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From Resilience to Market Leadership

Scaling Capital Across MENA

3RD – 4TH JUNE 2026

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AGENDA

DAY 1 JUNE 3RD (OPENING)

SAMAYA BALLROOM

8.00 - 8.30 AM NETWORKING BREAKFAST

10.20 - 10.30 AM
WELCOME REMARKS
Sami Sindi, Chairman at **Arqaam Capital**

10.30 - 10.45 AM
OPENING KEYNOTE
H.E. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence

10.45 - 11.15 AM
FIRESIDE CHAT with **Dubai Financial Market**
- Dubai's growing role in global capital flows and investor confidence
- IPO momentum, market depth, and the next generation of listed companies
- The UAE's resilience amid global volatility

SPEAKER: **Hamed Ali,** CEO at **Dubai Financial Market (DFM)** and **Nasdaq Dubai**
MODERATOR: **Shereen Mitwalli,** CEO at **Naqqe Technologies**

11.15 - 12.00 PM
Recipe for success, IPO readiness key elements
- Operational and financial restructuring pre-IPO
- Governance and Regulatory Compliance for listing
- Crafting an equity story that resonates with institutional investors

MODERATOR: **Ahmed Ibrahim,** Managing Partner at **Ibrahim & Partners**
SPEAKER: **Alex Hageman**, MD, Head of EMEA ECM at **Moelis & Company**
SPEAKER: **Ruban Bilen**, Group CEO at **Consolidated Grunenfelder Saady Holding**
SPEAKER: **Rawaf Bourisli,** Vice Chairman of the Board at **Action Energy**

12.00 - 12.40 PM
Navigating Uncertainty: Fixed Income Perspectives
- Fixed income strategies in an uncertain macro and rate environment
- Credit markets, liquidity, and investor positioning across MENA
- Inflation, geopolitics, and the outlook for debt markets and yields

MODERATOR: **Mehdi Popotte,** ED, Sukuk Senior Portfolio Manager at **Arqaam Capital**
SPEAKER: **Omar Musharraf,** Managing Director - Debt Solutions & DCM at **Arqaam Capital**
SPEAKER: **Fady Gendy**, ED, Fixed Income Senior Portfolio Manager at **Arqaam Capital**
SPEAKER: **Ahmed Abdelhalim,** Head of Wealth Advisory at **The Commercial Bank (CBQ)**
SPEAKER: **Jad Raouda,** Head of EM Fixed Income Sales & Trading at **Arqaam Capital**

12.40 - 2.00 PM LUNCH BREAK

2.00 PM - 2.45 PM
The Leaders Forum: Principals of the Regional Capital Cycle
- GCC resilience in a volatile global environment
- Sovereign capital, diversification, and long-term growth
- The GCC's rising role in attracting global investment

MODERATOR: **Radi El-Helw,** President at **Arqaam Capital**
SPEAKER: **Hamed Ali,** CEO at **Dubai Financial Markets** and **Nasdaq Dubai**
SPEAKER: **Shaikh Khalifa bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa,** CEO of **Bahrain Bourse**
SPEAKER: **Haitham Al Salmi,** CEO at **MSX**
SPEAKER: **Mohammad Saud Al-Osaimi,** CEO at **Boursa Kuwait**

2.45 PM - 3.30 PM
The Resilience Thesis: MENA in a Fragmenting World
- Global macro fragmentation and its impact on capital flows
- MENA economic resilience amid geopolitical uncertainty
- Oil, rates, liquidity, and the outlook for regional markets

SPEAKER: **Jaap Mejers,** Head of Research at **Arqaam Capital**

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DAY 1 JUNE 3RD (CONTINUED)

BREAK OUT ROOMS

SECTOR ROOM

1.00 - 2.00 PM
PRIVATE LUNCH
From Deposits to Diversification:
The Next Phase for GCC Banks- **Financials**

SPEAKER: **Jaap Mejers,** Head of Research at **Arqaam Capital**

COUNTRY FOCUS

1.00 - 2.00 PM
PRIVATE LUNCH
After the Devaluation: Egypt's Macro Reset and the FX Question

PRESENTED BY: **Mostafa El Bakly,** Senior Economist at **Arqaam Capital**

WEALTH, MARKETS AND ALTERNATIVES

11.15 - 12.00 PM
Trading uncertainty. Derivatives for current market conditions
- Derivatives: What are they and why are they important?
- Tactical use of derivatives under dynamic market conditions for monetizing volatility, yield generation, and hedging
- Shariah compliance

SPEAKER: **Vineet Gupta**, Head of Derivatives and Arbitrage Trading at **Arqaam Capital**

12.00 - 12.40 PM
Backing the Region's Builders: Capital for the Next Generation of MENA Companies
- Financing the next generation of high-growth MENA companies
- IPO readiness, private capital, and evolving funding ecosystems
- Investor trends shaping the region's future market leaders

MODERATOR: **Anis Bibi**, Executive Director Principal Finance at **Arqaam Capital**
SPEAKER: **Ross Veitch**, CEO & C-Frounder at **WEGO**
SPEAKER: **Shane Shin**, Founding Partner at **Shorooq Partners**
SPEAKER: **Khaled Talhouni**, Managing Partner at **Nuwa Capital**

4.15 - 5.00 PM
Algo Trading in GCC
Block Trade, negotiated deals developments
- Algo trading – aggregation & multi venue
- Environment for low latency MM with close proximity and SBL

PRESENTED BY: **Sumeet Akewar,** Head of Electronic Trading at **Arqaam Capital**

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DAY 2 JUNE 4TH

SAMAYA BALLROOM

9.00 - 9.45 AM

The UAE Economy in Focus: Resilience, Reform & Investment Flows

- UAE economic resilience amid global uncertainty and evolving capital flows
- Structural reforms driving competitiveness, investment, and private sector growth
- The UAE's positioning as a global hub for business, finance, and innovation

SPEAKER: **Simon Ballard,** MD & Chief Economist at **FAB**

9.45 - 10.30 AM

Rebuilding the Regional Real Estate Thesis

- Insights on DXB's office market and population trends
- DXB's housing rental market
- Sales trends and supply chain challenges
- Expert opinion from real estate brokers on regional markets

SPEAKER: **Aliaa Elesaaki**, Senior Research Manager at **Knight Frank**

SECTOR ROOM

8.00 - 8.45 AM

Private Breakfast Session: "Energy, Oil & Gas Outlook"

- Strait of Hormuz tensions and implications for global energy security and supply chains
- OPEC strategy, UAE production dynamics, and shifting power across oil markets
- Gas diplomacy, LNG flows, and the growing importance of regional energy infrastructure

MODERATOR: **Noureldin Sherif,** Executive Director, Head of Industrials at **Arqaam Capital**
SPEAKER: **Youssef Samy Salem**, CFO at **Adnoc Driling**
SPEAKER: **Hubert Lafeuille**, CFO at **Abraj Energy**
SPEAKER: **Rawaf Bourisli**, Vice Chairman of the Board at **Action Energy**

BREAK OUT ROOMS

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Structural Changes in the World of Investment over the next Decade

- Commodities a necessary asset class
- Government Bonds – more manager skill, less duration
- Corporate credit the new secure asset
- Equities by sector not just country
- Invest with the Nex Gen not the Baby Boomer

SPEAKER: **Gary Dugan**, Advisor at **Arqaam Wealth Management**
SPEAKER: **Danya Bashir**, Director of Special Projects at **Arqaam Capital**

11.45 - 12.15 PM

The Future of Quantitative Investing

- Quantitative investing and data-driven market strategies
- AI, technology, and evolving trading dynamics across capital market
- How institutional investors are adapting to changing market behaviour

SPEAKER: **Roy Saad**, Director, Quantitative Analysis at **Arqaam Capital**

12.15 - 12.45 PM

Index Strategies in MENA: Benchmark Inclusion, Liquidity & Investor Flows

- The growing role of index investing and passive capital across global and MENA markets
- How institutional investors are using index strategies alongside active portfolio management
- Market structure implications of passive flows during periods of volatility and market concentration

PRESENTED BY: **Elia Al Chaar**, Associate Director **at Arqaam Capital**

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