

Middle East Institute

The Council Experience

- Private, on-demand briefings from MEI experts doing research and analysis of the region's most challenging issues
- Access to our Board of Governors and International Advisory Council

 including former policymakers, diplomats, leading philanthropists, corporate executives, and more
- Opportunities to join 200+ events annually

MEI partners with senior executives and private sector firms through our Council, which comprises our most distinguished circle of supporters.

Corporate Council membership provides benefits for executives who find our geopolitical analysis directly relevant to their business and philanthropic interests. Supporters tell us that MEI's independent analysis helps them to check internal assumptions, gain valuable insights, and develop strategies to mitigate risks.

Contributions to MEI made by corporate members support our work to advance the US-Middle East relationship. Donations are tax deductible in the United States.

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In a region rich with strong US allies as well as persistent adversaries, the convening power of the Middle East Institute's (MEI) deeply informed geopolitical analysis and unparalleled network of distinguished experts plays a crucial role to GardaWorld for informed decision-making and corporate actions in the region. MEI fosters dialogue and solutions essential for regional stability and prosperity, which we wholeheartedly support as it aligns to our business interests and US national security."



Pete Dordal Jr. President, GardaWorld Federal Services

PEACE. PROSPERITY. PARTNERSHIP.

Our Work

MEI is the leading Washington-based institution dedicated exclusively to the study of the Middle East. A non-partisan, integrated think tank, MEI works to advance the US-Middle East relationship through a whole-of-society approach that includes policy, education, and cultural programming.

- World-class arts, education, and policy centers
- 17 specialized policy programs
- 190+ leading experts from around the world
- 36 board members from the US and throughout the region
- 75+ years driving the dialogue on US-Middle East relations
- Publisher of the Middle East Journal, the oldest peer-reviewed publication dedicated to the study of the modern Middle East
- 1,000+ publications each year to inform policy dialogue
- Public library with a collection of over 20,000 books and rare manuscripts



Benefits of Corporate Membership

Ambassador's Council (\$30,000+)

Corporate members of our Ambassador's Council enjoy introductory access to MEI's Board of Trustees, senior staff, and scholars.

Annual benefits include:

- Up to 3 on-demand private briefings from MEI experts per year.
- Right of refusal to participate in selected delegation trips and other VIP events in the Middle East.
- 1 individual invitation to our Annual Awards Gala in Washington D.C.
- Access to MEI's weekly Virtual Briefing Series.
- Invitations to off-record roundtable discussion with high-level guests (virtual and in-person).
- Invitations to our exclusive Corporate Council Events: networking receptions, private dinners, off-record discussions, off-site tours, gallery openings, and other programming geared towards the interests of our private sector partners (8-10 per year).
- Brand recognition on our website, in print publications, and at our Awards Dinner.



*Corporate membership donations are tax deductible in the United States. To discuss Council membership, please contact Chief Development Officer Courtney Lobel at clobel@mei.edu, or (202) 785-1141.

Benefits of Corporate Membership

Chairman's Council (\$100,000+)

Corporate members of our Chairman's Council enjoy premier access to MEI's Board of Trustees, senior staff, and scholars.*

Annual benefits include:

- Up to 12 on-demand private briefings from MEI experts per year.
- Right of first refusal to participate in selected delegation trips and other VIP events in the Middle East.
- 1 table of 10 at our Annual Awards Gala in Washington D.C.
- 4 individual invitations to each of MEI's biannual CENTCOM Commanders Council dinners.
- 1 gratis speaking engagement with our President & CEO, or an MEI Trustee per year at your company.
- All the benefits of the President's and Ambassador's Council membership.

President's Council (\$50,000+)

Corporate members of our Ambassador Council enjoy priority access to MEI's Board of Trustees, senior staff, and scholars.

Annual benefits include:

- Up to 6 on-demand private briefings from MEI experts per year.
- Right of early refusal to participate in selected delegation trips and other VIP events in the Middle East.
- 4 individual invitations to our Annual Awards Gala in Washington D.C.
- 2 individual invitations to each of MEI's biannual CENTCOM Commanders Council dinners.
- All the benefits of the Ambassador's Council membership.

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