

NEWSLETTER

THE LEADING WEB PORTAL ON HOUSING



UPCOMING HOUSING EVENTS (GLOBAL):

- **BofA Securities 2026 Global Real Estate Conference:** Dates: September 15–17, 2026. Held as a major institutional investment forum, Bank of America Securities hosts global real estate investment trusts (REITs). [Read more..](#)
- **International Conference on Affordable Housing & Social Real Estate Models (ICAHSREM)** Dates: September 17–18, 2026. Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka. This global academic and industry conference gathers urban planners, researchers, policy leads, and housing sector executives. [Read more..](#)
- **International Conference on Urban Housing (ICUH 2026)** Dates: September 28–29, 2026. Location: Hong Kong, China. Organized by the World Academy of Science, Engineering and Technology (WASET), this summit focuses on urban density challenges. [Read more..](#)

UPCOMING HOUSING EVENTS

PAKISTAN:

- **Capital Development Authority (CDA) Open Auction of Prime Commercial & Hotel Plots:** The Capital Development Authority scheduled an open auction for premium hotel and commercial plots in Islamabad aimed at boosting tourism infrastructure and luxury real estate, the public bidding. [Read more..](#)

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Affordable housing is essential for creating inclusive, sustainable communities where people can live safely and securely without spending an excessive share of their income on housing. It involves providing quality homes at prices or rents that are accessible to low- and middle-income households, supported by effective housing finance, appropriate land policies, and sustainable urban planning. Affordable housing also plays an important role in reducing homelessness, overcrowding, and informal settlements while improving access to education, healthcare, employment, and other essential services.

GLOBAL HOUSING NEWS:

- **Central Bank Interest Rate Pressure & Upward Default Forecasts:** Global rating agency Fitch Ratings issued an updated Global Housing and Mortgage Outlook analyzing conditions leading into late September. [Read more..](#)
- **Institutional Capital Shifts to Infrastructure & Data Centers:** The global PwC / Urban Land Institute Emerging Trends in Real Estate 2026 report highlights a major structural shift in cross-border real estate investment allocations heading into Q4. [Read more..](#)
- **U.S. Mortgage Rates Reach 13-Month Highs Amid Price Adjustments:** Market updates from Freddie Mac and Realtor.com indicate that U.S. 30-year fixed mortgage rates have reached a 13-month high of 6.71% heading into September. [Read more..](#)

HOUSING NEWS PAKISTAN:

- **Government Directive to Accelerate Low-Income Housing Under the Apna Ghar Scheme:** In high-level financial review meetings, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif directed banks and provincial chief secretaries to expand credit facility access for low- and middle-income housing. [Read more..](#)
- **Major Smart City Dues & Plot Allocation Deadline Extended to September 26:** Future Developments Holdings (FDHL), the developer behind Capital Smart City Islamabad, issued a strict deadline notice extending the payment window to September 26, 2026. [Read more..](#)