



Middle East Family Office Investment Summit

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Bulgari Resort Dubai, UAE

Post Event Report

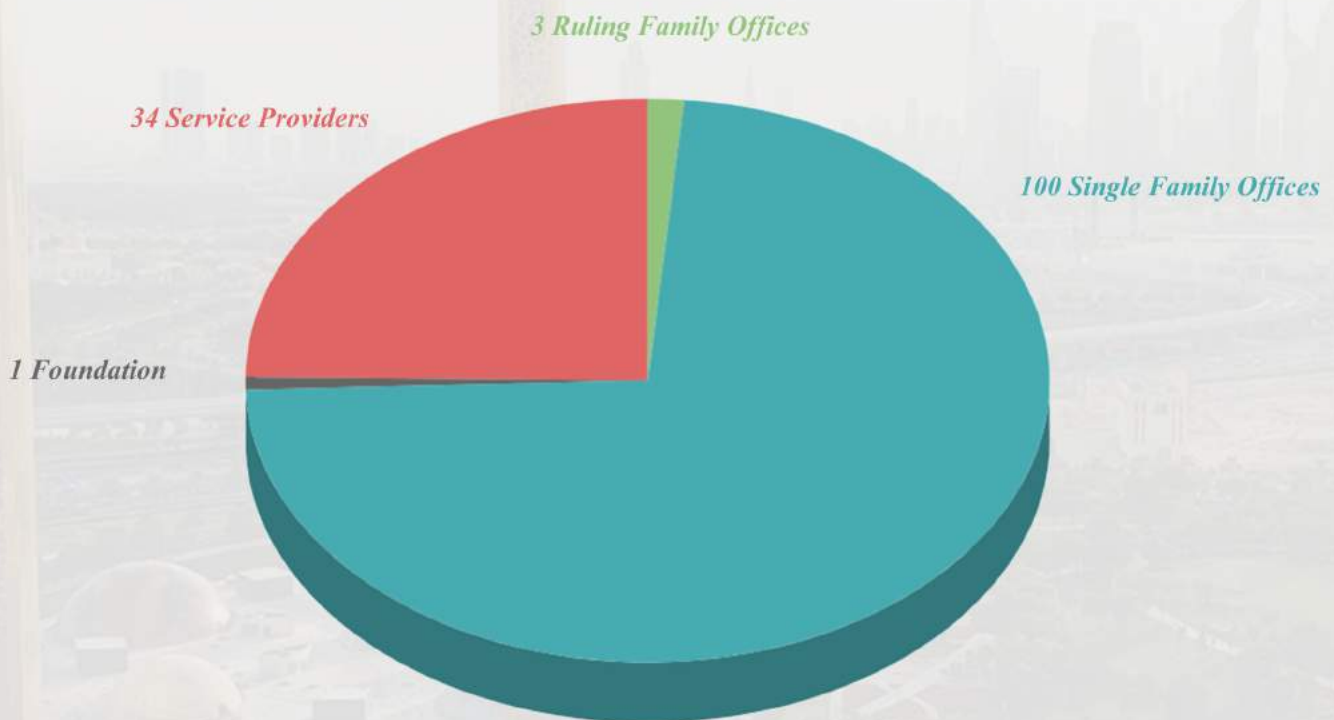


Those who attended the sixth edition of the Middle East Family Office Investment Summit will already know what a huge success it was, with a fascinating and insightful programme full of expert speakers.

It was also a valuable networking opportunity, with an investor to delegate ratio of 66 to 34, giving all attendees invaluable access to key decision-makers.

Who Was There?

- ◆ 104 delegates attended, all of whom were either from the Middle East or living in the region.
- ◆ There were two ruling family offices from the GCC, as well as HRH Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein from the Kingdom of Jordan was also in attendance.
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- ◆ One foundation from the GCC was in attendance.
- ◆ There were 34 delegates service providers.
- ◆ Among the many high profile speakers were HRH Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein from the Kingdom of Jordan.
- ◆ Delegates and speakers also included Martin Winkler (Co-founder and Editor-in-chief, Emeritus Bloomberg News), Khalid Al Zayani (Honorary Chairman Al Zayani Investments, Kingdom of Bahrain), Bader Al Sayer (Director, Al Sayer Group Holding, Kuwait), Mishal Hamed Kanoo (Chairman, The Kanoo Group & KAAF Investment, UAE), and Paras Shahdpuri (Founder and Chairman, Nikai, UAE).





The Programme

This latest edition of the Middle East Family Office Summit was the best yet, and built on our previous events by taking into account the feedback and needs of our delegates.

A packed programme included a talk by HRH Prince Ali Bin Al Hussein on the Kingdom of Jordan and its use of social enterprises and sport for regional development.

There were also insights into the fashion industry, renewable energy, mental health, as well as ongoing family office interests such as philanthropy, diversification, succession planning, real estate and more.

Networking coffee breaks, meals and round table discussions also enabled all delegates to meet each other and take some time to have meaningful discussions which will no doubt lead to further collaboration beyond the event.

Background

This summit is aimed very specifically at family offices because it is organised by experts from a family office background.

We constantly liaise with the regional and global business community, and monitor wider current affairs, so that we can bring our delegates the most up-to-date and useful information to help them navigate their family offices to further long-lasting success.

Our focus is not only on business, but on every aspect of running a family office, including personal wellbeing, lifestyle, and legacy.

By creating an informal environment in which speakers and delegates can share their expertise and experiences with one another, we also offer a unique opportunity to bring family offices together and find new ways to work with and learn from one another.



Delegate Feedback



"I really enjoyed attending the recent ME Family Office investment summit. It was well organized and had an interesting group of speakers with unique topics covered such as the importance of wellbeing. In addition, the introduction to the family business workshop was very helpful as it gave us a chance to engage with one another prior to the reception and opening of the event. Unlike other events attended, I noticed a wider participation and attendance from the regional business community and young leaders who shared their inspiring stories in a very authentic way. I look forward to attending future events."

Nada Bundakji, Al Bundakji Holdings, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

"This event provides an excellent platform to have very candid and constructive discussions on some of the key issues - challenges and opportunities - that are having a very direct impact on the development and success of family offices. There are not many opportunities to have this type of conversations. The panel sessions are particularly interesting and insightful."

Maria Cohn, FTI Consulting, UAE.

"Once again it has been our pleasure to have attended the latest ME Family Office Summit in Dubai and as always, we were impressed and amazed as to the level of quality your team present and prepare. The content, speakers, venue, food and level of professionalism shown is second to none. We will continue to support the ME Family Office Summit, the leader and best of its kind in the region and beyond. Congratulations once again on a very successful 2-day event and we look forward to seeing you all once again later this year at the next Summit."

Debbie Gispan & Nicky Sakpoba, Panoba UK Education & Lifestyle, UK.

"A unique gathering of likeminded professionals and families in an incredible venue, conducive to the creation of long lasting partnerships, the informal exchange of best practices and the discover of new realities and innovative ways to do business. A must for all the family offices of the Region and not, an unmissable experience."

Dr. Celeste Lo Turco, Future Group Holding, UAE.





"Middle East Family Office Investment Summit was a great experience. Perhaps the most notable aspects of the conference are the quality of the attendees, the harmony in the group, and the single degree of separation between everyone. I have met great people who share my background and experience in their own ways, and from around the world. I learned many new lessons from the experiences in family business governance, mental health, education, and energy. Hosting the conference at Bulgari hotel was a great advantage as it is secluded and allows the attendees to experience the beautiful scenery and great food of Dubai. It is an extraordinary event with truly exceptional people."

Khaled Al Sharbatly, Desert Technologies, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

"The (event) really stands out. Relevant and interesting content, engaging speakers, good settings and most importantly a fantastic atmosphere, collegiate and honest. Attendees from many sectors come together and discuss the future with real care for impact – not only great for business but also very inspiring."

Martin Tidestrom, Director of Business Development, ADGM, UAE.

