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Real Estate Finance Association jumps into summer 2025

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Boston, MA On May 28th, REFA attended a walking tour of Lyrik Back Bay followed by a networking reception at the citizenM hotel; A destination for work, play, and culture, and a new gateway to the city and a vibrant anchor for the Back Bay neighborhood. Thank you to Samuels & Associates for hosting and sharing insights on the design and development of the building.

REFA Events & Programs:

- Derivatives 101: Hedging Market Volatility Webinar: Tuesday, June 3rd, 12:00 - 1:00pm, on Zoom.

Amidst the recent interest rate volatility, the Kensington Capital Advisors team introduced members

to interest rate hedging and derivative products. The webinar discussed the current underlying economic conditions that are creating the recent interest rate volatility and reviewed the derivative products available to actively manage that interest rate risk.

- CRE Industrial Insights: Wednesday, June 18th, 12:00 - 1:15pm, PwC; 101 Seaport Blvd., Boston.

Join REFA for CRE Industrial Insights, an in-depth look at the state of the industrial market in Boston and the Greater Boston area. Moderated by Robert Byrne, executive vice president – industrial at CBRE and 2025 CBA president, this timely discussion will explore key trends, challenges, and opportunities shaping the industrial sector. Whether you're actively working in the industrial space or looking to understand its growing role in the region's commercial real estate landscape, this panel will deliver valuable insights from top market leaders. Register online at www.refa.org, events tab.

- Save the Date: Emerging Leaders Summer Panel & Reception: Wednesday, July 23rd, 4:00 – 7:00pm Location TBD.

Join the REFA Emerging Leaders for the 2025 Summer Panel on July 23rd, as we explore what distress really means in today's commercial real estate market. From struggling office assets and loan sales to construction costs, workouts, and rising interest rates, this dynamic panel will examine the challenges and potential opportunities shaping the current landscape. Hear from industry experts as they share insights and strategies from across sectors in a rapidly evolving environment.

- Save the Date: The 2025 REFA Charitable Golf & Tennis Tournament: Monday, July 28th, 10:30am - 7:00pm, Nashawtuc Country Club; 1861 Sudbury Rd., Concord, Mass.

REFA will be teeing off at a new and exciting venue, the beautiful, Nashawtuc Country Club! Golf Sponsorships will open soon. Tennis Registration is Open Now! Register online at www.REFAGolf.com.

Thank you to our Tournament Sponsor, Walker & Dunlop!

- Save the Date: REFA 26th Annual Gala: Monday, November 3rd, 5:30 – 9:00pm, Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport; 450 Summer St.

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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