



Middle East Family Office Investment Summit

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Mandarin Oriental, Jumeira, Dubai

Post Event Report

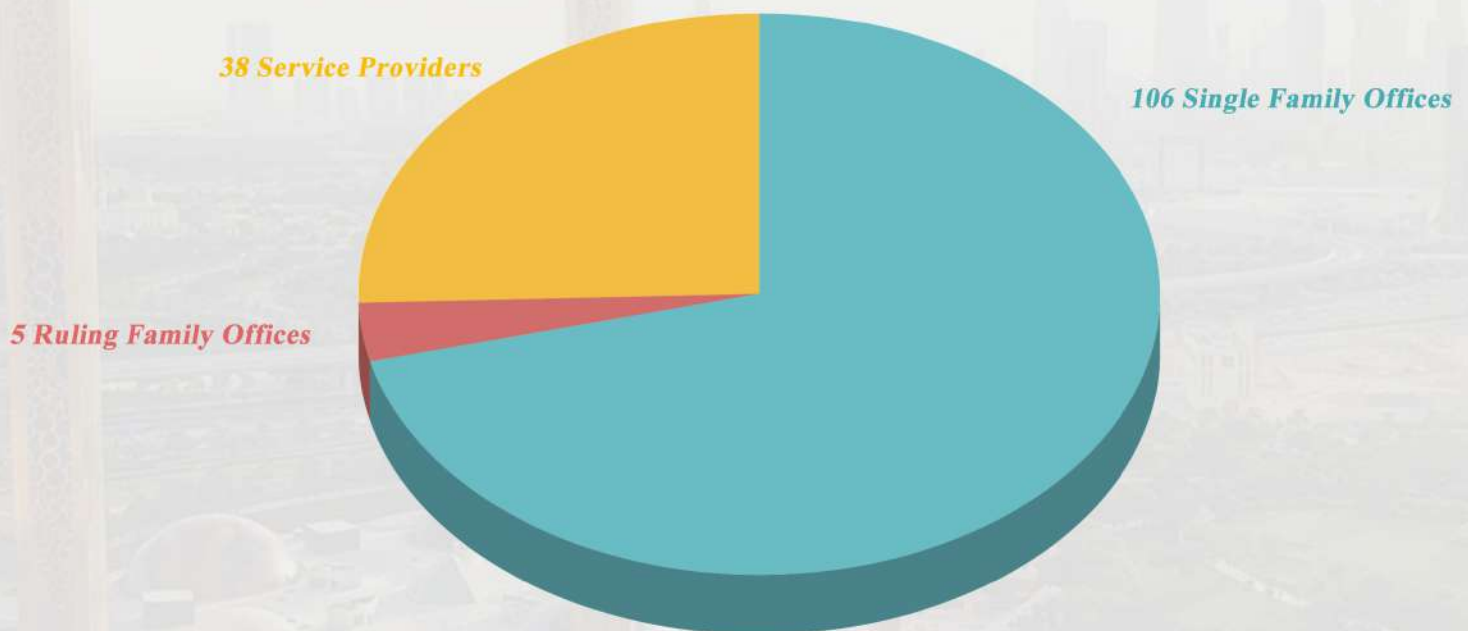


The unique networking, sharing and learning opportunity that is the Middle East Family Office Summit marked its seventh edition with an unmatched delegate list that featured decision-makers and family office members from all over the Middle East.

It was also a valuable networking opportunity, with an investor to delegate ratio 71 of to 29 giving all attendees invaluable access to key decision makers.

Who Was There?

- ◆ 106 family offices attended
- ◆ There were also 5 ruling families represented
- ◆ 38 service providers were able to mingle and meet with the family office members
- ◆ Delegates and speakers included Sheikh Abdulla Zayed Saqr Al Nahyan (President, S&S Brokerage House; CEO, Dolphin Air. UAE), Abdullah Al Mutawa (Founder, The Taken Seat, Kuwait), Rozana Al Tayyar (Executive Board Member, The International Chamber of Commerce, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), Majed M Al Tahan (Founder & CEO, AYM, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) and Ahmad AR.BinDawood (CEO, Danube & Bindawood, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).





The Programme

Blending the practical, the personal and the professional, the latest edition of the Middle East Family Office Summit was as exciting and cutting edge as ever.

Sheikh Abdulla Zayed Saqr Al Nahyan shared with us his views on the technology that will be shaping both our personal and professional lives in the future.

And we welcomed Abdullah Al Mutawa to explain how he developed the kind of entrepreneurial excellence that turned Carriage into such a huge success, and how this success can be modelled for future endeavours.

We also covered topics as diverse as the future of finance, climate change, the global reputation of the Gulf, safe cities, education, tech developments in Abu Dhabi, investing in culture, and the key differences between impact investment, social enterprise and philanthropy.

Family office specific matters including conflict, real estate, and emerging foreign markets also featured. But as ever, some of the highlights of the programme were the networking opportunities we built into it.

With an intimate number of delegates taking advantage of frequent coffee breaks, breakfast, lunch and dinner events, and a cocktail reception, the connections made over the two days will undoubtedly lead to successful new partnerships and professional relationships over the coming months.

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 legacy, personal wellbeing and lifestyle.

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

“Wonderful! The summit has been very well-attended. People are very open-minded and thinking about new ideas.”

Benson Tam, Chairman & Founding Partner, Venturous Group, China.

“The content of this event has been phenomenal. All the topics we have discussed and hearing from the panelists and the discussions that have been happening... is very exciting. It's interesting to see how new ideas and new innovations are coming from the family offices.”

Ahmad AR. BinDawood, CEO, Danube & BinDawood, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

“I'm in love with this summit. It's a very nice collection of practitioners, investors and family offices. It's an amazing networking and learning experience.”

Hawazen Nazieh Nassief, Environmental, Social, and Governance Director, NESR, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

“It was a very nice event. We did a lot of socializing here, and there were lots of topics in common. We all got to meet a lot of colleagues and family offices here in the Gulf.”

Majed M Al Tahan, Founder & CEO, AYM, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

“I think it's a great collection of people and speakers. It's been very engaging. I think the format and the size is perfect because you get to talk to a lot of people and learn from everyone. But at the same time it's big enough that it's a diverse presence. You really get a good cross section of what's happening in our markets.”

Huda Al Lawati, CIO, Gateway Partners, UAE.



