



2026 Data & Information Management Meeting

200 West Madison Street, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606 | October 7

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 am	Welcome Comments & Committee Update Co-Chair: <i>Bill Sechen, Chief Information Officer, Harrison Street Asset Management</i> Co-Chair: <i>Lior Wolf, Director, Data & AI, Prime Finance</i> NAREIM: <i>IvyLee Rosario, Director, Programs & Operations</i>
9:10 am	Attendee Introductions To help facilitate connections, each attendee will be invited to briefly introduce themselves by stating their name and the organization they represent.
9:15 am	Windy City Chat Speakers: <i>Bill Sechen, Chief Information Officer, Harrison Street Asset Management; Sach Diwan, Chief Information Officer, Heitman; Dipesh Shah, Chief Technology Officer, Stockbridge</i> The Windy City Chat brings together senior technology leaders from across the real estate investment industry for a dynamic and interactive fireside chat. The agenda is driven by the audience, with attendees voting at the start of the session to prioritize the topics they want to explore. From AI and data governance to technology strategy and managing organizational change, panelists will share candid perspectives, practical lessons, and real-world experiences.
10:15 am	Break
10:30 am	Your Data Strategy IS Your AI Strategy Session leaders: <i>Marquis Onorato, Vice President, Finance, Dermody; Majoni Maumbe, Head of Data Analytics & Architecture, Global, Harrison Street Asset Management; Lior Wolf, Director, Data & AI, Prime Finance</i> Most firms run their AI strategy and their data strategy as two separate tracks — but the goals are nearly identical, and the divide is costing them. AI hasn't created new data problems so much as made existing ones expensive and visible: every time a system re-reads an undescribed document or re-queries for information that should have been structured, that's a metered tax on a weak data foundation. This session reframes AI readiness as a data discipline, walks through the three investments that make AI compound rather than stall — AI-ready data, structural efficiency, and strategy-governed agentic systems — and leaves every attendee with a simple diagnostic they can apply to their own roadmap the next day.
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11:45 am	Build vs. Buy: A Practical Framework for Technology Decisions Session leaders: <i>Andrew Ryan, Chief Information Officer, Harbert Management Corporation; Meina Zhi, Senior Vice President, Business Applications, PCCP; Dipesh Shah, Chief Technology Officer, Stockbridge</i> As real estate investment firms modernize their data and technology platforms, one question continues to arise: when does it make sense to build a custom solution, and when is it better to buy? In this interactive session, participants will explore a practical framework for evaluating build, buy, and hybrid approaches. Through a real-world case study and facilitated small-group discussion, attendees will compare experiences, examine key decision criteria, and leave with actionable insights to guide future technology investments.
12:45 pm	Lunch
1:45 pm	Building Trust in Data: Governance, Standards & the Path to AI Readiness Session leaders: <i>Larry Maya, Senior Vice President, Data Strategy & Analytics, Affinius Capital; Sach Diwan, Chief Information Officer, Heitman; Chris Kersten, Senior Vice President, Business Intelligence & Reporting, Waterton</i> As firms continue to expand their data ecosystems and accelerate AI adoption, effective data governance has become a business imperative rather than simply an IT function. Yet organizations continue to take different approaches to ownership, standardization, and accountability, often while managing self-built solutions, third-party data, and evolving business needs. Through live audience polling and facilitated discussion, attendees will compare governance structures, explore strategies for improving data quality and consistency, examine the impact of shadow IT, and discuss practical approaches to standardizing data definitions.
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Rethinking the Operating Model: Efficiency & Business Transformation Session leaders: <i>Cole McCall, Senior Director, Technology Investments, Asana Partners; John Yamane, Senior Vice President, Accounting & Finance, Belay Investment Group</i> What would your firm look like if status meetings, update emails and manual project tracking largely disappeared? This session will examine how integrated AI can fundamentally reshape the real estate management operating model — challenging participants to identify what work their firms can eliminate and where that newly created capacity can generate the most value.
4:00 pm	Meeting Adjourns



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November 11	Virtual Exchange Series: Compensation Strategies	Virtual
December 2–3	Capital Raising & Investor Relations	Dallas

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April 8	Hispanic Real Estate Roundtable	New York City
June 1–2	Asset Management	New York City
June 2–3	Portfolio Management	New York City
July 13–14	Talent Management	Atlanta
September 14–15	Architecture, Engineering & Development	Chicago

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