

### REVIEW



### Thanks to our Partner Sponsors for their support in 2024

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### Our membership has grown further

#### More than 20 firms joined in 2024 bringing the total to around 185 firms

#### **Member directory**



# Our busiest year ever for convening the industry through:

- Events
- Networking
- Roundtable discussions

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Groups & forums



### Highlights of the year include:

- Jan Women's Network Olive oil Tasting
- Feb REF Outlook
  - Black & Ethnic Minority Reciprocal Speed Mentoring
  - Future Leaders Day
- Mar Driving DE&I: Empowering Change in the Industry
- Apr YPREF Speed Networking
- May <u>YPREF Spring Conference</u>

- Industry Dinner at The Langham

Jun - Strategies for Career Advancement with mentoring

Jun	- LGBTQIA+ & Gender Diversity Awareness
	- <u>CREFC Europe's 20th birthday celebration</u>
Aug	- <u>YPREF Quiz Night</u>
Sep	- How to take charge of your own career
	- <u>Women's Network in Ireland</u>
Oct	- <u>BIG RE quiz night</u>
Nov	- Autumn Conference at The Landmark Hotel
	- Irish Forum & Dublin Autumn Seminar
	- <u>YPREF Autumn Conference</u>

- Frankfurt Seminar
- Coaching Women: changing the system not the person

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### In addition to these events,

- Roundtable discussions were held
- Existing groups & committees developed further
- New groups & forums were launched

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### More roundtable discussions

- **NEW** Specialist Lenders & Mid-Market series (first session held in June; more planned)
- Real Estate Finance in the North of England (July & November)
- **NEW** CREFCE Board-led thematic Industry Leaders series (June & October; more planned)

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### **Our Board of Advisors**

#### New leadership & refreshed membership

Amy Crick, **Barclays** (co-chair) Kate Tovey, **Birchwood** (co-chair) Nathan Jackson, **LaSalle IM** (co-chair)

Britta Drexler, *Apollo* Fiona Voon, *BNP Paribas* Arthur Jennings, *Cain International* Clarence Dixon, *CBRE* Tom Berens, *CBRE IM* Alex Hamilton, *Cervidae* Reena Banga, *Cheyne Capital (YPREF Chair Elect)* Aparna Sehgal, *Dechert* Vincent Nobel, *Federated Hermes* Jeremy Tham, *Knight Frank*  Jess Jenner, Linklaters Klaus Betz-Vais, Lloyds Banking Group Mathew Crowther, PGIM Real Estate Prabjot Mann, Phoenix Group Karen Dunstan, Precede Capital David Kaye, Puma Property Finance Richard Craddock, Redevco Joan Jackson, Savills (YPREF Chair) Jon Farkas, Starwood Capital Group Dean Harris, Trimont

### The network for young professionals (YPREF) is going from strength to strength

- More networking events
- More Learning & Development
  - 'How to' series
  - 2 dedicated half-day conferences



### **Learning & Development**

- Corporate Digital Access for conference
- YPREF-run 'How to' series:
  - Law
  - Loan agency
  - CRE Structured Credit
  - Develop
  - Lend
- Mentorship Scheme
- CPD certification for some content, e.g. 'How to' series, Spring & Autumn Conferences



## Our DEI Committee is building momentum

- Busy events calendar in 2024
- New <u>DEI Committee</u> structure to shape programme
- Stronger sub-groups
  - Ethnicity Network
  - Women's Network
  - Mental Health & Wellbeing

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# Our Irish Forum is firmly established



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Forum of senior figures in the industry

- 2 meetings a year
- Annual Dublin Autumn Seminar
- Women's Network local expansion

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## New groups & initiatives gathered steam

 Back Leverage Forum (with multiple subgroup workstreams)

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- Construction Finance Forum
- COO Forum



We continued our work in **advocacy** for the industry and to collaborate with other industry bodies to achieve more.





### **Advocacy - voice of the industry**

Helping members navigate policy landscape in flux Explaining and responding to:

- Tougher banking regulation
- Proposed reforms for supervision of non-bank financial intermediation
- Regulation of securitisation
- Regulation on climate change

Amplifying our collective voice in dealing with and educating regulators, especially through:

- Ongoing engagement with Bank of England
- Developing dialogue with European Central Bank

## Collaboration with other industry bodies

- Property Industry Alliance and Green Property Alliance in the UK
- European Real Estate Forum
- Other bilateral and multilateral tie-ups where useful, e.g.
  - European Mortgage Federation on CRR and 'prudent value'
  - AFME, AIMA/ACC and others on securitisation reform proposals
  - Better Buildings Partnership and LMA on sustainable finance

### In the interests of improving market transparency, we continued to support market research



### Our own market research

#### **Quarterly Market Sentiment Survey**



- 6 year time series
- 2-3 people per member firms invited to contribute
- 70-80 participants

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• UK, Ireland, Continental Europe split

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## We also sponsor research in key CRE finance markets



**Bayes - UK market** 

**IREBS - German market** 

#### **IEIF - French market**





### THE YEAR AHEAD



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## We have started planning for more events in the year ahead...

**Live Events Calendar** 

### ...and new groups and initiatives

- Sustainable Finance Forum
- CMBS
- Insurer Lender Forum
- New website and resource centre



#### If you would like to find out more about CREFC Europe, have questions, comments or suggestions, we'd love to hear from you.









