to celebrate the best projects, most impactful transactions, and most inspiring personalities and companies in the CEE real estate market. Nominations are now closed, and the shortlist is available on our website.

### Award categories:

Concept of the Year: *projects under planning or construction*

Project of the Year – Office / Retail / Logistics / Living: *projects completed since Q4 2024*

Investment Deal of the Year: *transactions completed since Q4 2024*

Financing Story of the Year: *transactions completed since Q4 2024*

Investment Professional of the Year

Financing Professional of the Year

Tech Gamechanger of the Year

### Our confirmed jury members:

Andrei Boca (Globalworth), Bogdan Doicescu (Bog'Art Holding Management), Charles Boudet (iO Partners), Christopher Mertlitz (W. P. Carey), Daniel Bienias (CBRE), Didier Balcaen (Speedwell), Dobrin Staykov (AG Capital), Dominik Uhe (Kaufland International), Doron Klein (AFI), Erik Drukker (BNP Paribas Real Estate Poland), Erwin Hanslik (Taylor Wessing Czech Republic), Ferenc Gondi (CTP Hungary), Florian Nowotny (Indotek Group), Günther Artner (Erste Group Bank AG), Hedwig Höfler (CA Immo), Inga Chkhaidze-Heynen (Revetas Capital), János Gárdai (Futureal), Jaroslav Kysela (Investika), Jiří Horák (REICO Erste Asset Management), Katarina Horvathova (Manova Partners), Mateusz Bonca (JLL Poland), Nicklas Lindberg (Echo Investment), Paul Hallam (GalCap Europe), Pavel Sovicka (Panattoni CZ & SK), Pavel Streblov (Penta Real Estate), Răzvan Gheorghiu-Testa (Ţuca Zbârcea & Asociaţii), Renata Osiecka (AXI IMMO), Robert Ioniş (NEPI Rockcastle), Roxana Fratila (CMS Romania), Rudolf Nemec (Cushman & Wakefield Slovakia) and Tomas Cifra (Mitiska REIM)

## 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. You can either go for a shorter run (5 km) through the neighbouring Schweitzergarten and the breathtaking Belvedere Park - led by Viennese runner and personal trainer Verena Ullmann or you can go more hardcore and take the longer city tour (10 km) to the city centre and back. The longer city run will be led by longtime runners from the Taylor Wessing leadership: Erwin Hanslik (CEE Head of Real Estate and Head of the Prague office) and Dániel Ódor (Partner and Head of Real Estate of the Budapest office).

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

## SECTION 1: MONEY TALKS

Section host: James Dearsley, CEO EMEA, Verv

### 08:30 - 08:40 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.

People:

**Angelus Bernreuther**, Moderator / Head of Business Development, DEFAMA

**Csanád Csűrös**, CEO, Property Forum

**James Dearsley**, CEO EMEA, Verv

**Paul Toyne**, Practice Leader Sustainability, Grimshaw

### 08:40 - 08:45 Introduction of Property Forum's Charity Partner

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### 08:45 - 09:15 The Future of CEE: Opening Keynote by Zuzana Žaputová, Former President of Slovakia

In an exclusive opening keynote, former President of Slovakia, Zuzana Žaputová, will discuss the most pressing challenges and future scenarios for the CEE region, followed by a fireside chat led by Property Forum founder Csanád Csűrös.

Over the past three decades, since the fall of communism, Central and Eastern Europe has been one of the world's most remarkable economic success stories. But the question now is what lies ahead for CEE? Which political paths will the region take? What challenges and opportunities will shape our societies in the years to come?

Zuzana Žaputová served as the president of Slovakia from 2019 to 2024, the first female president in the Visegrád Four. A lawyer by profession, she was a strong advocate for the rule of law, environmental protection, and women's rights. In 2020, she was ranked 83rd on Forbes' list of the 100 most powerful women.

People:

**Zuzana Žaputová**, Former President, Slovakia

**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 Per?enea**, Chief Operating Officer, IULIUS Company

**Gábor Pet?**, 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 KAUF LAND**



**SECTION 2: ALL ABOUT INVESTMENTS**

Section host: James Dearsley, CEO EMEA, Verv

**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.**

Chair: **Philipp Zschaler**, Managing Partner and Head of the Real Estate Industry Group, Andersen Germany

Conversation participants:

**Victor Constantinescu**, Partner, Co-Head of Real Estate, Kinstellar

**Peter Heckelsmüller**, Head of Acquisitions & Sales, CEE, Austria and Switzerland, Deka Immobilien Investment GmbH

**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

**Martin Makovec**, Managing Director, M&A, Central Europe, Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield

**Micha? Mieci?ski**, Partner | Real Estate and Construction Department, CMS Poland

**Angelina Neki?**, CEO, Delta Real Estate

**Marek Noetzel**, COO, NEPI Rockcastle

**12:20 - 13:00 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.**

Chair: **Dániel Ódor MRICS**, Partner, Taylor Wessing Hungary

Conversation participants:

**Kristóf Péter Bárány**, Founding Partner, Adventum International

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

**Mirko Smiljani?**, Managing Director, Serbia & Romania, Grandum Property Management

**Paulius Stulgaitis**, Head of Investments, Eika Asset Management

**Edwin Warmerdam**, Head of Tax, Forvis Mazars in Romania

**Tim Wilkinson MRICS**, Head of European Acquisitions, Indotek Group

**13:00 - 13:05 Closing of the Charity Auction**

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**After bidding closes at 12:00, we'll announce the winners of each auction item live on stage during CEE Property Forum.**

## 13:05-14:00 –NETWORKING LUNCH

### EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: DRIVING PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

Limited seats, registration needed: If you'd like to join, send us an email at [info@property-forum.eu](mailto:info@property-forum.eu).

#### 14:00 - 15:00 Executive Roundtable Discussion: Driving Portfolio Performance

Small workshop-style roundtable discussion with senior real estate executives. Confidential, high-level discussion on how trusted financial data drives portfolio performance, yield protection, and investor confidence. Participants will compare real-world experiences of managing data complexity across multiple CEE markets, exploring how they can move from fragmented reporting to transparent, AI-ready decision support. The goal is shared insight — not comparison. Every leader leaves with new perspectives, ideas to test, and stronger professional relationships.

**Moderator:** James Dearsley, CEO EMEA, Verv

**Featured expert:** Andreas Kozma, Founder & CEO, iREMS International AG

**Topics:**

1. Controlling the Truth Behind the Numbers: Ensuring accuracy and ownership of data used in valuations, forecasts, and investor reports.
2. Financial Data as a Performance Lever: How reliable, timely information affects yield, CapEx discipline, and financing terms.
3. The Right Data, Not More Data: Distilling what really drives returns while avoiding data overload.
4. AI-Ready Finance: Building internal standards and infrastructure that turn data into foresight.

### SECTION 3/A: EXPLORING ALL ASSET CLASSES

Section host: Angelus Bernreuther, Moderator / Head of Business Development, DEFAMA

#### 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.

Chair: **Kinga Barchon**, Partner, Real Estate Leader, PwC Polska

Conversation participants:

**Bálint Botos**, Managing Partner, Forestay Group

**Pál Forgács**, Managing Director, Emonika

**Renata McCabe Kudla**, Country Manager, Grupo Lar Poland

**Danka Morávková**, Head of Real Estate Finance, Tatra banka

**Daniel Puchalski**, Managing Partner and Co-Founder, immo lab.re

**Adam Pustelnik**, First Deputy Mayor, City of ?ód?

**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.

Chair: **James Fitzgerald**, Director, Head of Industrial Agency, iO Partners

Conversation participants:

**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**

As hybrid work patterns, ESG pressures and cost challenges redefine office demand, owners and occupiers alike are rethinking what makes a workspace valuable. This panel will explore how capital, design and operations must evolve to future-proof office assets.

Chair: **Pawe? Nowakowski MRICS**, Founder & CEO, PNC

Conversation participants:

**Andrei Boca**, Leasing Director, Globalworth

**Péter Számely MRICS**, Head of Real Estate Finance CEE, HYPO NOE Landesbank

**Fraser Watson**, Head of Real Estate, Axelor Group

**Christian Wurzer**, Head of Asset and Property Management Central Europe, Siemens Real Estate

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

## **SECTION 3/B: FOCUS ON NEW OPPORTUNITIES**

Section host: Paul Toyne, Practice Leader, Sustainability, Grimshaw

- 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 - 14:30 Energy & Sustainability Performance in Real Estate: What to Do Now, Next, and Beyond**  
This presentation will offer clear, hands-on guidance on developing financially viable transition roadmaps for real estate assets. It will outline the critical steps to take before pursuing renovation passports or transactions and demonstrate how to directly capitalise on sustainability upgrades, illustrated with case studies.  
People:  
**Steffen Walvius**, Founder, Walvius Partners
- 14:30 - 15:10 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.  
Chair: **Tjidsger Wierda**, ESG Partner, Walvius Partners  
Conversation participants:  
**Hubert Abt FRICS**, CEO, New Work & workcloud24  
**Josef Mališ**, Executive Director, Star Capital Finance  
**Krystian Modrzejewski**, Chief Investment Officer, Newgate Investment  
**Tamás Méri**, Co-Founder and Chief Business Development Officer, Access4you International
- 15:10 - 15:50 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.  
Chair: **James Garner**, Global Head of AI & Data, Gleeds  
Conversation participants:  
**Jakub Adam**, Partner, Head of Real Estate, Taylor Wessing Czech Republic  
**Andreas Kozma**, Founder & CEO, iREMS International AG  
**Alexander Rafajlovič**, Head of Market Research & Data Analytics, CA Immo  
**Sylwia Toczyska**, Enterprise Account Management, Vistra Fund Solutions  
**Jiří Vančura**, Director Real Estate and Corporate Finance, Trinity Bank
- 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.  
Chair: **Maja Šubic**, Partner, Andersen Slovenia | Senica & Partners  
Conversation participants:  
**Mirta Ceranac Poljak**, Managing Director, Martley Capital Croatia  
**Dóra Kenéz**, Managing Director, Mendota Invest  
**Michal Maco**, Country Manager Slovenia, Corwin  
**Gabriela Reyes Vidrio**, Head of Real Estate Project Finance, NLB Komercijalna banka  
**Boško Tomašević**, Managing Director SEE, CBRE



**16:30-17:30 – CLOSING, PROSECCO & WHISKEY TASTING**