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Hello everyone! Summer is officially in full swing, and it's not just the weather that's sizzling, our updates are just as hot. So, take a quick moment to cool off, grab your favourite drink, and dive into the latest developments at Brigade World Trade Centers!

A STRONG VISION FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW

ATUL KUMAR (COO, WORLD TRADE CENTER TRADES & PROJECTS) ON NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

In the face of a rapidly evolving world, commercial real estate, once regarded as a stable and immutable asset class, finds itself at a dynamic crossroads. The forces of digital transformation, socio-economic shifts, and environmental imperatives have converged to create an environment that demands flexibility, adaptability, and foresight.

A paradigm shift in space utilisation

First and foremost, we must acknowledge that commercial real estate is undergoing a paradigm shift in how space is conceptualised, designed, and utilised. In a world where remote and hybrid work models are no longer anomalies, but rather mainstream realities, the demand for traditional office spaces is being redefined. We are seeing an emergent trend: the need for agile, multi-functional spaces that transcend the rigid boundaries of previous norms.

The hybrid workforce model has irrevocably altered the role of physical office spaces. Corporations no longer require sprawling headquarters as they once did, but instead, they are seeking collaborative hubs, co-working environments, and spaces that foster innovation, creativity, and collaboration. The future of office space will be characterized by flexibility – flexible lease terms, modular designs, and an emphasis on wellness and employee experience.

Technological transformation

Equally transformative is the impact of technology. Commercial real estate is at the cusp of a technological renaissance that will radically reshape how properties are managed, designed, and experienced. Proptech, the intersection of property and technology, is rapidly evolving to incorporate innovations such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and smart building systems.

From smart lighting that adjusts based on occupancy patterns, to predictive maintenance powered by IoT sensors, technology is unlocking unparalleled efficiencies. Moreover, the application of big data and machine learning algorithms is enabling investors and developers to make more informed decisions, optimizing everything from site selection to risk assessment.

The proliferation of digital twins – virtual replicas of physical spaces – is paving the way for real-time data collection, analysis, and optimization of building operations. This not only enhances the tenant experience but also significantly reduces operational costs. The fusion of these technologies promises to create hyper-efficient, data-driven environments that will become the gold standard for the industry.

Environmental sustainability and ESG considerations

However, in this age of unprecedented technological progress, we must not lose sight of the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) principles that are now intrinsic to the future of commercial real estate. As climate change accelerates, the demand for sustainable, energy-efficient buildings has never been more pronounced. There is no longer a question of if commercial real estate will undergo an eco-centric transformation, but when.

We are already seeing an increased emphasis on buildings that meet or exceed green standards, with LEED certifications and net-zero carbon goals becoming critical benchmarks for developers. From renewable energy integration, such as solar panels and wind turbines, to the adoption of green roofs, sustainable materials, and water conservation systems, the design and construction of commercial properties must evolve to meet the urgent environmental demands of our time.



ATUL KUMAR - COO

What's more, the push for circular economies and the repurposing of existing structures will redefine urban landscapes, allowing us to breathe new life into older buildings and reduce the environmental impact of new developments. The intersection of sustainability with technology, particularly through the use of energy management software, will allow for greater optimization of resource usage, ultimately contributing to the creation of carbon-neutral cities.

The rise of mixed-use and experiential spaces

As we look ahead, there is a growing trend towards mixed-use developments – properties that seamlessly integrate commercial, residential, and recreational spaces. This trend responds to the evolving preferences of consumers who desire convenience, flexibility, and a holistic experience in their built environments.

The future commercial real estate will not be confined to mere transactions or property ownership; it will become an experience. The live-work-play model is no longer a mere concept but a central tenet of urban planning. People will increasingly seek destinations that offer a rich tapestry of experiences, from wellness centers and art galleries to entertainment venues and communal spaces. These developments will prioritize a sense of community, a holistic approach to work-life balance, and a focus on fostering social connections.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the future of commercial real estate is poised to be an era of profound transformation – a confluence of technology, sustainability, and evolving human behaviours. It will be defined by flexibility in space usage, the seamless integration of technological innovations, and an unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship. As professionals within this industry, we must remain agile, adaptable, and visionary in our approach, as we work to redefine what it means to occupy, build, and invest in commercial spaces. The road ahead may be unpredictable, but it is also filled with limitless potential. Let us embrace this challenge and seize the opportunity to shape a future of commercial real estate that not only thrives but also contributes positively to the world in which we live.

SPEARHEADING THE FUTURE WITH GENERATIVE AI STRATEGY AND TOOLS FOR TODAY'S LEADERS

WTCA hosted a webinar on Generative AI for Leaders, featuring Krishna Kumar, Co-founder & CEO of GreenPepper. The session explored AI tools, applications, and strategies for effective adoption. Mr. Kumar emphasised the need for clear problem statements and mastering a single AI tool. With over 200 attendees from various industries, the webinar highlighted the growing demand for AI literacy among business leaders.



(For those who missed it, the recording and a curated list of AI tools are available)

WTCA GLOBAL BUSINESS FORUM 2025 | APRIL 6-9, 2025



The 55th WTCA Global Business Forum (GBF), was hosted this year in Marseille by World Trade Center Marseille Provence, France. The conference brought together WTC Members and their clients from around the world for high-level discussions on trade facilitation, innovation ecosystems and global connectivity. Brigade WTCs were represented by a delegation led by our MD, Mr. Vineet Verma.

WTC Bengaluru | Chennai | Kochi signed a reciprocity MOU with WTC Shenzhen, strengthening our international partnerships. The event also

featured the Real Estate Summit, providing a platform for meaningful dialogue and collaboration across regions. Separate meeting with APAC members was also held where potential collaborations were discussed.

The final day included a scenic tour of the Calanques, followed by a gala dinner at the historic Palais de la Bourse, at the world's oldest Chamber of Commerce in Marseille. The forum concluded on a high note, with renewed energy and commitment towards deeper engagement and global business growth. The baton to host the next GBF was handed over to WTC Greater Philadelphia.

LIGHTING UP THE NEW YEAR WITH ELEGANCE WTC BENGALURU CELEBRATES UGADI

Ugadi, a significant festival celebrated in Karnataka, marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year. At WTC Bengaluru, the team, along with esteemed clients, came together to celebrate this auspicious occasion with vibrant flower decorations and the lighting of lamps, filling the space with joy and positivity.



COMMUNITIES COME TOGETHER FOR THEIR ONE TRUE LOVE - MUSIC! WTC CHENNAI HOSTS A VIBRANT KARAOKE EVENT



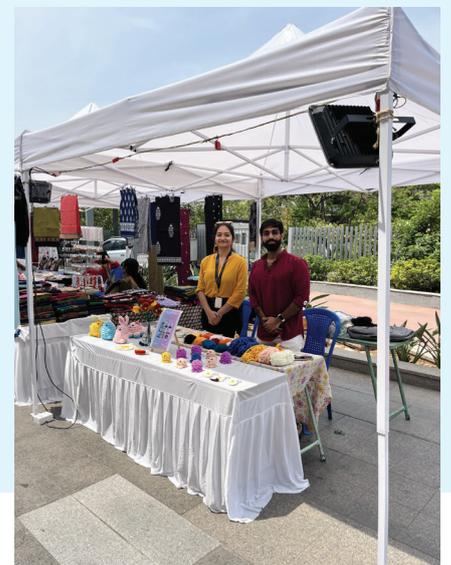
WTC Chennai came alive with music and excitement as Artium Music Academy hosted a promotional activity, featuring a lively Karaoke event that offered tenants and stakeholders a chance to showcase their talent.

The energy was electric as everyone, from stakeholders to the Academy team, jumped in and made the event feel like one big celebration. It was a fun-filled day that brought people together, strengthened bonds, and, of course, shared the joy of music!

FUN TIME AT FLEA WTC CHENNAI ORGANISES A VIBRANT FLEA MARKET EVENT

WTC Chennai, in collaboration with Happy Space Eventz, hosted a vibrant flea market, offering a lively shopping experience for tenants and visitors. The event featured a range of stalls, from fashion and accessories to home décor, handmade crafts, and gourmet treats, creating an engaging marketplace for all.

A special highlight was the free stall offered to a woman employee from Kinaxis, celebrating and supporting women entrepreneurs within our community.



EVENTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TAKING ACTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

WTC BENGALURU JOINS THE GLOBAL CONVERSATION ON EARTH HOUR



Earth Hour is a time to reflect on the environmental challenges we face and take meaningful steps to protect our planet. At WTC Bengaluru, we joined the global conversation about the impacts of climate change, rising sea levels, ozone layer depletion, and deforestation. It was an opportunity not only to discuss these critical issues but also to share ways in which we can all make a difference, from reducing our carbon footprint to supporting sustainable practices and restoring the damage that's already been done.

BUILDING CLEANER CITIES & HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES

EARTH RECYCLER LEADS WASTE MANAGEMENT TRAINING AT WTC CHENNAI

WTC Chennai reinforced its commitment to sustainability by hosting a Waste Management Training session, conducted by Earth Recycler. The event brought together corporate tenants and stakeholders for an engaging and informative experience focused on effective waste management.

Participants learned how to classify and manage different types of waste, explored strategies for reducing waste, and gained insights into promoting a circular economy. The session also introduced eco-friendly techniques for handling corporate waste, fostering a shared responsibility for a cleaner, more sustainable environment.



The event saw enthusiastic participation, sparking a collective effort toward sustainability at WTC Chennai.

SOLVING EVERYDAY STRUGGLES WITH PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS WTC KOCHI HOSTS A PAIN MANAGEMENT CAMP



In collaboration with Activ Base, WTC Kochi hosted a pain management camp, offering expert guidance and relief for common pain concerns. Over the course of two days, tenants received free consultations and professional assessments, with a focus on recurring issues like shoulder, elbow, wrist, and back pain; common conditions that affect both our professional and personal lives.

But the camp wasn't just about quick fixes. Participants also walked away with practical tips and strategies for managing pain in their daily routines. It was a valuable opportunity to prioritise health and ensure our tenant community stays pain-free and well-supported.

REWARDS & RECOGNITION

SALUTING THE STARS BEHIND THE SCENES WTC KOCHI REWARDS EXCEPTIONAL STAFF CONTRIBUTIONS

WTC Kochi hosted a heartfelt Reward & Recognition Programme to celebrate the exceptional contributions of its Housekeeping and Technical staff for the financial year 2024-25. The event, held in the WTC Kochi conference hall, was a special occasion to acknowledge the hard work, dedication, and vital role these teams play in the success of the organisation.



Senior management, staff, and their families gathered to honour the efforts of the Housekeeping and Technical departments, showcasing their teamwork and unwavering commitment throughout the year.



The ceremony served as a reminder of the importance of these teams in ensuring smooth operations and a thriving work environment at WTC Kochi.

WHAT OUR CLIENTS HAVE TO SAY



“ I sincerely appreciate the entire team at WTC for maintaining a top-notch work environment. The building is always neat, attractive and welcoming with fresh flowers and a refreshing ambience. The cheerful and supportive staff make a real difference, ensuring comfort and convenience.

The thoughtfully organised events, focused on entertainment, health, wellness and networking add great value to our experience. ”

Anuja V
HR Manager
Sayone Technologies

Thank you for staying with us until the end!

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. Stay tuned for the next edition, and in the meantime, enjoy the summer breeze while staying happy and hydrated! :)

Until next time!

