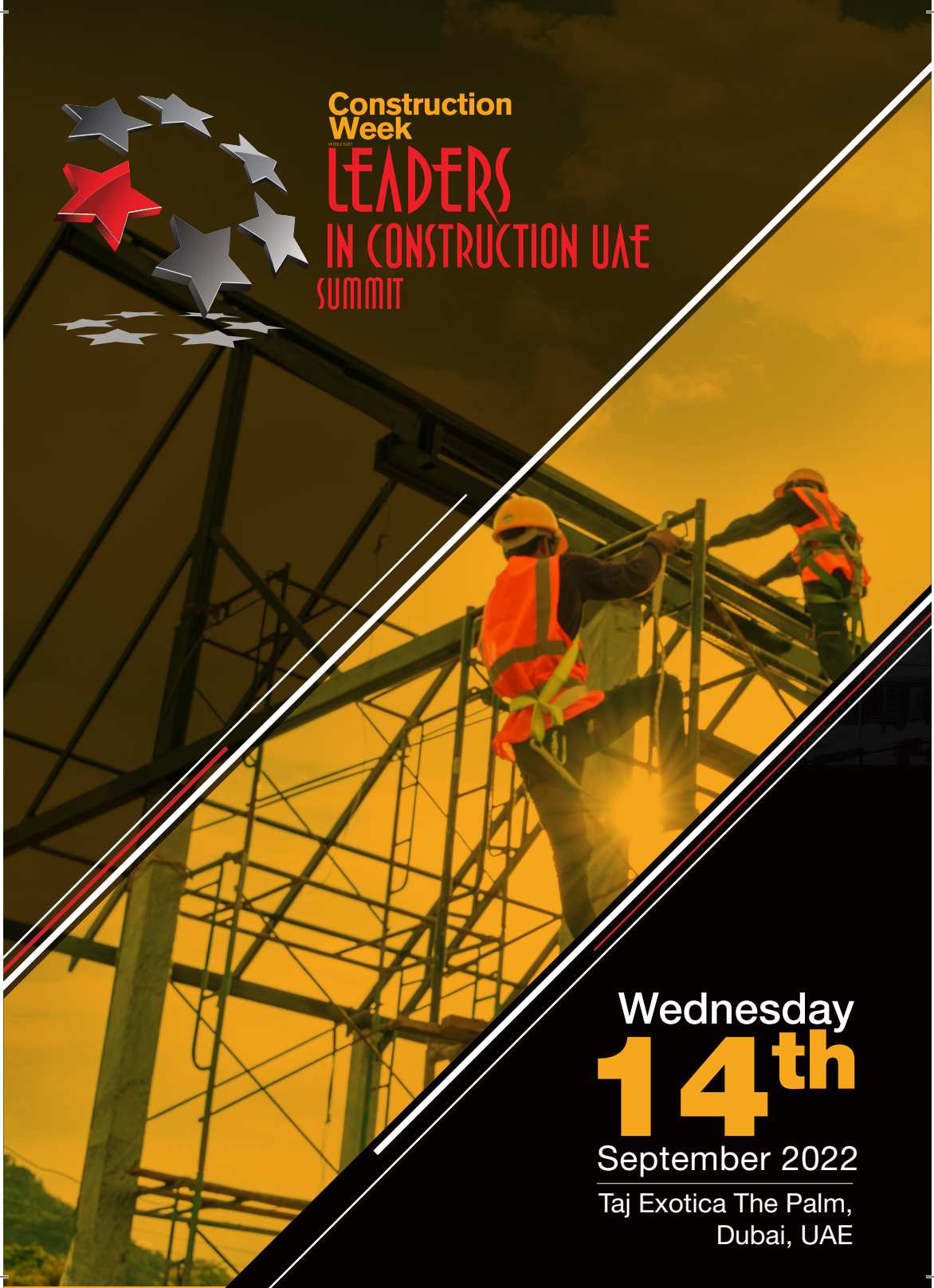




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With a specific focus on GCC countries, the brand's weekly magazine, sector-leading website and dedicated social media channels deliver a balanced editorial diet of the latest news, insightful industry analysis and opinion, in-depth market studies, and hard-hitting interviews.


Construction Week Middle East is the resource-of-choice for contractors, consultants, developers, and suppliers looking to gain the inside track in their markets and grow in the multibillion-dollar regional construction sector.

WELCOME LETTER

Welcome to the 13th iteration of the **Construction Week** Leaders in Construction UAE Summit. It gives us immense pleasure to be here with you today, as we look forward to engaging in thoughtful discussions surrounding the UAE's construction landscape.

For over two decades, the UAE has been considered as one of the biggest construction markets in the Middle East. With Expo 2020 Dubai, the scale of the construction sector only grew bigger. Gathering today for one of our most anticipated conferences of the year, we will discuss how the construction sector in the UAE has evolved since the pandemic.

Ranju Warriar
Editor in Chief





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AGENDA

8:15 AM

REGISTRATION, BREAKFAST, AND NETWORKING

9:00 AM

OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME FROM CONSTRUCTION WEEK MIDDLE EAST

9:05 AM

KEYNOTE SPEECH: THE UAE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY'S GROWTH PROSPECTS

Providing critical insight into the impact of industry trends and issues, as well as an analysis of key risks and opportunities in the UAE construction industry.

Nasser Alhajri, Acting Chief Industry Services, Saudi Contractors Authority (SCA)

9:20 AM

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE ROLE OF LEADERSHIP IN CREATING A SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

With the fall of several UAE-based construction giants, the sector has been forced to think beyond the borders. Our line-up of top bosses in the industry will analyse the role of decision makers in creating a future-proof industry while promoting sustainable practices.

Moderator: Sachin Kerur, Managing Partner Middle East, Reed Smith
Ali Amiri, Head of Specialisms Middle East, Ramboll

Yu Tao, CEO, China State Construction Engineering Corporation Middle East (CSCEC ME)

Sean McQue, Operations Director, ALEC

10:05 AM

REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING

10:30 AM

PANEL DISCUSSION: THE RISE OF MASTER COMMUNITIES IN THE UAE

How the Emirates is introducing more master communities that focus on human well-being in addition to providing inclusive facilities. Experts will reflect on the growing demand for community living, why UAE is the right place for communities to flourish and the technical challenges associated with building such communities.

Moderator: Ranju Warrior, Editor in Chief, Construction Week Middle East & Construction Week Saudi

Alexandros Pounentis, Director of PM/CM Services, KEO International Consultants

Baharash Bagherian, CEO, URB

Prathyusha Gurrapu, Head of Research and Advisory, CORE Real Estate

AGENDA

11:15 AM

FIRESIDE CHAT: HOW TIMELY ANALYTICS DRIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT EXECUTION

Fady Kobersy, Head of Sales and Customer Success MENA, RIB CCS

11:35 PM:

PANEL DISCUSSION: WILL DIGITALISATION BECOME MORE PERVASIVE IN UAE CONSTRUCTION?

Over the last two decades, the construction industry has gradually incorporated digital technology as the push continues to overcome the sector's customary and traditional methods. The panellists will engage in discussions to share the sector journey into digitalisation and what more needs to be done.

Moderator: Ranju Warriar, Editor in Chief, Construction Week Middle East & Construction Week Saudi

Michael Rimmer, Head of MEP Middle East, Ramboll

Mohamed Swidan, Senior Director, Head of Middle East & North Africa (MENA), Procore

Dr. Yasemin Nielsen, Associate Professor, School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society, Heriot-Watt University Dubai

12:20 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT: HOW MODULAR CONSTRUCTION IS HELPING STREAMLINE THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS?

Waleed Khaled, Regional Sales Director, Losberger De Boer

12:40 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION: STRENGTHENING SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

Experts will analyse how supply chain management could help improve the inventory visibility and velocity in the construction sector as they highlight the challenges currently facing suppliers in the industry and how we can overcome such challenges.

Moderator: Ranju Warriar, Editor in Chief, Construction Week Middle East & Construction Week Saudi

Paul Kelly, Director of Cost Management, C-Quest

Dr. Sreejith Balasubramanian, Chair Research Committee, Head, Centre for Supply Chain Excellence, Chair, ERPBSS 2022 Conference, Senior Lecturer, Business School, Middlesex University Dubai



01:25 PM **CLOSING REMARKS FROM CONSTRUCTION WEEK MIDDLE EAST**

01:30 PM **LUNCH AND NETWORKING**

02:05 PM **DISPUTE RESOLUTION QUESTION TIME UAE**

Panel discussion: The impact of inflation and price escalation in construction contracts

The construction industry continues to face new challenges. Rising inflation and debt costs, labour shortages, supply chain delays, and escalating freight and material costs are putting enormous strain on the industry. These factors are collectively impacting construction contracts at a time when contractors are dealing with slim margins. Through Dispute Resolution Question Time UAE we gather legal experts in the industry to analyse clauses governing cost escalation, how contractors could seek protection against cost escalation, as well as the extent of the recovery for escalation.

Moderator: Mark Raymont, Head of Risk Advisory Services, Middle East, Pinsent Masons

Panellists:

Daniel Xu, Partner, King & Wood Mallesons (KWM)

James Plant, Partner, HFW

Phil Duggan, Director & Head of Expert Services - CCI

Michelle Nelson, Partner, Reed Smith

Rohit Singhal, CEO, Masin

03:10 PM **AUDIENCE Q&A SESSION**

04:00 PM **CLOSING REMARKS**

FEATURED



Nasser Alhajri
Acting Chief Industry Services,
Saudi Contractors Authority
(SCA)

Long experience of 15 years in different industries, currently, he is chief of the industry services at the Saudi Contractors Authority (SCA). He is working with high ambition and target to drive and build the future by managing the number of departments that are working on organizing the contracting sector in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.



Alexandros Pounentis
Director of PM/CM Services - KEO
International Consultants

Alexandros serves as KEO's Director of PM/CM Services. He is an experienced professional in the engineering design and construction industry who holds valuable experience in the entire lifecycle of large building construction and infrastructure projects. His range of experience includes Engineering Construction on projects such as highways, tunnels and bridges, as well as delivery on hospitals, large mixed-use, residential and hotel developments.



Yu Tao
CEO - China State Construction
Engineering Corporation Middle
East

Tao became the founding Managing Director of China State Construction and Engineering in the Middle East in 2004. Today it is among the largest construction companies in the region and employs over 13,500 people. Tao has encouraged the early adoption of new technologies such as virtual reality, 3D printing and drones.



Sean McQue
Operations Director - ALEC

Sean has built a 24 year career and eventually joined ALEC in the UAE in 2008 where he has been for the last 12 years. After delivering some of ALEC's largest and most complex projects Sean took on the role of Operations Director for ALEC and is now the Director of Construction for the UAE continuing to oversee the delivery of projects for ALEC.

SPEAKERS



Ali Amiri

Head of Specialisms, Middle East - Ramboll

Ali Amiri has over 20 years of experience in the construction sector and across several geographies including the United Kingdom, Middle East, and North Africa. He has vast experience in buildings, infrastructure, and master planning projects and currently sits on the steering committee for Ramboll Group's Building Sustainability Leadership, and that of Corporate Sustainability.



Baharash Bagherian

CEO - URB

Baharash Bagherian is the CEO of URB and has masterminded designs of various sustainable cities currently under construction. As highly experienced international consultants providing development, master planning, landscape & architectural services, URB are creating the highest standards of sustainable cities through their unique expertise & sustainability know-how.



Prathyusha Gurrappu

Head of Research and Advisory - CORE Middle East

Prathyusha leads CORE's Research and Advisory team in the UAE where she focuses on producing thought-leading research publications for major real estate asset classes. Prathyusha also advises developers and institutional investors across the real estate development cycle for residential, office, hospitality, retail and industrial assets.



Fady Kobersy

Head of Sales & Customer Success MENA - RIB CCS

Fady started his career in the contracting field in Saudi Arabia. Moving between different departments, Fady's passion toward controlling what goes on after the design has been established when he was appointed as Cost Control Manager. Fady is currently based in Dubai with RIB CCS as Head of Sales & Customer Success for the MENA Region.

FEATURED



Mohamed Swidan
Senior Director, Head of MENA -
Procure

Mohamed Swidan has over 17 years of experience working with multinational technology companies, including leadership roles at Cisco, LinkedIn, SAP and Uber. He is responsible for managing Procure's business across all Middle Eastern and North African countries, tasked with strengthening Procure's brand and presence across the region.



Michael Rimmer
Head of MEP, Middle East -
Ramboll

Michael Rimmer is a chartered building services engineer, with 17 years of experience in delivering an expanse of diverse projects across the United Kingdom and in the Middle East regions. Since joining Ramboll, Michael's focus has been to strengthen the building services engineering offerings by driving the integration of parametric and digital twinning into Ramboll's portfolio of projects.



Dr. Yasemin Nielsen
Associate Professor, School of Energy,
Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society
- Heriot-Watt University Dubai

Dr. Nielsen has over 25 years of academic and industrial experience and she is currently active in post-graduate education and research. As a catalyst for closer collaboration between industry and academia, she has promoted applied research with an industry focus. Dr. Nielsen is based in UAE and is currently an Associate Professor and the Lead of EngD in Construction at Heriot-Watt University Dubai campus.



Waleed Khaled
Regional Director - Losberger De
Boer

Waleed has worked on projects with some of the most prestigious and well-respected developers and authorities in the region, and he has been successful in forming long-lasting, valuable partnerships with major industry players. He has extensive experience in commercial and entertainment sectors, having worked on some of the region's most iconic projects, including Qiddiya Entertainment City, MDL Beast Music Festival and many more.

SPEAKERS



Dr. Sreejith Balasubramanian
Head of Centre for Supply Chain Excellence - Middlesex University Dubai
Dr Sreejith gained his BTech in Engineering and his Master's in International Business from the University of Wollongong in Dubai, before obtaining his PhD in Supply Chain Management from Middlesex University (UK). He is a member of the Chartered Institute of Logistic and Transport (UK), the Academy of International Business, the American Statistical Association, and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.



Mark Raymont
Head of Risk Advisory Services, Middle East - Pinsent Masons
Mark is recognised as a leading construction disputes lawyer in the Middle East and has been described by construction industry sources as “a brilliant strategist - very comfortable with high-value disputes that have a local law impact”. He heads up the ME construction disputes team at Pinsent Masons - one of the leading law firms in the World specialising in the infrastructure sector.



Daniel Xu
Partner - King & Wood Mallesons (KWM)
Daniel is a construction and dispute resolution specialist based in Dubai. He is a Singapore qualified lawyer and also holds full rights of audience at the DIFC Courts. Daniel is listed as an accredited arbitrator on the panel of the Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC), Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) and sits as arbitrator for DIFC-LCIA.



Phil Duggan
Director & Head of Expert Services - CCI
Phil is a quantity surveyor with over 30 years' experience in the construction and engineering industries. He particularly deals with the preparation and valuation of variations; claims for prolongation disruption and acceleration, disputed accounts and counter-claims and damages. Phil gained 12 years' working experience with 2 of the UK's largest multi-discipline construction and engineering contractors.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Michelle Nelson
Partner - Reed Smith

Michelle is a partner in the firm's Energy and Natural Resources practice. She is a specialist arbitration lawyer with over 24 years of experience. Her practice focuses on the Middle East, advising on major oil & gas and construction and infrastructure disputes. Michelle represents clients in arbitration proceedings under the major international and regional arbitration.



James Plant
Partner - HFW

James Plant is a Partner at HFW. He heads up HFW's construction and engineering disputes team in the Middle East. James acts principally for international EPC contractors on disputes relating to oil and gas projects, process plant, infrastructure, renewable energy, tunnelling, sub-sea cables and airport projects.



Rohit Singhal
CEO - Masin

Rohit Singhal is the Chief Executive Officer of Masin, which is a renowned construction arbitration expert firm with presence in 8 countries. Rohit is a highly respected Construction Dispute expert with 25 years of international consulting experience involving construction contract disputes analysis and resolution, arbitration / litigation support and expert testimony.



Paul Kelly
Director of Cost Management,
C-Quest

Paul Kelly is a Director of Cost Management at C-Quest Project Development & Cost Consultants (an allied practice of KEO) with over 17 years' experience across the entire project lifecycle in multiple sectors, large scale masterplan developments, residential and commercial high-rise buildings, corporate real estate, retail fit-out and refurbishment, hospitality, and infrastructure projects.



Sachin Kerur
Managing Partner Middle East,
Reed Smith

Sachin is Managing Partner of Reed Smith firm's Middle East offices and a senior partner in the firm's Energy and Natural Resources practice. He has over 25 years of experience advising Government and the private sector on privatised and publicly procured infrastructure and development works, particularly across the Middle East, Africa and Indian subcontinents.

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