



# AREF CONFERENCE 2024

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09:30	<b>Breakfast: Tackling Diversity in the Industry</b>	Start the day with thought-provoking conversations with industry leaders and connect with real estate professionals committed to driving positive change within the industry. This breakfast is optional.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Moderator) Sophie Reguengo, Ogier</li> <li>• Sue Brown, Real Estate Balance</li> <li>• Joshua Bond, Bond Land</li> </ul>
11:00	<b>Welcome</b>	A welcome from AREF's CEO and Chair.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne Breen, Global Head of Real Estate, abrdn &amp; AREF Chair</li> <li>• Paul Richards, CEO, AREF</li> </ul>
11:10	<b>Plenary 1: Keynote from Robert Peston</b>	Political journalist, presenter and author, Peston, will open the Conference with a keynote address focused on current political dynamics. Drawing from his extensive expertise, Peston will dissect pressing geopolitical issues and their potential impact on global markets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert Peston, Political Journalist, Presenter &amp; Author</li> </ul>
11:40	<b>Plenary 2: Real Estate Funds Resilience</b>	Exploring the appeal - staying compelling, relevant, and investable now and for the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Moderator) Simon Marx, Lothbury Investment Mgmt</li> <li>• Jenny Buck, Tesco Pension Fund</li> <li>• Robert Houston, St Brides Managers</li> </ul>
12:30	<b>Lunch</b>		
13:30	<b>Break-out Session 1: Defining and Defending Against Stranded Assets</b>	With more focus on unanticipated devaluation, we consider definitions of asset stranding and how the strategic management of ESG risks can defend against stranded assets and help position assets for the long term.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Moderator) Alex Notay, Thriving Investments</li> <li>• Sam Carson, CBRE</li> <li>• Imogen Ebbs, Aviva Investors</li> <li>• Chinyelu Oranefo, Lloyds Commercial Banking</li> </ul>
13:30	<b>Break-out Session 2: Future Visions: Exploring Horizons in 2040</b>	Four speakers will share visionary insights on the investment landscape of tomorrow. This could be technological advancements to changing consumer behaviours and emerging industries. Expect illuminating discussions on potential challenges and opportunities shaping portfolios in 2040.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Moderator) Kasia Dziewulska, CBRE UK</li> <li>• David Hedalen, Aviva Investors</li> <li>• Marie Hickey, Savills</li> <li>• Daryl Perry, Cushman &amp; Wakfield</li> <li>• Matthew Richardson, Income Analytics</li> </ul>
14:30	<b>Break-out Session 3: Residential Real Estate</b>	Overcoming challenges for funds accessing the Living Sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Moderator) Dr. Brenna O'Roarty, RHL Strategic Solutions</li> <li>• Andy Allen, Savills Investment Management</li> <li>• Michael Brooks, RealPac</li> <li>• William Kyle, Thriving Investments</li> </ul>
14:30	<b>Break-out Session 4: Natural Capital Investment</b>	Exploring current trends, challenges, and success stories in natural capital investment (enhancing, preserving, or restoring the Earth's ecosystems and biodiversity while promoting sustainable economic development).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Moderator) Jessica Pilz, Fiera Real Estate</li> <li>• Celine Grace Legaspi, Reddington</li> <li>• + more tbc</li> </ul>
16:00	<b>Plenary 3: Capital Flows</b>	Navigating the dynamic landscape of investor capital movement, with a particular focus on the transition from Defined Benefit (DB) to Defined Contribution (DC) plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Moderator) John Forbes, John Forbes Consulting</li> <li>• Matthew Abbott, Legal &amp; General Investment Mgmt</li> <li>• Shalin Bhagwan, Pension Protection Fund</li> <li>• Mhairi Jackson, FCA</li> </ul>
16:50	<b>Final words &amp; close from AREF CEO, Paul Richards</b>		
17:00	<b>Summer Drinks Reception, sponsored by Mills &amp; Reeve</b>	An exclusive gathering for all delegates, to be held in the outdoor Courtyard, a perfect setting for industry experts and professionals to network and enjoy the evening. The reception will feature a sparkling wine reception and canapés.	<p><b>MILLS &amp; REEVE</b> Achieve more. Together.</p>