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Best investor relations corporates and professionals honoured at the 10th Middle East Investor Relations Awards Ceremony

Dubai, UAE. 27 September 2018. Listed companies as well industry leaders from across the region were recognised on Wednesday during the 10th Middle East Investor Relations Association (MEIRA) Awards Ceremony for outstanding performance in investor relations.

Preceded by the MEIRA Annual Conference, the region's largest event dedicated to investor relations, the Awards Ceremony was a much-awaited highlight which attracted over 200 of top-tier industry professionals, regulators and stock exchanges as well as representatives of MEIRA's member companies. The event recognised the achievements of winners in 22 categories including the best IR teams, annual reports and IR websites in the Middle East.

For the first time in 2018, the best annual report was selected through a judging process conducted by MEIRA representatives in collaboration with an experienced panel of experts in this field.

As in previous years, the process to select the winners in the best practice category was run in collaboration with research company Extel, while the best investor relations website was chosen together with Comprend.

Commenting on the awards, Andrew Tarbuck, MEIRA Chairman, said: "Across the Middle East, we have been seeing tremendous efforts to implement best practice in investor relations and corporate governance. In all categories, this year's award winners have demonstrated their unequivocal commitment to further advancing the quality of IR in the Middle East. This is also in part a reflection of the positive impact that MEIRA has had since inception one decade ago. Much has been achieved, and we could not be prouder to see the fruits of our work and celebrate the achievements of those who have proven to be true front-runners in their field. We look forward to continuing to support all MEIRA members and IR professionals in raising the bar and promoting the development of the region's capital markets."

Winners of the 2018 MEIRA awards are:

Grand Prix - Leading Corporate for Investor Relations - Middle East

- First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB)

Best Investor Relations by CEO - Middle East

- Shayne Nelson, Emirates NBD

Best Investor Relations by CFO - Middle East

- Surya Subramanian, Emirates NBD

Best Investor Relations Website - Middle East - Winner

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- Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (TAQA)
- Best Investor Relations Website - Middle East – 2nd place**
- Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB)
- Best Investor Relations Website - Middle East – 3rd place**
- SHUAA Capital
- Best Annual Report – Print Category - Middle East - Winner**
- DP World
- Best Annual Report – Print Category - Middle East – 2nd place**
- Almarai
- Best Annual Report – Print Category - Middle East – 3rd place**
- Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB)
- Best Annual Report – Digital Category - Middle East - Winner**
- Etihad Etisalat Company (Mobily)
- Best Annual Report – Digital Category - Middle East – 2nd place**
- DP World
- Best Annual Report – Digital Category - Middle East – 3rd place**
- DXB Entertainments
- Leading Corporate for Investor Relations – Bahrain**
- Bahrain Telecommunications (BATELCO)
- Leading Corporate for Investor Relations – Egypt**
- SODIC
- Best Investor Relations Professional – Egypt**
- Yasmine Hemeda, Commercial International Bank (CIB)
- Leading Corporate for Investor Relations – Kuwait**
- Kuwait Telecommunications (VIVA)
- Best Investor Relations Professional – Kuwait**
- Wassim El Hayek, Kuwait Telecommunications (VIVA)
- Leading Corporate for Investor Relations - Levant**
- BLOM Bank
- Best Investor Relations Professional - Levant**
- Alexandre Mouradian, BLOM Bank
- Leading Corporate for Investor Relations – Oman**
- Oman Telecommunications (Omantel)
- Best Investor Relations Professional – Oman**
- Srikanth Acharya, Oman Telecommunications (Omantel)
- Leading Corporate for Investor Relations – Qatar**
- Qatar National Bank (QNB)
- Best Investor Relations Professional – Qatar**

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- Andreas Goldau, Ooredoo

Leading Corporate for Investor Relations - Saudi Arabia

- Etihad Etisalat Company (Mobily)

Best Investor Relations Professional - Saudi Arabia

- Rayan AlKarawi, Zain KSA

Leading Corporate for Investor Relations – UAE

- First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB)

Best Investor Relations Professional – UAE

- Sofia El Boury, First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB)

Best Improved Investor Relations Team – Blue-Chip

- Al Rajhi Bank

Best Improved Investor Relations Team – Large Cap

- Bank Muscat

Best Improved Investor Relations Team – Small & Medium Cap

- Aldrees Petroleum & Transport Services Company

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The Middle East Investor Relations Association (MEIRA or ‘the Association’) is an independent, non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the Investor Relations (IR) profession and international standards in corporate governance. The mission of MEIRA is to enhance the reputation, efficiency and attractiveness of the Middle East capital markets.

This is delivered by fostering increased dialogue among members and encouraging the IR community to share the global benchmark in best practice within the field of IR. In partnership with stock exchanges, regulators and other market participants, MEIRA supports companies through its professional development and certification programmes as well as its membership community and network of country Chapters.