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Real Estate Finance Association jumps into a busy spring

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Boston, MA Last month the REFA Innovation Committee hosted an exclusive tour of Suffolk Technology on March 19th. The tour group heard from the vice president of platform, Parker Mundt, about Suffolk's commitment to leveraging technology and creativity to enhance project efficiency, sustainability, and client satisfaction. Suffolk emphasizes their use of cutting-edge tools like virtual reality, drones, and artificial intelligence to streamline processes, improve safety, and deliver high-quality results. After the tour, attendees stayed for Suffolk's panel discussion, AI + Design in the Build Environment.

REFA hosted its sold-out Dealing In Distress: Finding Value in a Turbulent Market with 100+ attendees on April 10th, noon – 1:15 p.m., at WilmerHale, 60 State St. The EMCEE Amy

Lousararian, managing director – capital markets, JLL kicked off the program that was moderated by Andrew Gray, managing director, capital markets, JLL, with local and national experts, Will Berger, managing director – credit investments, Rialto Capital; Brock Cannon, head of national loan sales, Newmark; and Mike Olson, managing principal, Rhino Capital Advisors. Together they discussed finding opportunities in a distressed market.

REFA Emerging Leaders have an upcoming BXP Pricing Presentation on Wednesday, April 17th, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., at the Prudential Center Marketing Suite. BXP will be providing light bites and refreshments. The presentation and discussion by Jessica Bursma, senior financial analyst and Dante Pantaleo, financial analyst on the finance & capital markets team, both with BXP, will cover the key determinates of office pricing across six markets followed by a happy hour. This presentation is the result of a multi-year research effort led by the BXP finance & capital markets team. This event is sold out, but members can join the waitlist. Learn more on our website/events page.

Save the Date!

REFA Workouts 101

Tuesday, May 21st, 12:00 – 1:15 p.m., TBD convenient downtown, Boston location!

Join REFA for a panel discussion, Workouts 101, with speakers, Bill Foley, senior vice president, Citizens Bank, Tammy Goldfisher, co-founder and principal, The Henley Group, Inc., and more to be announced soon! Registration will open mid-April.

Save the Date!

REFA's Charitable Golf &
Tennis Tournament

Monday, July 29th, Woodland Golf Club - REFA's Annual Charitable Golf & Tennis Tournament will be held at a new course this year due to Dedham Country & Polo Club undergoing renovations. Both tournaments help support our Charitable Partners, Breaktime and FamilyAid Boston. More information will be announced in early May.

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REFA's 36th Annual Gala

Thursday, October 17th at Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport - The REFA Gala is the largest gathering of the Real Estate Finance Association and brings together 500+ members of the real estate finance community to network with colleagues, reflect on the year, as well as honor their peer(s) with the Swain Distinguished Service Award. Learn more at www.annualrefagala.com.

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