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## **Over 40 MIPIM Challengers announced for 2026**

*From Panama to Poland, Challengers will bring fresh perspectives to shape the future of real estate at the upcoming MIPIM*



*High-resolution photo of individual MIPIM Challengers can be downloaded [here](#)*

**London, 16 December 2025.** MIPIM, the global urban festival, announces the third-ever cohort of the MIPIM Challengers programme, an initiative designed to foster inclusivity and elevate emerging talent within the built environment sector.

The latest group of Challengers will include 43 real estate professionals under the age of 31, who will take part in the full MIPIM programme next March in Cannes, benefiting from complimentary tickets and invitations to dedicated sessions and events. This will be the festival's largest cohort to date, reflecting MIPIM's ongoing commitment to cultivating a more diverse and globally representative industry.

Successful entries were received from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. They represent a range of companies including: investor (28%), architects & planner (14%), broker (14%), real estate business service (9%), construction (9%), service provider (9%), developer (7%), public sector (7%), and technology & solution provider (2%).

Selected MIPIM Challengers bring experiences across key asset classes including data centres, serviced apartments, logistics, and commercial real estate, with many of them developing informed solutions and strategies using AI, geospatial, ESG data and others. Some are leading global professional communities, such as the Young Leaders network for Ukraine's long-term reconstruction and Young Professionals in Social Value. Others are actively engaging with external organisations, including Regeneration Brainery, the INREV Young Professionals



Mentoring Programme, Article 25, and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Portugal Young Leaders Executive Committee.

A new element of the programme requires Challengers to nominate two senior executives from their organisation as part of the application. The selected Challengers will take part in a pre-MIPIM interview with one of their nominated executives, discussing the future of real estate. These interviews will be shared across MIPIM's channels.

At MIPIM, Challengers will take part in conference roundtables and contribute to a thought leadership paper alongside senior executives from the world's most influential property companies. They will also attend a dedicated networking cocktail event, an opportunity to build meaningful industry connections and friendships.

Challengers will also participate in a bespoke leadership development course designed to prepare them for future opportunities. This includes three personalised coaching webinars and an on-site training session on AI implementation.

MIPIM is the world's premier real estate event that gathers the most influential players from all sectors of the international property industry. Over 20,000 delegates representing 90 countries attended MIPIM 2025, including 70% of the world's top 100 investment managers, managing over €4 trillion of assets.

The 43 MIPIM Challengers are:

- Abiola Ogunsami, Graduate Development Manager, Muse Places Limited (UK)
- Alexandra Prendiville, Associate Global Client Group, Redevco BV (Netherlands)
- Alice Gardner, Principal Planner, DPP Planning (UK)
- Alizée Dhorbait, Development Officer, GSE (France)
- Arnaud Bourgerie, Valuation Manager, EY (France)
- Axel Chartrel, Actuarial Data Engineer, Quanthome (Switzerland)
- Benjamin Hobbs, Graduate Regeneration Officer, Greater Manchester Combined Authority (UK)
- Charlie Bolam, Consultant, Remit Consulting LLP (UK)
- Christopher Mizen, Associate, Newmark (UK)
- Cristina Mock, Architectural Designer, KPF (Panama)
- Daniel Sponheimer, Real Estate Sustainability Manager, Catella Investment Management GmbH (Germany)
- Darcy Edwards, Executive Officer to the Chairman, Rolton (UK)
- Dariya Chornomidze, Lawyer, Advant Altana (France)
- Diogo Germano Cardoso, Finance & Business Analyst, VIZTA (Portugal)
- Ella Cheung, Analyst, CapitaLand Investment (UK)
- Esther Oyewole, Investment Specialist, Legal & General (UK)
- George Hooton, Director, Hootons (UK)
- Georgia Turner, Assistant Project Manager, AtkinsRéalis (UK)
- Gianluca Martinelli, Director Real Estate Finance, Airbus Bank GmbH (Germany)



- Henrietta King, Junior Consultant, Remit Consulting LLP (UK)
- Hugo Smith, Apprentice (Asset Management), JLL (UK)
- Isabel Erben, Project Manager, MOMENI Group (Germany)
- Jack Hyland-Knight, Principal Mechanical Engineer, Cundall (UK)
- Jakiat Jitu, Major Projects Support Officer, Southampton City Council (UK)
- Jonathan Heron, Senior Structural Engineer, Symmetrys (UK)
- Katharina Heinzler, Portfolio Manager Value Investment, BEOS AG (Germany)
- Katie Beard, Head of Nottingham Partners, Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (UK)
- Lucy Torr, Property and Construction Public Relations Manager, Cartwright Communication (UK)
- Lydia McGuinness, Site Manager, Wates Construction (UK)
- Maheer Khan, Researcher, Futurecity (UK)
- Marlene Furthner, Project Management Urban Development, Hand Gmbh (Austria)
- Matthew Waterworth, Asset Manager, ELITE UK REIT (UK)
- Max Keeler, Surveyor, Colliers (UK)
- Maximilien Schmitz, Analyst - Fund Management, AEW (Germany)
- Meryem Ben Dhiaf, Climate Change and Sustainability Services, EY (France)
- Olivia Sutcliffe, Associate Director, Savills (UK)
- Paul-Edouard Granoux, Associate, Flying Point Real Estate (France)
- Ruslan Hajduk, Transactions Manager, ATP Properties (Poland)
- Sarah Aldag, Senior Key Account Manager, Syte GMBH (Germany)
- Sergio Storino, ESG Analyst, Atenor S.A. (Belgium)
- Stéphane Theophilos, Real Estate Project Manager, Atelier Alya (France)
- Susanne Sekkesæter, Founder, MASE Home (Norway)
- Tim de Goede, Analyst Asset Management Residential, CBRE Investment Management (Germany)
- William Hartley Mora-Figueroa, Transaction Analyst, Redevco BV (Netherlands)

**Nicolas Boffi, MIPIM Director, said:**

*"Congratulations to the 43 MIPIM Challengers who will join us in Cannes next March. This is our biggest and most diverse cohort yet, with passion for topics such as neurodiversity, accessibility and social mobility, and it matters. These young professionals will bring ideas and questions that push us to think differently about how cities evolve. We have deep technical expertise in this industry, but we need voices that understand how their generation wants to live, work and move."*

*Last year's Challengers showed the value of this exchange with practical proposals like treating embodied carbon as an asset and using blockchain for material passports. These were not abstract concepts, they already work and shape asset values and resilience. The programme is about creating space for real dialogue, where experience meets fresh thinking. I can't wait to see what this group brings to the table."*



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