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THEME: EXPLORING REMOTE WORK
IN THE POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

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DAY 1 AGENDA

ALL TIMINGS IN DUBAI TIME (GMT+4)

TUESDAY 21 JULY 2020

SESSION 1

11:00- 11:45 AM: COVID-19 and Digital Transformation

The onset of the internet had the potential to catalyse a remote work movement. However, it was not until the COVID-19 pandemic, 30 years later, that organizations and individuals truly evolved their ways of working. This session will explore the role technology plays in the future of work and how we can use it to our advantage.

SESSION 2

1:00 - 1:45 PM: The Great Trade Off - How Remote Work Impacts the Top and Bottom Line of a Business

As companies struggle to stay afloat in the dire economic circumstances of the post-pandemic world, leaders are seeking new ways to rationalise their costs. Remote work seems like a natural solution but we also know that disengaged employees can have a potentially offsetting effect on the topline. This discussion will evaluate the effects of remote work on a company's profitability and how we can create a healthy balance.

SESSION 3

3:00 - 3:45 PM: Remote work: A Long Distance Relationship With Your Job (Student Session)

Students and young professionals entering the workforce post-COVID-19 will need to hone new skills for the remote experiences ahead. It's likely they will take on their first role without commuting to work or taking a tour of the office. This session will shed light on the hard and soft skills employers and recruiters are looking for in emerging talent and how to thrive in the workplace of the future.

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WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2020

SESSION 4

11:00 - 11:45 AM: The Impact on Office Space, Design & Commercial Real Estate in Dubai

As companies shrink their real estate footprint, allowing their employees to work from home, commercial real estate will continue to see an increasing mismatch between supply and demand. What is the outlook for commercial real estate in Dubai? How can property owners adapt to new demand? How can we design the office of the future? And what is the role that the government can play in breathing new life into the sector?

SESSION 5

2:00 - 2:45 PM: Culture, Engagement, Wellness & Our New Normal

Navigating our 'new normal' involves redefining company culture, creating new opportunities for employee engagement and prioritizing wellness. Organizations and individuals will have to make a conscious effort to introduce new ways of hiring, onboarding and engaging talent without a physical office space to convene in.

SESSION 6

4:15 - 5:00 PM: To Remote, or Not To Remote? Debate & Closing Session

To remote, or not to remote? That is the motion in question. To wrap up the first-ever Cosmic Conference, we will debate the topic of remote work. Speakers will discuss the arguments for or against co-location citing lessons learned from previous sessions and hearing from audiences about the future of remote work.

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ABOUT THE THEME

EXPLORING REMOTE WORK IN THE POST-PANDEMIC WORLD

The global pandemic catalysed a shift in the way individuals and organizations around the world work. The widespread adoption of remote work has changed how we view the 'where' and 'how' of work. Given its relevance to the current context, we wanted to explore this topic further.

Our goal is to help attendees navigate the remote work landscape, learn about its impact on organizations in the region and how teams and leaders can adapt to our 'new normal'.



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ABOUT US

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Who We Are

Cosmic Centaurs is a boutique consultancy, training, technology and insights company helping organizations reimagine and build the future of work and education. The company was founded by Marilyn Zakhour amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic which accelerated the adoption of remote work and learning. Cosmic Centaurs was established to help people and companies rethink the new 'where' and 'how' of work and learning.

What We Do

Our model is rooted in the concept of digital transcendence. That is, enabling people to extract the most value of the technology around us. We believe that the era of digital transformation is behind us and that the rapid rate at which innovation and technology are evolving is surpassing the capability of humans. That's where we come in. We help individuals and organizations outline a working model for productivity and engagement, identify and manage digital solutions to propel learning, organizational effectiveness and professional development.

How We Do It

Our team works with a network of consultants, executives, educators, industry specialists and talent managers to guide clients through this transformation. We oversee all elements of this journey, upskilling teams, nurturing collaboration, advising on the relevant digital investments, and creating a culture to embrace change. Our agility allows us to quickly and effectively future-proof our clients while solving for the challenges of tomorrow.

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