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## **REFA 2017 charitable golf tournament and other upcoming chapter events**

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Boston, MA REFA's first Executive Insights program of the year was held on Tuesday, June 13 featuring Steven Marsh, managing director of real estate, MIT Investment Management Co. (MITIMCo). Marsh spoke to his role within MITIMCo, current projects he is working on (including the new Volpe Development project), and his past experiences in the industry. Hosted by the REFA emerging leaders group, the REFA Executive Insights Series provides emerging leader attendees with the opportunity to meet with industry leaders in an intimate setting. Speakers provide insight on the industry, their career path and share some advice on professional development. The program is designed to be interactive and attendees are encouraged to ask questions.

On Monday, July 24, REFA will host their 14th Annual Charitable Golf Tournament at Dedham Country & Polo Club in Dedham, benefiting FamilyAid Boston and Rosie's Place, two organizations within Boston dedicated to preventing homelessness. Close to 150 REFA members and guests will participate in the golf outing, followed by a reception and awards dinner.

New this year, REFA will be holding a Golf Clinic and Tennis Tournament! Both the clinic and the tennis tournament will be held at Dedham Country & Polo Club on July 24 beginning at 2 p.m., followed by a reception with the tournament golfers at 5:30 p.m.

Kathy Sweeney, co-founder & managing partner, chief investment officer, Blue Moon Capital Partners will be the featured speaker at REFA's July Women's Roundtable. The program will be held at the REFA Offices from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26. New in 2015, REFA created a Women's Roundtable Series to engage more women with REFA and the industry. These informal programs are held throughout the year for women to hear from prominent female leaders and discuss challenges and experiences they face as a woman in the industry.

REFA's Annual Summer Panel and Reception will be held on Wednesday, August 2 at Goulston & Storrs, 400 Atlantic Ave. in Boston. The panel discussion, focused on the retail market, will be led by moderator Justin Smith, Newmark Grubb Knight Frank and speakers Doug Karp, New England Development; Matt Curtin, CBRE/New England and Eric Smookler, WS Development. Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by a reception from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

The 2017 REFA Annual Gala will be held Wednesday, October 4 at the Westin Copley Place in Boston. Stephen Karp, chairman and chief executive officer of New England Development and

Steven Fischman, vice chairman of New England Development will be awarded with the 2017 Robert S. Swain Jr. award, REFA's Distinguished Service Award.

Starting July 1, REFA is now offering discounted membership rates for the rest of the year. Interested in learning more? Email Jackie DiPersio at [jdipersio@gbreb.com](mailto:jdipersio@gbreb.com).

The Real Estate Finance Association (REFA), a division of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board (GBREB), is a commercial real estate business association providing members with high quality networking and educational opportunities. REFA strives to maintain its reputation for excellence by promoting the exchange of information between professionals in the real estate finance community, and fostering a platform for growth and development for its Emerging Leader membership.

#### The Association for Real Estate Finance Professionals

The Real Estate Finance Association (REFA), a division of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board (GBREB) is a trade association formed to bring together the best people, knowledge, and experience to provide informative programs and networking opportunities for commercial real estate finance professionals throughout the Greater Boston area. Real estate professionals from a variety of institutions join REFA to exchange ideas through breakfast panels, luncheon programs, networking events and professional education seminars. From forums for senior level executives to the Annual REFA Gala awards dinner, REFA has established a reputation for excellence in promoting the exchange of information between professionals in the real estate finance community, and fostering a platform for growth and education. Formed in 1988, REFA currently has over 600 members, 80 corporate sponsors, and last year hosted over 30 educational and networking events.

To learn more about REFA, including membership, events, and ways to get involved, please visit us at [www.refa.org](http://www.refa.org). Follow REFA on Twitter @REFABoston.

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