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Derivatives 101: Hedging Market Volatility Webinar

Amidst the recent interest rate volatility, Matthew Fazio and Michael Roper, managing directors with Kensington Capital Advisors, provided an introduction to interest rate hedging and derivative

products on June 3rd. 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

June 18th, at PwC, 101 Seaport Blvd., Boston REFA hosted CRE Industrial Insights. The panel kicked off with a national market overview from Lisa Strobe, MBA, CRE with TA Realty, setting the stage for a deep dive into the Boston market led by our moderator and 2025 CBA president, Robert Byrne, executive vice president – Industrial, with CBRE. Byrne then led the panel in an in-depth look at the state of the industrial market in Boston and the Greater Boston area. The timely discussion explored key trends, challenges, and opportunities shaping the industrial sector. The panel included: Philip Down, chief executive officer, VMD Companies; Michael Olson, managing principal, Rhino Capital Advisors; Parker Snyder, director of business development, ARCO National Construction Company; and Lisa Strobe, MBA, CRE, vice president, research, TA Realty.

Emerging Leaders Summer Panel & Reception

Wednesday, July 23rd, 4:00pm - 7:00pm, The Retreat; 225 Franklin St., Boston

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.

Register online at www.REFA.org, under the events tab.

2025 REFA Charitable Golf & Tennis Tournament

Monday, July 28th, 2025, 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! Tennis registration is open now! Golf is SOLD OUT. Register online at www.REFAGolf.com.

Thank you to our tournament sponsor, Walker & Dunlop!

Save the Date: REFA 26th Annual Gala

Monday, November 3rd, 2025, 5:30 - 9:00pm, Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport; 450 Summer St., Boston

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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