

# The Annual 21<sup>st</sup> Middle East and North Africa

# Conference

Pathways to Prosperity: Visions, Ventures, and Values

Logistics handbook

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Middle East and North Africa Club A London Business School Student Club



Dear Esteemed Guests,

On behalf of the London Business School (LBS) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Club, we extend a warm welcome to you as we gather in the vibrant city of London for the Annual 21<sup>st</sup> MENA Conference. This year, under the theme "Pathways to Prosperity: Visions, Ventures, and Values," we aim to delve into the heart of MENA's transformative journey towards success.

Your presence here signifies your role in shaping the region's future, and we are eager to embark on this journey of discovery, dialogue, and development with you. We have curated a diverse program that promises insightful discussions, engaging workshops, and ample networking opportunities designed to foster collaboration and innovation.

This handbook is your guide to navigating the conference, the city of London, and all the exceptional experiences we have planned. Should you have any questions or require assistance, our team is ready to support you.

We look forward to sharing these enriching days with you. We wish you safe travels, and see you soon in London!

Warm regards,



Mohammed Al Marri Chairman, MENA Conference



Hamad Al Shehab Vice-chairman, MENA Conference



#### **Transportation**

#### From Airport to London city

- Heathrow Express to Paddington Station is the fastest link from Heathrow Airport.
- Gatwick Express connects Gatwick Airport with Victoria Station.

The Tube and buses offer efficient city travel. The nearest tube station is Baker Street Station. An Oyster card is recommended for ease of use and savings. Taxis and rideshares like Uber and Bolt are also readily available.

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# Accommodation

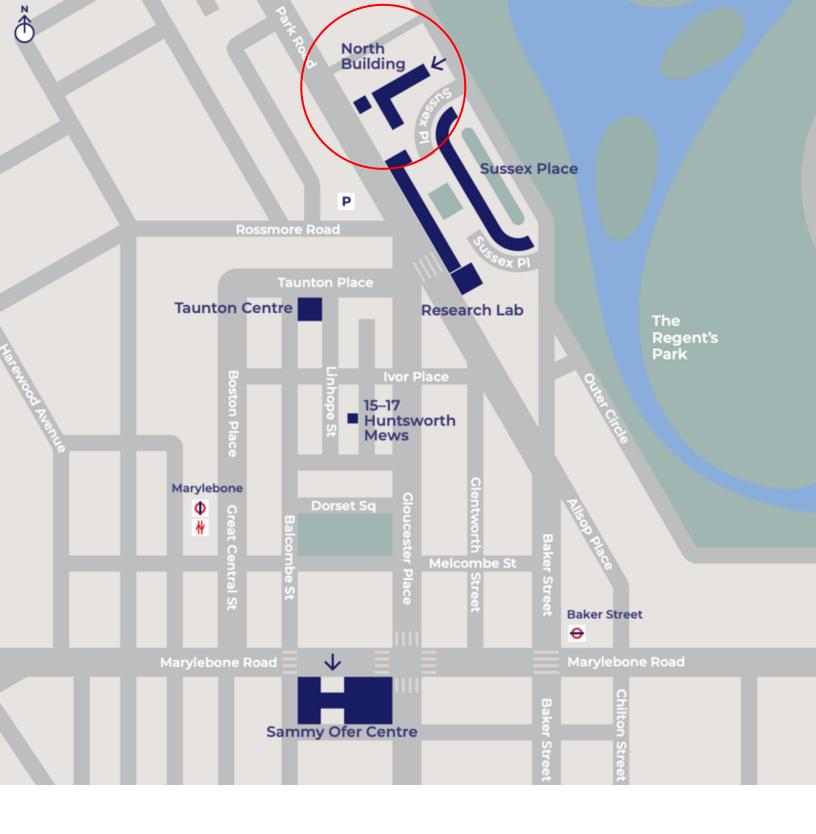
For the convenience of our attendees, we've arranged special rates with several hotels in London, all within proximity (10-15 minutes of walking) to London Business School. Please book directly with the hotels and mention the "LBS MENA Conference" to access these rates.

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£309 (Superior Room), £330 (Deluxe	£279 (Superior Double), £309 (Deluxe
Room)	Double)
Reservation:	Reservation:
<u>Reservations@thelandmark.co.uk</u>	<u>Reservations@holmeshotel.com</u>
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Please note that all rates are subject to availability and terms as specified by each hotel. We encourage booking as early as possible to secure your accommodation.

#### Visa

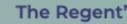
If you are traveling from outside the UK, we advise you to check whether you need a visa by visiting relevant websites such as <u>GOV.UK</u> or contacting the appropriate embassy.

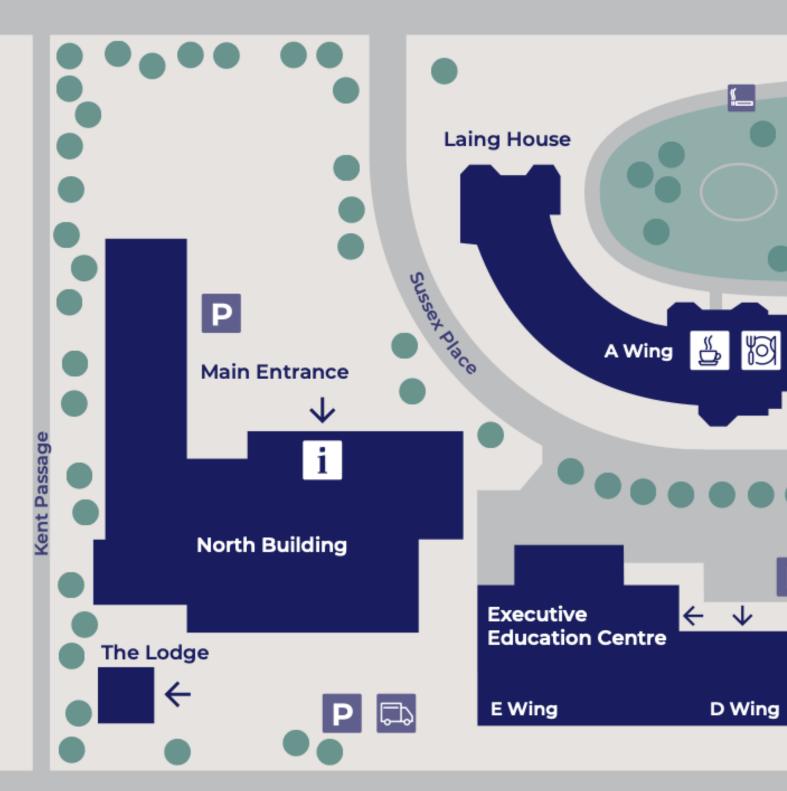


#### LBS campus maps

The university is located in the heart of London, next to Regent's Park. The conference will be held at the North Building, which is next to the famous Sussex Place.







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# Safety & Emergency Contacts

**London Emergency Services:** dial 999 for police, fire, and ambulance services. **Conference Help Desk:** located at the main entrance, available for all inquiries or contact us at <u>info@lbsmena.com</u>.

# Local attractions around the area

- **Regent's Park:** just a short walk from the conference, this park offers beautiful gardens and outdoor activities.
- **Madame Tussauds London:** meet lifelike wax figures of your favorite celebrities just around the corner.
- **The Wallace Collection:** a world-famous range of fine and decorative arts from the 15th to 19th century, housed in a historic London townhouse.

# Dining in Marylebone and St. John's Wood

Explore the local culinary scene with these highly rated restaurants and cafes:

- **Chiltern Firehouse:** one of Marylebone's most celebrated spots, known for its modern European cuisine and vibrant atmosphere.
- **The Ivy Cafe Marylebone:** Offers a diverse menu with British classics in a sophisticated setting.
- **Trishna:** delivers a contemporary taste of Indian coastal cuisine, recognized with a Michelin star.
- **Daunt Books Café:** perfect for a quiet coffee or light lunch within one of London's most famous bookshops.
- **The Summerhouse:** situated by the canal in Little Venice, ideal for seafood lovers looking for picturesque dining.
- **Fischer's:** experience the charm of Vienna in London, offering classic Austrian food in a traditional café setting.

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#### Logistics on the day of the conference

- **Registration:** upon arrival, please proceed to the designated registration area to collect your conference materials and name badge. Please ensure to submit the names of the members attending the conference to our team or email us at <u>info@lbsmena.com</u>. You may collect your badge one-day prior the conference.
- **Wi-Fi access:** complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the campus. Login details will be provided at registration.
- **Car parking:** car parking is limited and subject to the availability. In case you need car parking, please contact us through <u>info@lbsmena.com</u>.
- **Conference updates:** visit <u>our website</u> to get the latest updates about the conference including agenda, speakers, etc.

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• **Strikes:** before traveling, make sure to check for any planned tube strikes and plan your journey accordingly to avoid disruptions. For the latest updates and travel advisories, please visit <u>TfL website</u>.

# **Stay Connected**

• **Conference #hashtag:** we encourage you to share your insights, experiences, and photos on social media using #LBSMENA2024. Let's make our collective wisdom and moments go viral.

# Videography & Photography

Please be aware that during the conference, there will be videography and photography taking place.

### **Contact us**

In case you need further support, you may email us through <u>info@lbsmena.com</u> or contact Suhail Shami, VP of Operations at +44 7765 367127.



#### Meet the team

Meet the team behind the conference, a dynamic group of professionals from across the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Oman, Lebanon, and Kuwait. They come from diverse backgrounds such as investment banking, engineering, management consulting, funds management, and strategy, each bringing unique insights and expertise to establish a world-class event. **Our will be available throughout the conference to support you.** 



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# FINAL REMARKS

As we look forward to the rich discussions and networking opportunities that await us, we are committed to providing an inclusive, engaging, and memorable conference experience. Should you require any further information or assistance, our dedicated team is here to ensure your participation is seamless and rewarding.

Welcome to London, and to an enlightening journey at the Annual MENA Conference.



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www.lbsmena.com