



The US Specialty Food Association

BRINGING EVERYONE TOGETHER

Innovative Strategies
for the Food Industry
are Taking on the World

Phil Kafarakis
President SFA

AI and Robotics

Machines Can't Dream

LE FONTI AWARDS
DUBAI 2017



ECONOMICS

The World Economy in 2018

In the tenth year since the start of the global financial crisis, the US economy reached a new high-water mark, and the global economy exceeded expectations. But...



CEO & TOP EXECUTIVES OF THE YEAR



Nashwa Al Ruwaini
Pyramedia

1



Soren Nikolajsen
Alawwal Bank

2



Vito Rotondi
MEP Group

3



CEO OF THE YEAR
MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT
MIDDLE EAST

Nashwa Al Ruwaini
Pyramedia

Ms. Al Ruwaini is well-known for her continuous success and leading role in the industry, making her one of the most influential woman and entrepreneurs in the Middle East and globally. She is respected for her attention to quality, innovative contents and her commitment to promoting diversity and talent.

1

CEO OF THE YEAR
BANKING
MIDDLE EAST

Soren Nikolajsen
Alawwal Bank

Mr. Nikolajsen is renowned for his long career in the bank as Director, and now as CEO, and for his ability to gain trust and ability to obtain successful business results. He has been helping the bank to reach new strategic goals in terms of growth and brand reputation, corporate social responsibility, employee management, and his active PA customers, shareholders and the wider community.

2



CEO OF THE YEAR
INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY
ITALY

Soren Nikolajsen
Alawwal Bank

Mr. Rotondi is a pioneer CEO in his ability to combine the needs of digitalization and automation in the wake of industry 4.0, while at the same time enhancing the human dimension. He has invested more than 10% of R & D revenue from his company MEP Group, a leading company in rebar equipment manufacturing, and has created the MEP Business School, giving birth to a new era in the social economy. Finally, he has consolidated the company's leadership in industrial engineering and business information.

3



LE FONTI BANKING AWARDS



Alawwal Bank

1

**BANK OF THE YEAR
RETAIL
MIDDLE EAST**

Alawwal Bank

Alawwal Bank is renowned for its leading business model and constant growth, which makes it a point of reference, not only in Saudi Arabia but in the whole region.

The bank has been consistently providing trusted banking services and innovative financial solutions to customers and businesses alike.

1



LE FONTI CORPORATE AWARDS



Pyramedia

1



American International School

2

COMPANY OF THE YEAR
FOR LEADERSHIP
MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT
MIDDLE EAST

Pyramedia

Pyramedia has developed a consolidated leadership in the Middle East media industry, providing renowned media services with a wide range of unique solutions. The company is recognized for producing world class shows, movies and documentaries, to regional and international audiences throughout the world.

1

EXCELLENCE OF THE YEAR
FOR LEADERSHIP EDUCA-
TION
KUWAIT

American International School

The American International School in Kuwait is renowned for being a dynamic private, independent, co-educational day school serving students from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve. The school is recognized for its efficient scheduling and a strong sense of community.

2





LE FONTI REAL ESTATE AWARDS



Emaar The Economic City

1



ZAS

2



SAK Real Estate Company

3



DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
OF THE YEAR
MIDDLE EAST

Emaar The Economic City

Emaar Properties is renowned for creating a new world city for the benefit of businesses, citizens, and the entire Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Its guiding leadership in the Middle East real estate industry and innovative approach makes the company a landmark in the region for “building the future”.

1

EXCELLENCE OF THE
YEAR FOR LEADERSHIP
ARCHITECTURE
MIDDLE EAST

ZAS

ZAS has been consistently providing a fully integrated and comprehensive service to its clients, regardless of the scale or complexity. The company is renowned for creatively collaborating with its clients, while respecting budget and time constraints.

2

EXCELLENCE OF THE YEAR
FOR LEADERSHIP REAL
ESTATE
SAUDI ARABIA

**SAK Real Estate
Company**

SAK Real Estate Company has been consistently providing a complete spectrum of services essential in the field of architectural and engineering design consultancy, construction site supervision and project management. The company is renowned for pioneering Innovative architectural and sustainable engineering solutions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Middle East region and for the SAK Jeddah head office building project.

3





LE FONTI LEGAL AWARDS



Stefano Loconte
Loconte & Partners

1



Al Rowaad Advocates & Legal Consultancy

2

LAWYER OF THE YEAR
PRIVATE & WEALTH
MANAGEMENT
ITALY

Stefano Loconte
Loconte & Partners

Mr. Loconte has become recognized throughout Italy for his successful management of international tax issues thanks to his dynamism, competence, and his multidisciplinary and personalized approach in the areas of legal, tax and wealth management. With his detailed knowledge of national and international regulatory instruments, Stefano Loconte is undoubtedly a trusted business partner.

1

LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
FAMILY LAW
MIDDLE EAST

Al Rowaad Advocates & Legal Consultancy

Over the years, Al Rowaad Advocates & Legal Consultants has been delivering sound judgment to its clients, even regarding the most challenging and sensitive issues. The Law firm is renowned for its strong expertise in the Family Law sector and for always seeking to make the legal process as seamless as possible for its clients.

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