

CAPITAL MARKET SUMMIT 2025



POST EVENT REPORT



FOREWORD

Celebrating the resounding success of the 3rd MENA Capital Market Summit 2025, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the wealth of knowledge and thought leadership exchanged, underpinned by a truly collaborative spirit that permeated every discussion.

Across two impactful days of record participation, over 1,500 delegates, 100+ global speakers and 200 industry partners came together to explore key trends reshaping capital markets - from technology-driven infrastructure shifts and IPO pipelines to cross-border capital flows, the rise of retail investors and the integration of AI into market practices.

The event's sponsors **Bank of America, Citi, Emirates NBD, HSBC, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Daman Investments, Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), EFG Hermes, Jefferies, J.P. Morgan, Moelis & Company, Morgan Stanley, Rothschild & Co, xCube, Barclays, Credit Agricole, Dubai Chambers, Goldman Sachs, Al Ramz, Al Tamimi & Co, Edelman Smithfield, ICBC, Nasdaq Dubai, Parkin, Spinneys and TECOM Group**, brought to the forefront key insights, best practice and market intelligence that informed everyone about the critical drivers, trends and opportunities shaping global finance.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every member of our team and I am equally thankful to all participants for their invaluable contributions. Together, we have set the stage for a future defined by innovation, collaboration and enduring growth in the realm of capital markets. We look forward to seeing you next year.

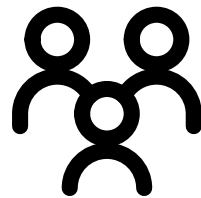
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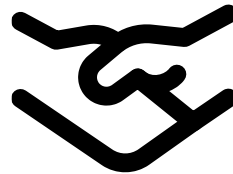
KEY STATS OVERVIEW

The 3rd edition of the Capital Market Summit exceeded expectations across every metric, delivering deeper insights, stronger strategic engagement and broader industry impact, reaffirming its status as the region's leading platform for capital markets dialogue, innovation and collaboration.



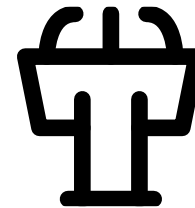
DELEGATES

1,500+



PARTNERS

200+



SPEAKERS

100+



AGENDA SESSIONS

30+

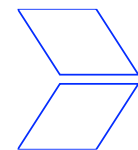


1,000+

100+

80+

24+

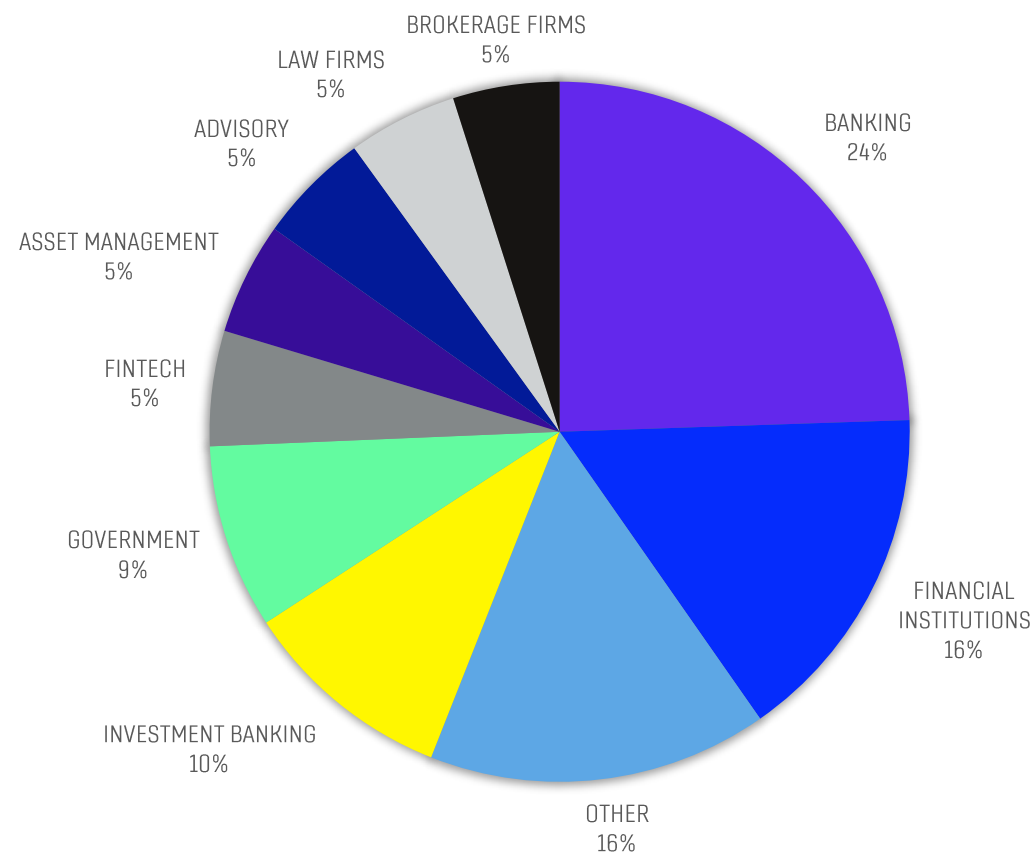


ATTENDANCE DATA

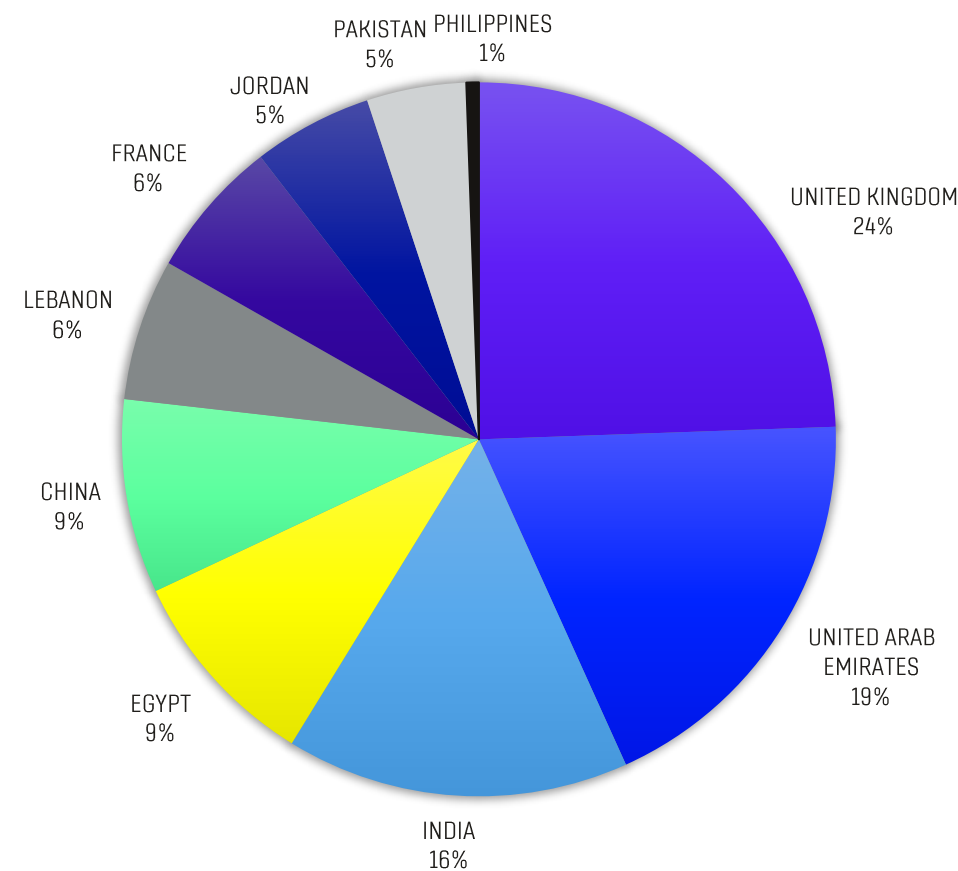
The Summit drew a truly global and cross-sector audience, with strong representation from banking, financial institutions and investment firms and a delegate base spanning major financial hubs from the UK to the UAE, India and China.



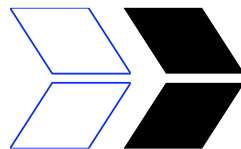
TOP INDUSTRY SECTORS



TOP NATIONALITIES



PROGRAMME RECAP



Facilitating a dynamic and future-focused programme, the 2025 MENA Capital Market Summit delivered two days of high-impact dialogue and insights into the evolving capital markets landscape. With participation from over 100 senior speakers representing leading global and regional institutions, attendees engaged with cutting-edge perspectives shaping the next era of finance.

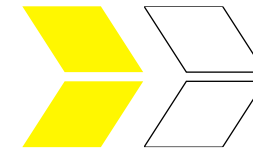
Sessions spanned a wide range of critical themes including IPO market resilience, private capital growth, digital infrastructure, regulatory innovation and the expanding influence of retail investors. The programme also addressed global macro shifts, from inflationary pressures to potential trade realignments and their implications for regional capital flows.

This year's edition reinforced Dubai's growing leadership in capital markets, with discussions spotlighting policy clarity, innovation-led growth and enhanced access for investors across public and private markets.

View Sessions

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PROGRAMME TOP TOPICS



Capital Market Outlook: Trends & Strategies

Insights from global market leaders on how macroeconomic trends, trade policy shifts and geopolitical developments can impact capital flows and investment strategies.

Dubai's Strategic Growth & Global Market Influence

A deep dive into Dubai's economic vision (D33) and its role as a financial powerhouse, driving innovation, IPOs and cross-border investments.

IPO and Investment Trends in MENA & Beyond

Exploring the next wave of public listings, investment strategies and evolving capital market structures that will shape investor sentiment and market liquidity.

Retail Investors: The New Market Powerhouse

The rise of individual investors, digital trading platforms and social media's growing influence on market participation.

The Future of Trading & Market Innovation

AI, blockchain and tokenization—how technology is redefining financial markets, investment models and regulatory frameworks.

Cross-Border Capital Flows & Market Connectivity

Opportunities for deeper collaboration between regional and global financial hubs to enhance market efficiency and foreign investment.

Private Markets & Alternative Investments

The evolving role of venture capital, private equity and new financing structures in supporting high-growth companies and economic diversification.

Regulation, Governance & Investor Confidence

How financial regulators and industry leaders are shaping policies to balance innovation, security and transparency in rapidly evolving markets.



PROGRAMME TOP SPEAKERS



**H.E. DR. THANI BIN
AHMED AL ZEYAUDI**

Minister of State for
Foreign Trade, Minister
in Charge of Talent
Attraction and
Retention, Chairman of
the Emirates Drug
Establishment



**H.E OMAR BIN
SULTAN AL OLAMA**

Minister of State for
Artificial Intelligence,
Digital Economy and
Remote Work
Applications at the
Government of the UAE



**H.E MARYAM BINT
AHMED AL HAMMADI**

Minister of State and
Secretary General of
The UAE Cabinet



**H.E. ALIA BINT
ABDULLA AL
MAZROUEI**

Minister of State for
Entrepreneurship



**H.E. HELAL SAEED
AL MARRI**

Chairman of DFM,
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Dubai Department of
Economy and Tourism



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Vice Chairman, Equity
Capital Markets (UK,
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Citi



**SIMON
WILLIAMS**

Chief Economist
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**HAMED
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Chief Executive Officer
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Global Head Equity
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HSBC



**HITESH
ASARPOTA**

Chief Executive Officer
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Head of Investment
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**RUDY
SAADI**

Managing Director,
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Chief Executive Officer
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**EDWARD
KNIGHT**

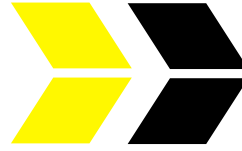
Executive Vice
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Group Chief Executive
Informa PLC

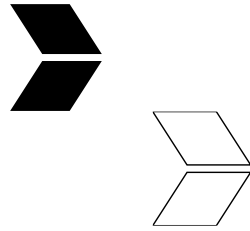
PARTNER HUB



The dynamic, well-attended Partner Hub brought together influential representatives from stock exchanges, regulatory bodies and financial institutions, serving as a dedicated space and strategic platform to engage decision-makers and catalyse growth across capital markets.



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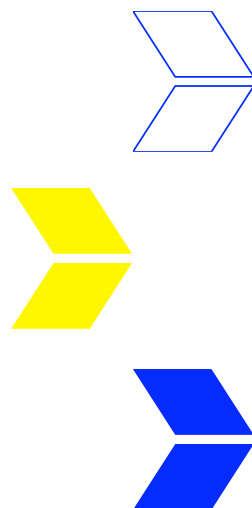
CONNECTOR



THE HUB

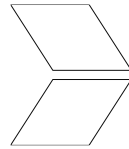
This year's Capital Market Summit introduced The Hub, a new dynamic space designed to foster practical engagement and focused dialogue. Hosting partner presentations, fireside chats and panel discussions, alongside demonstrations of DFM's investor platforms, including the iVestor App and ARENA.

The Hub also featured sessions led by DFM and its partners, offering insights into the services shaping Dubai's capital markets today, as well as the future initiatives designed to drive continued market growth and innovation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARTNERSHIPS

A core strategic objective, the Capital Market Summit facilitated a dedicated platform to forge and announce major partnerships and business initiatives.



Dubai Financial Market (DFM) and Taiwan Stock Exchange
Sign MoU to Strengthen Cross-Border Financial Cooperation

Under the agreement, both parties will explore opportunities to **list financial products on each other's markets**, including exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and related equity products, as well as conduct joint investor outreach and share insights through regular dialogue and mutual visits.

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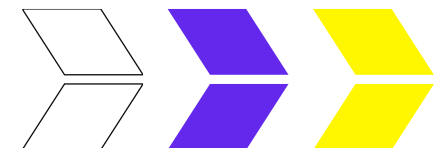
Nasdaq Dubai and AIX CSD unveiled a new **cross-border central securities depository (CSD) link, enabling seamless settlement and dual listings between the UAE and Kazakhstan**. This partnership enhances regional market connectivity, simplifies post-trade operations and opens up broader investment access between Central Asia and the Middle East.

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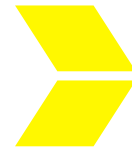
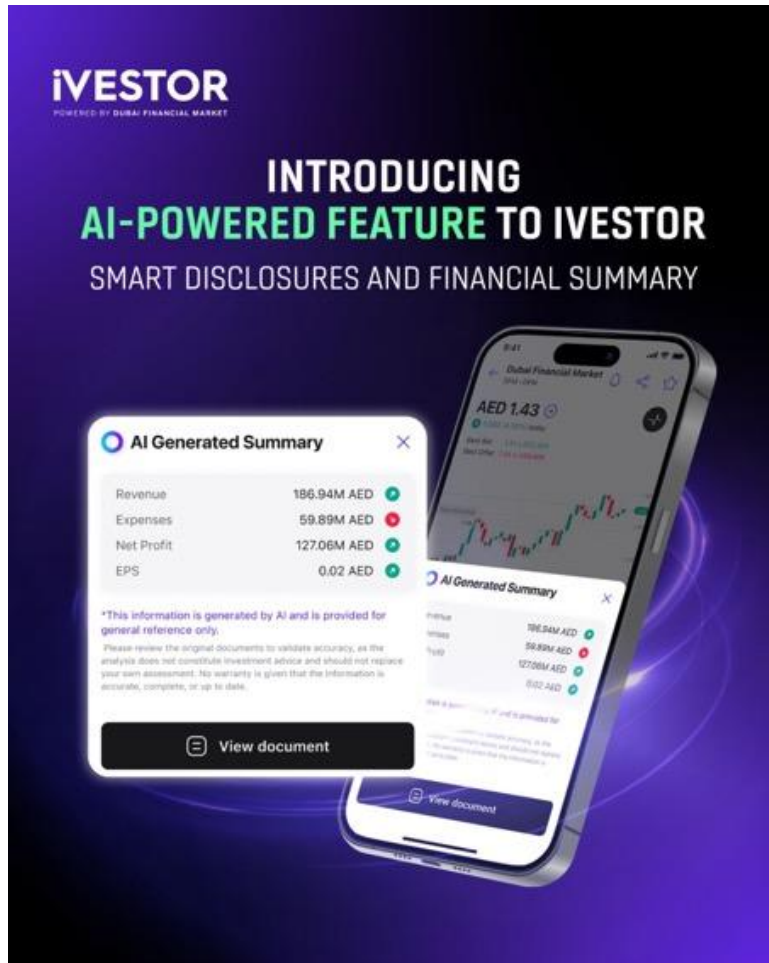


Dubai Financial Market launched its **Centralized Securities Lending and Borrowing (SLB) Program**, a strategic market infrastructure initiative aimed at enhancing market liquidity, supporting price discovery and broadening investor participation in Dubai's capital market.

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Dubai Financial Market (DFM) announced the launch of two new AI-powered features on its iVestor app – **Smart Disclosures** and **Financial Summary** – aimed at helping investors better access and understand company information.

The updates are part of wider enhancements to iVestor, which now enables investors to trade DFM shares directly through the app more easily. The new features aim to support quicker, more informed decision-making by simplifying how financial data is presented.

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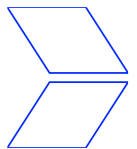
HSBC unveiled a new report titled **Strategy to Scale: Dubai's Blueprint for Capital Market Growth**, developed in partnership with Dubai Financial Market (DFM).

The report highlights Dubai's rapid progress toward becoming a top 4 global financial hub, driven by the internationalisation of its equity and debt markets and ongoing structural reforms.

Foreign investor participation is now a key feature of market activity, aligning with the D33 economic vision. The report serves as a strategic guide for new investors entering Dubai's capital markets.

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“ We must look forward and anticipate the future,
so that our country leads globally. ”

H. SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN RASHID AL MAKTOUM
Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai



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