

News from the Global Infrastructure Initiative



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Thanks for the positive response to the December 2016 edition of *Voices*, on the future of real estate, which recorded the most downloads to date.

Our fourth [Global Infrastructure Initiative \(GII\) Summit](#) kicks off in Singapore, on May 24 at the magnificent Capella hotel. We are almost at our capacity of [200 participants](#), including senior leaders from across infrastructure sectors and geographies as well as the infrastructure value chain. Our [agenda](#) is designed to present practical solutions to the most challenging issues in our industry. In addition to the main GII agenda, we will also offer [site visits](#) and sector-specific workshops for real estate, engineering and construction, and energy and mining.

On February 28, the McKinsey Global Institute launched a report [Reinventing construction: A route to higher productivity](#), with GII roundtables held in Houston, London, Los Angeles, and Washington, DC. Construction is one of the largest sectors in the world economy, with about \$10 trillion a year spent on construction-related goods and services. However, the industry's productivity has stagnated for decades; doing better, [the report concludes](#), is a \$1.6 trillion opportunity.

During the second half of 2017, we will continue our popular program of [innovation site visits](#), which explore some of world's most interesting projects, including the Panama Canal in June, the electric-road-system pilot in Sweden in September, and King Abdullah Economic City in Saudi Arabia in October. For more details, please visit our [website](#).

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our GII partners who have significantly strengthened our offerings: Macquarie, Siemens, Spencer Stuart, and Surbana Jurong. In addition, I wish to thank our institutional partners: the Monetary Authority of Singapore, Economic Development Board, and IE Singapore, and our media partner, TIME magazine. Our next edition of *Voices*, scheduled for June 2017, will focus on project delivery and execution. If you would like to comment on *Voices*, sign up for GII events, or receive more information about our activities, please contact us at info@giiconnect.com. 