**Date:** 23rd - 24th November 2026 **Venue:** Palais Niederösterreich | Hyatt Regency Vienna

# CEE Property Forum & Awards Gala 2026 - Vienna, Austria

23rd November 2026

## CAPITAL ACCESS PLATFORM 2026 (Capital Access Pass required)

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## 17:00-18:00 – TRAM RIDE TO THE GALA VENUE

Are you staying at Hyatt Regency Vienna or nearby? We've arranged a ride by a historic tramcar to take our guests from Hyatt 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 Hyatt Regency at 17:20. (The journey takes 30 minutes and involves 10 minutes of walking.)

## 17:45-22:00 – CEE PROPERTY AWARDS GALA 2026 & WARM-UP PARTY

Venue: Palais Niederösterreich. Standard Access Passes and Capital Access Passes both include entry.

Dress code: Formal

**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 third edition of its CEE TOP 100, a publication listing the 100 most influential people in the CEE real estate business.

**18:30 - 19:30** CEE Property Forum Awards Gala

Join us to celebrate the best projects, most impactful transactions, and most inspiring personalities and companies in the CEE real estate market

Award categories:

Concept of the Year: development projects under planning or construction

Landmark Development of the Year: standalone development projects completed since Q4 2025

Urban Transformation of the Year: mixed-use, conversion & regeneration projects completed since Q4 2025

Investment Deal of the Year: transactions completed since Q4 2025

Financing Deal of the Year: transactions completed since Q4 2025

Investment Professional of the Year

Financing Professional of the Year

**19:30 - 22:00** Warm-up Party

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

## 24th November 2026

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

A casual morning run with fellow real estate runners starting from Hyatt Regency Vienna. 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.

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

Venue: Hyatt Regency Vienna

## SECTION 1: OPENING PLENARY SESSION

**08:30 - 08:40** Premiere: Property Forum's First Annual CEE Real Estate Film & Welcome Comments

Speaker:

**Csanád Csürös**, CEO, Property Forum

**Richard Stephens**, Executive Editor & Business Development Director, Property Forum & Editor, The Poland Obser

**08:40 - 08:45** Introducing the MCs of the Day

Speaker:

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

**James Dearsley**, CEO EMEA, Verv

**Paul Toyne**, , Strategic Independent Advisor

**08:45 - 09:05** Presentation Building for Heat, Building for Resilience: A Climate Scientist's Warning

How will rising temperatures and increasingly frequent extreme weather events reshape the built environment? This presentation by climate scientist Diána Ürge-Vorsatz explores the risks climate change poses to real estate and what developers, investors and building owners must do to prepare f a hotter, more unpredictable future.

Speaker:

**Diána Ürge-Vorsatz**, Professor, CEU / IPCC

**09:05 - 09:25** Presentation Opening Keynote: Five Postcards from The Future

What will the real estate market look like in the years ahead, and which trends will shape its transformation? Five forward-looking perspectives explore the economic, technological and structura changes that could redefine investment, development and occupier demand across CEE.

Speaker:

**Daniel Bienias MRICS**, Managing Director CEE & Poland, CBRE

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

**09:25 - 10:10** **Panel** Credit When Credit Is Due: Let's Talk Financing

Is real estate financing finally entering a new growth cycle, and how are lenders adjusting their strategies? The discussion explores financing conditions, pricing, risk appetite and the availability of debt for acquisitions, refinancing and new developments.

Chair: **Jakub Zienkiewicz**, Legal Director, Finance & Projects, Pinsent Masons

Panellists:

**Georg Blaschke**, Head of Real Estate Finance CEE & Benelux, Helaba

**Dieter Knittel**, Head of CEE, pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank

**Patrick Mittmann**, Partner, Andersen (Germany)

**Marius Perșenea**, Chief Operating Officer, IULIUS Company

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

## 10:10-10:40 – NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK WITH SACHER CAKE CORNER SPONSORED BY KAUFLAND

## SECTION 2/A: NEW FAVOURITES

**10:40 - 11:25** **Panel** Powering the Digital Economy: The Data Centre Investment Opportunity

Can CEE become a major destination for data centre investment, and what will it take to unlock its potential? The panel examines growing demand for digital infrastructure, access to power, site selection, financing and the challenges of developing and operating data centres.

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

Panellists:

**Dávid Hoffer MRICS**, Business Development Manager, Callis Development

**Christian Schiberl**, Manager, Head of Technical Advisory International, Drees & Sommer Austria

**Janin Söder**, Head of Infrastructure Sales DACH, PATRIZIA SE

**Vessela Valtcheva-McGee**, Director of Market Development CEE, GBCI Europe

**11:25 - 12:10** **Panel** Reaching New Highs: CEE & SEE Hotel Market Update

What's driving hotel investment and development across CEE and SEE, and where are the next opportunities emerging? The discussion explores investor appetite, brand expansion, changing guest expectations and the strategies shaping the region's hospitality market.

Chair: **Adam Konieczny MRICS**, Director of Hospitality Asset Management & Investments, ISWM Group

Panellists:

**Farkhad Kamilov**, Development Project Manager, Northern Europe, InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG)

**Jelena Moser**, Director Development Austria & CEE, Motel One

**Angelina Nekić**, CEO, Delta Real Estate

**Jakub Stanislav**, Senior Director | Head of Capital Markets CZ | Head of Hotels CEE, CBRE

## SECTION 2/B: ALL ABOUT INVESTMENTS

**10:40 - 11:25** **Panel** Riding The Yield Curve: Dealmakers On What Sells Best

What is attracting capital in today's market, and which assets are proving easiest to transact? The discussion explores pricing, yields, liquidity and the sectors and markets offering the strongest opportunities for dealmakers.

Chair: **Robert Miklo**, Head of Capital Markets Romania, Colliers

Panellists:

**Gediminas Baltakis**, Founder & CEO, Managing Director, Prosperus Asset Management

**Martin Jurecko**, Real Estate Partner, CMS Slovakia

**Tomasz Kostrzewa**, Head of Transactions, LemonTree

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

**Anca Nacu**, Chief Investment Officer, NEPI Rockcastle

**Andrei Vacaru**, Head of Capital Markets CEE, iO Partners

**11:25 - 12:10** **Panel** Future Proof Assets: The Investment Management Checklist

What makes an asset resilient, competitive and investable over the long term? The panel explores the investment management checklist, from operational performance and tenant demand to ESG, taxation, capex and the strategies needed to protect and grow asset value.

Chair: **Katarína Brydone**, Managing Partner, Czechia, Colliers

Panellists:

**Daniel Banach FCCA**, Partner, Tax, Forvis Mazars in Poland

**Grzegorz Chmielak**, Head of Valuation & Capital Markets, AXI IMMO

**Sorin Preda**, Founder & CEO, Global Vision

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

## 12:10-13:10 – NETWORKING LUNCH

## EXECUTIVE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

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

**13:10 - 14:10** Managing Complex Portfolios: Data Foundations Behind Performance, Reporting & Growth

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

**14:30 - 15:30** Beyond Location: What Really Drives Building Value

*Introducing the Building Wallet: The Digital DNA Connecting Building Performance, Asset Value and Financing.*

A small, interactive workshop for senior real estate executives on how a building's operating performance, technical condition and future capital expenditure shape its value and financing prospects. Participants will discuss what owners, valuers and lenders need to know about an asset and where gaps in that information can affect decisions. A live demonstration of the Building Wallet will show how bringing this data together can help owners prioritise upgrades, plan capital expenditure and prepare for refinancing.

Moderator: **Tjidsger Wierda**, ESG Partner, Walvius Partners

Featured expert: **Hubert Abt FRICS**, CEO, workcloud24

## SECTION 3/A: NEW INVESTMENT FRONTIERS

**13:10 - 13:50** Panel Beyond the Hype: How Real Estate Takes Advantage of Artificial Intelligence

Where is AI already delivering measurable value in real estate, and which applications have the greate examines practical use cases across investment, asset management, operations and decision-making opportunities from technological hype.

Chair: **Tom Ogrodzki**, CEO, REDD Group

Panellists:

**Martin Decký**, CEO, BuiltMind

**Maciej Markowski**, CEO, SquarePlan

**Marko Pavlović**, Co-Founder, MetaProp Labs

**Sylwia Toczyska**, Enterprise Account Management, Vistra Fund Solutions

**Iztok Šušteršič**, CTO, LynxCraft

**13:50 - 14:30** Panel Special Spotlight: Current & Emerging Investment Opportunities in SEE

Which Southeast European markets offer the most attractive investment opportunities, and what is d panel examines capital flows, emerging asset classes, market fundamentals and the opportunities an strategies across the region.

Chair: **Răzvan Gheorghiu-Testa FRICS**, Partner, Head of Real Estate Practice Group, Ţuca Zbârcea & Asociaţii (in co

Panellists:

**Uroš Grujić MRICS**, Senior Director | Head of Investment Properties SEE, CBRE

**Michal Maco**, Country Manager Slovenia, Corwin

**Gabriela Reyes Vidrio**, Head of Real Estate Project Finance, NLB Komercijalna banka

**Dobrin Staikov**, Managing Director, Capital Markets, Lion's Head

**Nikolina Vukelić**, Real Estate Expert, Erste Plavi

**Adina Welsh**, Executive Director Bulgaria, Raiffeisen Property Holding International

**14:30 - 15:10** Panel All About Residential: Defining the Must-Haves For Developments

What do today's homebuyers and renters really want, and how should developers respond to changi discussion explores affordability, location, design, amenities, sustainability and the features that mak commercially successful.

Chair: **Radek Kučera**, Partner & Founder, Grafton

Panellists:

**Ján Krnáč**, CEO, Cresco Real Estate

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

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

**Tomas Picha**, Senior Director of Transactions in CEE, Invesco Real Estate

**Daniel Puchalski**, Managing Partner and Co-Founder, Immo Lab

## SECTION 3/B: OFFICE, RETAIL & LOGISTICS

**13:10 - 13:50** Panel CEE: Europe's New Logistics, Manufacturing & Defence Hotspot

Can CEE strengthen its position as a European hub for logistics, manufacturing and defence-related investment? The panel explores nearshoring, supply chain restructuring, infrastructure, industrial development and the growing demand for specialised facilities across the region.

Panellists:

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

**Julie Paulson**, CCO, Urbanity

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

**Barnabás Sági**, Counsel, Co-Head of Real Estate, Kinstellar Budapest

**13:50 - 14:30** Panel Retail's Unstoppable Rebound: Creating Experiences, Driving Footfall

How are retail destinations reinventing themselves to attract visitors and maintain their competitive edge? The discussion examines changing consumer behaviour, tenant mix, customer experience, accessibility and the strategies that turn footfall into long-term commercial success.

Chair: **Paul Kusmierz**, CEO, MMG

Panellists:

**Piotr Karpiński MRICS**, Senior Director | Head of Property Management CEE & Poland, CBRE

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

**Simona Parvanova**, Leasing and Marketing Director, Trinity Capital

**Tamás Simon**, Retail Sales Director, Indotek Group

**Piotr Szafarz**, Partner, Head of Real Estate in Poland and CEE, Dentons

**Dominik Uhe**, Head of Investor Relationship Management, Kaufland International

**14:30 - 15:10** Panel Office 3.0: New Strategies to Keep Up with Changing Needs

What does the next generation of office space look like, and how can landlords respond to evolving occupier requirements? The panel explores workplace flexibility, technology, sustainability, operational efficiency and the strategies needed to keep office assets attractive and competitive.

Chair: **Nikolay Georgiev**, Director, Valuation & Advisory Services, Colliers

Panellists:

**Anna Bartoszewicz-Wnuk**, Head of Central & Eastern Europe, SINGU

**Tomáš Juríček**, Development Manager, Immocap

**Risto Kukk**, Global Workplace Real Estate Manager, BOLT

**Tomasz Michalczyk**, Head of Office Agency, AXI IMMO

**Mirko Smiljanić**, Managing Director, Serbia, Grandum Property Management

## 15:10-15:40 –NETWORKING COFFEE BREAK

## SECTION 4/A: CAPITAL DESTINATIONS

**15:40 - 16:20** **Panel** Competing for Capital: The New Geography of FDI and Real Estate

Where will the next wave of global investment land, and what makes a location stand out in an increa

How can investment promotion agencies, free zones, developers and international financial institutio

opportunities across Europe and beyond?

Panellists:

**Dr. Stefan Kratzsch**, Head of the Sustainable Investments and Responsible Business Unit, United Nations Industria

**Andrius Veršinskas**, Head of Business Division, Kaunas IN

## SECTION 4/B: CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

**15:40 - 16:20** **Panel** Back on the Map: Hungary Under a New Light

Is Hungary ready to regain investor confidence and attract a new wave of real estate investment? The

discussion examines changing market conditions, investment opportunities, financing and the factors

could determine the country's competitiveness in the coming years.

Chair: **Dániel Ódor MRICS**, CEE Head of Real Estate & Construction, Taylor Wessing

Panellists:

**Kristóf Bárány**, Founding Partner, Adventum Group

**Tamás Pásztor**, Deputy CEO, Forestay Fund Management

**Manuel Simon**, Head of Investment Real Estate, VIG Fund / Vienna Insurance Group AG

**Peter Tatzl**, Director of Investment, GalCap Europe

**Balazs Zelles-Görgey**, Director, Head of Capital Markets, Hungary, Colliers

**16:20 - 17:00** **Panel** Closing C-Level Panel: Bold Predictions for 2027

What will define the next chapter of the European real estate market, and where will the biggest opportunities and risks emerge? The closing discussion looks ahead to 2027, exploring capital flows, investment strategies, market sentiment and the trends most likely to reshape the industry.

Chair: **Richard Stephens**, Executive Editor & Business Development Director, Property Forum & Editor, The Poland

Panellists:

**Charles Boudet**, CEO, iO Partners

**Thomas Kaechele**, Head of Germany and CEE, M&G Real Estate

**Andreas Kozma**, Founder & CEO, iREMS International AG

**Josef Malíř**, Executive Director, SCF

**Niksa Markovac**, Head of Commercial Real Estate International, Erste Group

**Petr Čížek**, CEO, Investika

## 17:00-18:00 – CLOSING, PROSECCO & WHISKEY TASTING

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