IMN’s Winter Forum is invested in providing a much-needed platform for under-represented groups within the Real Estate industry to connect, to share valuable insights and to address issues that impact career advancement.

As part of IMN’s newly launched Women In Thought Leadership initiative, IMN’s Winter Forum is dedicated to giving a voice to diverse groups. See below for some of our offerings.

Now in its third year, the ‘Women’s Leadership Forum’ (formerly ‘Women in CRE’) is a closed door roundtable that is dedicated to the career advancement of women. Through providing quality networking, constructive discussions and the sharing of invaluable advice, insights and best practices, we endeavor to inspire and forge paths forward.

For 2020 we are also pleased to introduce: ‘Driving Change & Breaking New Ground: Empowering Women In CRE’. Open to all Winter Forum attendees, this panel discussion broadens the conversation of advancing women in Real Estate and encourages participation from all industry stakeholders.

“IMN’s focus on diversity is impressive. I have attended the IMN Winter Forum on Real Estate for several years and have always found it informative. The Women’s Leadership Forum is a phenomenal addition to the programming. It has provided me with a unique and fulfilling opportunity to work with positive, creative, and collaborative women of influence who are interested in making change and sharing their professional and personal wisdom.”

Hilary Shalla, Partner, Latham & Watkins LLP

“IMN is taking an admirable step with their “women in CRE” program which recognizes women’s paltry representation in the investment and finance community and gives women a forum to speak openly about their role as a minority. These meetings provide a valuable networking opportunity and resource to women looking for career advancement and advice on how to do so. They recognize that the women who would be attending these conferences are in a unique self-selected position to enable each other to continue to thrive.”

Leslie Lundin, Managing Partner, LBG Real Estate Companies, LLC

“The Women in CRE roundtable at IMN’s Winter Opportunity Fund Forum was a truly insightful and inspirational gathering. There are many paths to success for women in commercial real estate, and the Women in CRE discussion was a great opportunity to hear first-hand the varied experiences and strategies of fellow females in the commercial real estate space.”

Katie Hofstetter, Associate, Strada Investment Group
Also new to the 2020 Forum is ‘Diversity in CRE – An Interactive Roundtable: Forging a Path to Success’. We are pleased to introduce this closed door session in which racially and ethnically diverse executives and professionals, representing different fields within the CRE industry, will discuss their routes to their current positions. They will share the challenges they overcame along the way and will offer invaluable insights into how to get ahead in a highly competitive industry.

Both closed door sessions take place on the Wednesday afternoon and are only open to women and racially and ethnically diverse attendees respectively. Pre-registration is recommended as space is limited and seats are being offered on a first come, first served basis. To RSVP and to submit topics for discussion, please email Farrah.buzen@imn.org

The Women in CRE segment at IMN’s Winter Forum on Real Estate Opportunity & Private Fund Investing was an innovative and valuable addition to the conference that has gained in popularity and provides a key opportunity for women to share ideas and experiences as well as to network. It continues to expand its reach with attendees and in content and is now an integral part of the Forum."

“Diversity in CRE – An Interactive Roundtable: Forging a Path to Success” is an important addition to the Women’s Leadership Forum. It provides a platform for diverse perspectives and experiences, highlighting the challenges and successes of women in the CRE industry. This session not only enriches the forum experience but also promotes inclusivity and diversity, fostering a more equitable and collaborative environment in the industry.

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Comments?

We actively encourage feedback from all industry stakeholders in our efforts to further the participation and engagement of our diverse colleagues and to raise awareness of the issues affecting their professional advancement. Should you wish to be involved, or have any questions, please contact Catherine Martin-Miller, Editorial Director, IMN’s Winter Fund Forum: cmliller@imn.org

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