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## **REFA forms a Young Professionals Network**

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The Real Estate Finance Association of Connecticut (REFA) has formed a Young Professionals Network (REFA YPN) with the objective of helping individuals that are new to, or lightly experienced in, the commercial real estate industry and who desire to better establish themselves within the professional real estate community.

REFA YPN provides young professionals an opportunity to get involved with events and programs that will provide exposure to all facets of the industry and to build and establish new relationships while advancing industry knowledge, fostering career growth, and having a rewarding and enjoyable time while doing so.

The association meets throughout the year at various networking events, community service volunteering projects, and career advancement seminars, the next of which will be an executive roundtable discussion held prior to our Members-Only Networking Social on Thursday, April 24, at Amenta Emma Architects in Hartford. At this event, prospective REFA YPN members will have the opportunity to participate in small group setting (6-8 per table) Roundtable Discussions from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., with senior executive industry leaders heading each table and available to field questions.

The industry leaders include Appraisal/Valuation: Tyler Brown of Cornerstone Real Estate Advisors and Tim Mitchell of CBRE; Mortgage Broker: Mike Riccio of CBRE Capital Markets; Leasing/Investment Sales Broker: Pat Mulready of CBRE; and Investor/Developer: Jonathan Keller of The Fremont Group. Following the Roundtable discussions and prior to the networking social, there will be a half hour of networking with the senior professionals. This same event took place in the Fairfield/West Chester chapter and was a huge success.

The Executive Roundtable Discussions are a great opportunity to gain direct exposure to senior real estate executives with proven track records of success in various industry specialties including asset management, property management, investment management, development, investment sales and leasing brokerage.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about us, please contact Kelsey Rath at [krath@talcottllc.com](mailto:krath@talcottllc.com) in the Hartford Chapter or Derek Eakin at [d.eakin@riveroakic.com](mailto:d.eakin@riveroakic.com) in the Fairfield Chapter.

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