



**MIPIM: 9-13 March 2026**  
**Housing Matters! on 9 March 2026**  
**Palais des Festivals, Cannes**

## **€4 trillion investment opportunity signals real estate resilience at MIPIM 2026**

**Cannes, 13 March 2026.** 20,000 delegates representing 90 countries gathered in Cannes for the 36th edition of MIPIM, the global urban festival where public and private leaders shape the future of cities. This year's edition underscored the resilience of the real estate market, driven by a strong international investor presence — nearly a third of all attendees — and by regions and local authorities showcasing their capacity to deliver.

MIPIM 2026 strengthened its position as the meeting point for heads of state, investors, developers and sector experts, providing delegates with the insight they need to understand where capital is heading, how technology is reshaping the market and how evolving user demands are redefining business models.

The 2026 edition opened with a high-profile keynote from Philippe Aghion, winner of the 2025 Nobel Prize in Economics, who spoke on the acceleration of artificial intelligence, emphasising the need for responsible control to ensure AI serves public interest and sustainable urban development.

The MIPIM 2026 programme introduced several new conferences and expanded formats, including the strengthened Housing Matters! programme, which hosted the debate on supply, affordability and future living models, and the Data Centres Summit, launched at MIPIM for the first time and capturing the sector's rapid evolution from niche to core infrastructure. Both platforms recorded unprecedented attendance, with Housing Matters! participation up over 50% on 2025.

A major addition to MIPIM 2026 was the RE-Family Summit, a new private forum designed exclusively for institutional investors and global family offices. Built on confidentiality and trust, its purpose is to reinforce MIPIM's position as a platform where capital meets opportunity, while enriching the investor mix. This first edition welcomed family offices from France, Germany, Italy, Monaco and the United Kingdom, including INTUITAE, THI Investment, Tamar Capital and Ergeny.

They were joined by delegates at the RE-Invest Summit, representing institutions advising on more than €4 trillion in assets, including Australian Retirement Trust, Aware Super, CPPIB, GIC, Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan, the Investment Management Corporation of Ontario, Korea Investment Corporation, Norges Bank Investment Management, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, PGGM, QuadReal, REST and Temasek.



This year's edition also attracted a high-level delegation of political and institutional leaders from across Europe, the Middle East and Africa, including:

- Boris Dillières, Minister-president of the Brussels-Capital Region
- Vincent Jeanbrun, Minister for Urban Policy and Housing of France
- James Browne, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage of Ireland
- Khalfan Al Shueili, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning of Oman
- Judith Nabakooba, Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development of Uganda
- Fahad Alhashem, Vice Minister of Investment, Saudi Arabia.

Senior government ministers were joined by the Mayors of Copenhagen, Lisbon, Madrid, Reykjavik, Riga, Rome, Stockholm and representatives of other cities and municipalities, highlighting the event's unique ability to convene top public decision-makers alongside global investors. The week also featured the Political Leaders Summit, a long-established forum where city leaders from across Europe and beyond meet to exchange solutions to shared urban challenges.

Top delegations included France, the United Kingdom and Germany, with an increased presence from southern Europe, notably Spain, Portugal and Italy. The Republic of Ireland brought its largest ever delegation in support of a strong programme in a new pavilion. For the first time since the pandemic, MIPIM also welcomed the return of delegations from Scotland, with the latter led by Glasgow, Dundee and Edinburgh and supported by a wider network of investors, developers and Scottish Government representatives.

International investors and developers used MIPIM to showcase some of the world's most ambitious urban schemes, including New Dammam in Saudi Arabia, a \$26 billion coastal city of eight mixed-use districts. The Saudi delegation also presented a \$3 billion commitment to a new residential-led mixed-use district within Riyadh's King Salman Park. Other highlights included Turkey's Ion Riva, a landscape-led masterplan delivering 969 homes north of Istanbul; Turku Science Park in Finland, a €4 billion innovation district, and London's 85 Gracechurch Street, a 30-storey mixed-use tower built around a 1st-century Roman basilica, a MIPIM Awards winner in the Best New Development category.

The annual MIPIM Awards ceremony celebrated 10 outstanding projects across 11 categories, including projects from Paris and Copenhagen securing the most awards, with Sydney Fish Market project receiving the Special Jury Award.

**Nicolas Boffi**, MIPIM Director said:

*"MIPIM 2026 will be remembered as a moment when the real estate investment market demonstrated its resilience and relentless optimism in the face of an uncertain geopolitical situation."*



*"The message I heard across the week from delegates was the need for action and the high cost of doing nothing when there are so many urgent topics that we must face together. This was best demonstrated in the coming together of the public and private sectors, of international investment with local real estate, and of politics with business.*

*"We have seen AI as a topic and data centres as a core asset quickly establish their presence across the week, with our first Data Centres Summit immediately full and standing-room only. Meanwhile, the relevance of the global housing crisis was evident in the stronger turnout for Monday's Housing Matters!, where four housing ministers appeared alongside UN-Habitat.*

*"As the Global Urban Festival, we cannot and should not ignore what is happening elsewhere, and our thoughts remained this week with the small number of friends and colleagues that could not get to Cannes.*

*"In my first year as MIPIM director, I witnessed from a new perspective the truly unique convening power that MIPIM possesses, which is why we are re-energised and looking forward to continuing the productive conversations we have had in Cannes. We will take them to Riyadh in October for MIPIM Middle East and Hong Kong in December for MIPIM Asia as MIPIM becomes a year-round, platform for global investment in real estate."*

MIPIM returns to the Palais des Festivals in Cannes 15-19 March 2027.

MIPIM Middle East will be held on 20-21 October 2026 in Riyadh, followed by the MIPIM Asia Summit on 2-3 December 2026 in Hong Kong.

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