



Turning built environment challenges into scalable outcomes

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The leadership programme for construction and urban development

Dear leaders,

We are delighted to present Big 5 Global Leadership Summits, a series of high-level summits that convene leaders from across construction, infrastructure and urban development to share insights, exchange perspectives and explore the issues influencing the region's built environment.

In 2026, the leadership programme features three dedicated summits: Big 5 Global Leaders' Summit, LiveableCitiesX Summit and Big 5 FutureTech Summit. The programme is designed to explore the priorities driving project pipelines, investment decisions and long-term livability strategies.

Across the GCC, national development agendas continue to expand, project activity is increasing and expectations around delivery are becoming more demanding. From localization requirements and supply chain resilience to AI adoption and ESG accountability, organizations are under growing pressure to improve performance, manage geopolitical risk and deliver measurable outcomes.

With more than 1,200 esteemed delegates and input from a global advisory board, the programme is designed to move beyond discussion, focusing on real-world insights, peer-to-peer exchange and lessons that participants can apply within their own organizations and projects.

We look forward to welcoming you to connect with leaders, gain valuable perspectives on converting built environment challenges into scalable outcomes and strengthen collaboration across the region.

Warm regards,



Becky Crayman

Associate Vice President - Content
Big 5 Global

Setting the stage for 2026

1,200+

Delegates

75+

Speakers

35+

Sessions

3

Summits



Who will be in the room?

Join a high-level audience across policy, investment and project delivery



Government & public sector

- Ministers
- Mayors and City Leaders
- Heads of government
- Municipalities and Local Authorities
- Council and Public Works Official
- Policy Advisors
- Government Agencies and Regulatory Bodies



Executive leadership & decision makers

- CEOs, Founders, Chairpersons
- Chief Strategy Officers
- Chief Operating Officers
- Chief Projects Officers
- Chief Development Officers
- Presidents and Vice Presidents
- Managing Directors
- Group and Regional Directors



Finance, investment & development

- Sovereign Wealth Funds
- Chief Financial Officers
- Investment Directors
- Venture Capitalists
- Private Equity Investors
- Financial and Investment Analysts



Sustainable innovation & ESG leaders

- Chief Sustainability Officers
- Chief Environmental Officers
- Directors of Sustainability
- Directors of Data Analytics
- ESG and Compliance Leaders
- Circular Economy Specialists
- Climate Change Advocates
- Futurists
- Net-zero and Decarbonization Leaders



Data, analytics and digital delivery

- Chief Data Officers
- Directors of BIM and Digital Delivery
- Directors of Cybersecurity
- Directors of Data Engineering
- Construction Technology Leaders
- BIM Specialists
- Digital Twin Specialists
- AI and Data Analytics Specialists



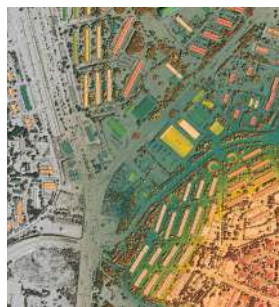
Technology & digitalization professionals

- Chief Technology Officers
- Chief Digital Officers
- Directors of Data Analytics
- Directors of IoT and Connected Systems
- Smart Infrastructure Architects
- PropTech/ConTech Innovation Leads



Urban planning & infrastructure

- Directors of Community Development
- Directors of Smart Cities Initiatives
- Directors of Transport and Mobility Planning
- Urban Designers
- City Planners
- Civil Infrastructure Consultants
- Municipalities/Councils and Public Works Officials



Geospatial & location intelligence users

- Chief Geospatial Officers
- Chief Surveying Specialists
- Directors of GIS
- Directors of Remote Sensing
- Directors of Spatial Data Infrastructure
- GIS Technical Leads and Managers
- Geospatial Data Manager/Specialist/Analyst
- LiDAR Mapping Specialists
- Earth Observation and Satellite Data Analysts

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Meet the advisory board:

Industry leaders setting the strategic priorities that keep the programme relevant to buyers, suppliers and industry stakeholders.



Dr. Christina Yan Zhang
CEO
The Metaverse Institute



Corey Gray
President
Smart Cities Council



Dean McGrail
President, Middle East and Asia
WSP



Gaurav Jaisinghania
Head of Consulting - Middle East
L&T Technology Services



Greg Karpinski
COO & Partner
KEO International Consultants



Ana Hudson
Executive Director of
Sustainability & Environment
King Salman Park Foundation



Dr. Anas Bataw
Partner
Zacua Ventures



Andre Vreman
Managing Partner and Chairman
Climate Neutral Real Estate



Angela Pernsteiner
Visionary Founder
Wurth Professional Solutions



Anna Tari
President
Circular Economy Institute



Harry Nakichibandi
Chief Digital Officer
Multiplex



Marjan Faraidooni
Chief HR Officer and Chief of
Education and Culture
Expo City Dubai



Michelle Carr
Founder
Construction Alchemy Limited



Naji Atallah
Director, Regional Expansion
Autodesk



Patrick Rouse
Chief Development Officer
Deyaar Development



Paul Hilton
Regional Managing Director Middle
East, South Asia and International
Development
Mott MacDonald



Paul O'Brien
Chief Development Officer
Modon



Pedram Rad
CEO
Elev8 Architecture



Richard Abboud
Chief Executive Officer
Group AMANA



Shawn Myers
Middle East Masterplanning
Director
DLR Group



Vladimir Kantar
CEO
Blackline Architects



Vladimir Vlahovic
Vice President and Founding
Member
International ConTech Network



Where government and industry come together to turn priorities into progress



Navigating uncertainty with confidence

Understand how global shifts are influencing growth, competitiveness and business performance, and the decisions leaders are making in response.



Strengthening execution and delivery

Discover how leading organizations are improving productivity, accelerating decision-making and building the organizational capability to deliver with greater certainty.



Leading organizations through transformation

Explore how AI, changing workforce dynamics and adaptive leadership are creating more resilient, future-ready organizations.

Discussion topics



Navigate growth in an uncertain world



Build confidence to drive investment



Turn strategy into execution



Lead the organizations of tomorrow



Global Leaders' Summit was very well organized with a great venue and high-quality speeches. The deep dives, especially with local government representatives, were extremely insightful.

Federico Dannunzio, President, Traent



Guiding urban growth toward resilient and liveable cities



Planning cities for long-term value

Explore how integrated planning, infrastructure and policy decisions can create long-term economic, social and environmental value for cities.



Addressing the challenges of urban growth

Learn how governments, developers and industry are overcoming barriers to accelerate housing, infrastructure and community delivery while maintaining quality and long-term value.



Designing cities around people

Understand how leaders are creating healthier, more inclusive and resilient communities by putting people, place and quality of life at the heart of urban development.

Discussion topics



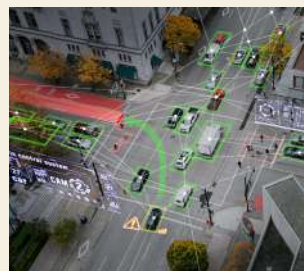
**Rethinking
urban growth**



**Delivering
liveable cities**



**Connected cities,
better decisions**



**Planning cities for
long-term value**



LiveableCitiesX Summit was truly a wonderful experience especially for gaining insights into the future of the industry, global trends, emerging technologies and how the industry is being transformed.

Aftab Goraya, CEO, AFKO Global Engineering



Where innovation meets construction reality



Moving from digital ambition to industry-wide transformation

Understand how governments and industry are creating the digital foundations, governance and partnerships needed to scale innovation beyond pilot projects.



Delivering faster with intelligent technologies

Explore how AI, automation, industrialised construction and connected delivery models are helping organizations meet growing demand for data centres, mega projects and critical infrastructure.



Creating long-term value through connected assets

Learn how intelligent operations, trusted AI and effective technology adoption are improving asset performance, resilience and long-term competitiveness.

Key themes



Digital foundations for industry transformation



Intelligent project delivery



Connected assets and intelligent operations



Trusted AI and future-ready organizations



Future Tech Summit was truly enriching and very fruitful. It was insightful to hear different perspectives from professionals around the world and learn how software solutions and technologies are being applied across the AEC industry.

Mary Anne Nicolas, Vice President, Business Cluster Head, General Manager, Aidea

Who joined us in 2025?

Global ministries and organizations align at the Leadership Summits, reflecting the summits' role as the decision-rooms for the 2026 market.



GET YOUR TICKET

Choose your access

Make each day count with an experience catered to your goals.

VIP Delegate ticket

~~AED 4,500~~
AED 3,000

Access areas:

- Big 5 Global Leaders' Summit
- LiveableCitiesX Summit
- Big 5 FutureTech Summit
- VIP lounge
- Elite Executive Mixer
- Exhibition access to all events (all days)
- Big 5 Talks
- Event app



Big 5 Global Leaders' Summit Delegate ticket

~~AED 2,750~~
AED 1,750

Access areas:

- Big 5 Global Leaders' Summit on 23 November 2026
- VIP lounge
- Exhibition access to all events (all days)
- Big 5 Talks
- Event app

LiveableCitiesX Summit Delegate ticket

~~AED 2,750~~
AED 1,750

Access areas:

- LiveableCitiesX Summit on 24 November 2026
- VIP lounge
- Exhibition access to all events (all days)
- Big 5 Talks
- Event app

Big 5 FutureTech Summit Delegate Ticket

~~AED 2,750~~
AED 1,750

Access areas:

- Big 5 FutureTech Summit on 26 November 2026
- VIP lounge
- Exhibition access to all events (all days)
- Big 5 Talks
- Event app



Early bird tickets are available until
15 October 2026

GET YOUR TICKET NOW

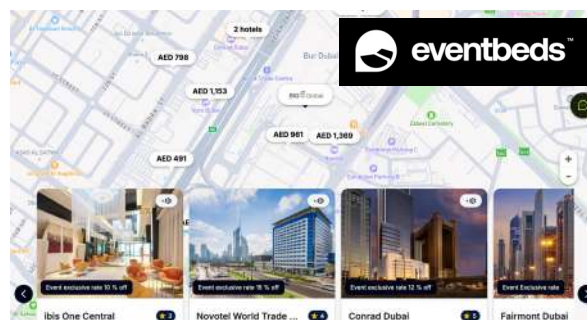
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The Elite Executive Mixer

An invitation-only evening of distinguished connections, bringing together influential speakers, senior executives and premium delegates from across the global built environment. Enjoy exceptional hospitality, skyline views and meaningful conversations in an exclusive setting designed for relationship-building beyond the summit stages.

PLAN YOUR TRIP

Event at a glance

Location	23 November	24 November	25 November	26 November
AI Multaqua Ballroom	Big 5 Global Leaders' Summit (D)	LiveableCitiesX Summit (D)	Big 5 Global Impact Awards (I)	Big 5 FutureTech Summit (D)
Sheikh Rashid Hall Stage	Project Management Talks	Building Codes & Regulation Talks Let's Talk Fire	Everything Architecture Talks Sustainability Talks	Concrete Talks Geotechnical Talks
Hall 4 Stage	AI Talks	buildingSMART Talks Geospatial Talks	Startup City Talks & Pitch Competition	Facility Management Talks
Trade Centre Arena Stage	AHRI Leadership Roundtable (I)	HVACR Talks by ASHRAE Falcon Chapter	HVACR Talks by ASHRAE Falcon Chapter	HVACR Talks by IIR and ASHRAE Falcon Chapter
AI Ain A + B Meeting Rooms	ASHRAE Trainings	UN Ozone Workshop (I)	UN Ozone Workshop (I)	UN Ozone Workshop (I)
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	Elite Mixer (I)		Trade Connectors' Breakfast (I)	Big 5 Global Impact Trail (Daily)

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Key:

(D) Delegate access

(I) Invite only

Timings:

23 November 2026 | 11:00 – 18:00 25 November 2026 | 10:00 – 18:00

24 November 2026 | 10:00 – 18:00 26 November 2026 | 10:00 – 17:00

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Uniting the world of construction and urban development

With a 46-year legacy, Big 5 Global is the largest and most influential building, construction and urban development event in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia. It is the annual meeting hub for the global built environment community.

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