

18. Is this retreat aligned to a particular education model or curriculum?

No. The Executive Circle is intentionally non-aligned and welcomes leaders across different education models, systems and ownership structures.

19. What outcomes should participants expect?

Participants typically leave with greater strategic clarity, trusted peer relationships, and renewed perspective on leadership responsibility, governance and long-term value.

20. How do I register my interest?

You may register your interest via the website form. All submissions are reviewed carefully, and selected leaders will be contacted directly.



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The Executive Circle

**FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS**

1. What is The Executive Circle?

The Executive Circle is a private, invitation-only retreat for education owners, founders, CEOs and executive chairs who hold ultimate responsibility for groups of schools. It is designed for strategic dialogue, reflection and peer exchange at the highest level.

2. Is this a conference or training programme?

No. The Executive Circle is neither a conference nor a training programme. It is a facilitated executive retreat focused on governance, stewardship and leadership responsibility.

3. Who is the retreat designed for?

The retreat is designed exclusively for education owners and CEOs with group-level authority and accountability for strategy, leadership oversight and educational quality at scale.

4. Who is not suitable for this retreat?

The Executive Circle is not suitable for consultants, service providers, investors without governance responsibility, principals or heads without group-level authority, or those seeking general CPD or networking opportunities.

5. How many participants will attend?

Participation is intentionally limited to 10–12 leaders to preserve trust, depth and quality of conversation.

6. How are participants selected?

Participation is by personal invitation only. Expressions of interest are reviewed carefully against the retreat's purpose, criteria and the balance of the group.

7. Can I apply if I am not invited?

You may register your interest. All submissions are reviewed personally, but not all expressions of interest will result in an invitation.

8. What topics are explored during the retreat?

The retreat explores themes including governance, leadership accountability, sustainable growth, educational quality at scale, and the role of owners and CEOs as long-term stewards of institutions.

9. Will there be speakers or presentations?

Only when needed. The retreat is conversation-led, facilitated to draw on the experience and insight of those in the room.

10. Is the retreat confidential?

Yes. The retreat operates under Chatham House rules. There are no observers, recordings, media or public reporting.

11. Will there be any sales or sponsorship activity?

No. There is no sales agenda, sponsorship presence or promotional activity associated with The Executive Circle.

12. Where will the retreat take place?

The inaugural retreat will take place in Dubai, hosted in a discreet, high-quality setting appropriate for private executive dialogue. Full details are shared with confirmed participants. The retreats will always be held in the Middle East.

13. What is the duration of the retreat?

The Executive Circle is a two-day retreat, designed to be intentionally unhurried and reflective.

14. What does the participation fee include?

The participation investment covers retreat facilitation, programme design, hosted lunches and a private dinner and accommodation for two nights.

15. Why is pricing not listed publicly?

Pricing is shared directly with invited participants to maintain discretion and reflect the bespoke nature of the retreat.

16. Will there be follow-on engagement after the retreat?

Participants may be invited to join a private post-retreat circle for continued dialogue and peer engagement. Any further involvement is optional and by invitation.

17. Will I be expected to share sensitive information?

No participant is required to share anything they are not comfortable disclosing. The retreat is designed to respect professional judgement, boundaries and confidentiality.