THE FRONTRUNNERS

Middle Eastern IT leaders were honoured for playing their part in a year of great progress in regional technology development at CNME's 5th annual ICT Achievement Awards.

Every year, CNME celebrates organisations that have made the best use of technology to derive strategic value and maximum benefits for their businesses. Whether ushering existing infrastructure into the new era of requisite agility, or working new technologies successfully into traditional business setups to meaningful ends, the organisations that make it as the winners of ICT Achievement Awards each year serve as inspiration and proof that striking new paths in ICT use can yield business and even social rewards.

All of our winners across 24 different categories were selected after a rigorous application and review process by a panel of judges comprising CIOs, academics and consultants. This year's winners are a heartening reminder of the great things that can be accomplished when determined people put their mind to a task, and harness the full potential of technology.

PANEL OF JUDGES

Ali Radhi, Head of IT, MBC

Ali has over 30 years of experience working in the IT industry, and has worked in Iraq, Jordan, New Zealand and Dubai. Prior to his current role, he has operated a computer supplier and programming company and headed up the network support operations for the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. He joined Cisco UAE in 2005, and was responsible for managing a number of high-profile accounts for the networking firm and in 2008 was recruited by his current employer.

Ian Wakeford, MD, DW Consultants

Ian has over 20 years of business and IT experience in various senior management roles. His strengths lie in quickly analysing, understanding and delivering viable and cost-effective solutions. He has strong technical knowledge in IT and all related practices from mainframe to mobile, and has managed numerous projects in IT, distribution and commercial environments.

Mohammed Shah, Head of IT & Business Solutions, AMS Baeshen Company

Mohammed is a recognised IT executive with about 20 years of experience in leading edge IT and change implementation in the Middle East in areas of IT strategy, Smart City IT, ERP, DSS, and IT outsourcing. Acclaimed as an agent of change with a track record of successfully implementing complex IT and change projects, he is currently leading IT in an FMCG environment.

Trevor Moore, CIO, Qatar University

As the CIO of Qatar University, Trevor is responsible for leading the ITS department and providing leadership to the University on technology. The ITS department is responsible for delivering ITS services to over 20,000 students, faculty and staff.

Managed Services Provider of the Year: eHosting DataFort

FINALISTS:

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Injazat Data Systems

With most users looking to improve efficiencies, cut costs and speed time to market, the demand for managed services is at an all-time high. eHosting DataFort owns and operates multiple tier-3 data centres in Dubai and offers a gamut of cloud hosting and managed hosting services ranging from leased dedicated servers to a fully managed services option whereby a customer's IT infrastructure is managed right from the data centre layer up to the application layer and everything in between.

eHDF caters to local and global customers and some of its notable clients include Dubai Financial Market, Panasonic, DUBAL, Tejuri.com, Khaleej Times, Société Générale Bank, TRIMEX Group, JRG International, Paramount Computer Systems, Dunia Finance and Geotab ME.

Systems Integrator of the Year: Finesse

FINALISTS:

ALROWAD IT Solutions	Emitac Enterprise Solutions
Arabic Computer Systems	Help AG
Al Futtaim Technologies	MDS UAE
Alrowad IT Solutions	Securetech
Condo Protego	Seven Seas
	Smartworld

Finesse is a global systems integrator with domain expertise in BFSI, education and healthcare sectors. It provides technology solution spanning across BI and analytics, ECM and GRC with a 24/7 on-demand support centre based in Bangalore in India. The SI counts 7 out of 10 banks in the GCC region in its client roster and has delivered some of the technologically most complex projects in the region in the last 18 months. This include an analytical solution over a private cloud for Network International, trade finance automation for National Bank of Fujairah and ECM & procurement system for ASRY in Bahrain.