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New Chair Elect announced at CREFC Europe as two new Directors join the Board

As Alison Lambert of the Martley Capital Group enters her second year as Chair of CREFC Europe, the trade body has announced that Gregor Bamert of Aviva Investors has become Chair Elect and will succeed her as Chair in a year's time, also for a two-year term. Gregor joined the Board in 2022.

Duncan MacPherson of Starwood Capital and Jennie Dorsaint of Norton Rose Fulbright join the Board after being elected to three-year terms at the trade body's AGM today. Matthew Plax of Mizrahi Tefahot Bank and Nicola Free of Wells Fargo were re-elected, each to serve a second three-year term. The Board bid farewell to Nassar Hussain of Brookland and Jeffrey Rubinoff, who retired from the partnership at White & Case at the end of June. The current Board of Directors can be seen [here](#).

Gregor Bamert, Head of Real Estate Debt, Aviva Investors, said: "CREFCE plays a critical role in Europe's commercial real estate finance industry, supporting its members and promoting trust through transparency. I'm hugely honoured by the appointment and excited to be assisting Alison and the CREFCE team in their long-term mission. I look forward to engaging with the membership and continuing to uphold the strong reputation of the organisation through our engagement with market participants, regulators and policymakers, to ensure we continue to play an important role both in the industry and wider economy."

Alison Lambert, CFO COO, Martley Capital and CREFC Europe Chair, said: "It is a great pleasure to continue serving as Chair of CREFC Europe and to welcome Gregor Bamert as Chair Elect. His experience and leadership will be a tremendous asset to the organisation and our members. I am also pleased to welcome Duncan MacPherson and Jennie Dorsaint to the Board, and to congratulate Matthew Plax and Nicola Free on their re-election. Their collective expertise will be invaluable as we continue to champion transparency, resilience, and collaboration across the commercial real estate finance sector. My thanks go to Nassar Hussain and Jeffrey Rubinoff for their valued contributions over many years to both the Board and CREFCE. Together, we remain focused on supporting our members and promoting transparency and resilience across the industry."

Peter Cosmetatos, Chief Executive of CREFC Europe, said: "I'm grateful to Jeffrey and Nassar for all their help, guidance and enthusiasm over the last few years, but also excited to welcome Duncan and Jennie to the Board, and to have Gregor confirmed as the next Chair Elect. At a time of turbulence in the world and in markets, the consistently high calibre and effectiveness of our Board have been vital to CREFC Europe's growth over recent years, reinforced by the shift to a two-year term for the Chair, which Alison initiated and Gregor plans to continue."

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About CREFC Europe

[CREFC Europe](#) is the trade association for real estate finance in Europe. It is a non-profit membership association with [some 185 corporate members](#) representing a diverse range of lending institutions, advisory businesses supporting the market, and investors in both real estate and real estate debt.

CREFC Europe's mission is to promote sustainable, liquid and transparent real estate debt markets for the benefit of its members, the wider market, and the economy and society as a whole. It offers opportunities to network, collaborate, learn and influence, through:

- Conferences, seminars and programming, on topics of general or specialist interest, and as organised by its network for young professionals, women's network and other groups
- Forums, working groups, other gatherings and industry initiatives to help the industry address shared opportunities and challenges, emerging issues or particular market segments collaboratively
- Informed dialogue with policymakers with a view to reducing the risk of unintended and unwelcome consequences from regulatory interventions, and keeping our members informed.

We also support industry research and transparency initiatives, and collaborate with other representative groups with overlapping memberships and interests, recognising that it is in our members' interests that we join forces where that makes sense, avoiding unnecessary duplication.

It's conferences season!

Join us:

- In Dublin for our annual Autumn Seminar, hosted this year by A&L Goodbody on 25 September: more info and registration here: <https://www.crefceurope.org/events/dublin-autumn-seminar->
- For our flagship Autumn Conference at the Landmark Hotel in London on 4 November: more info, sponsorship opportunities and registration here: <https://www.crefceurope.org/events/crefce-autumn-conference>.

View full details of our autumn events schedule here: <https://www.crefceurope.org/pages/events>.

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