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The fifth annual Network World Middle East Awards was held at Jumeirah Emirates Towers on 24th of March, paying tribute to the region's top networking projects and vendors.

Having established itself as the major event that recognizes networking excellence in the Middle East, NWME Awards 2014 honoured winners across 19 categories, encompassing both users and vendors. Each recipient in the user category was recognized for taking an innovative approach to address business requirements with networking technologies. Vendors were recognized for their technical excellence in delivering technical excellence and helping their client prepare for the major industry transitions such as cloud and mobility.

The event was kicked off by Nadeem Hood, CEO of CPI Media Group, publishers of CNME. This was followed by a keynote address by Abdullah Hashim, Senior VP of Digital Services, Etisalat, which is the strategic partner of CNME.

The winners were picked from a pool of 200-plus nominations and each nomination was reviewed and judged by the four-member judging panel in terms of their achievements and specific measurable business results. Two categories – networking vendor and value added distributor – were decided by more than 4000 reader votes.

PANEL OF JUDGES

Arun Tewary



Arun is the CIO and VP of IT at Emirates Flight Catering in Dubai, which employs more than 6,500 people.

His domain expertise is in the successful implementation of large ERP systems in complex business environments with a strong emphasis on implementing best business practices and organizational change management.

Ian Wakeford



Ian is a senior industry advisor with over 30 years of IT experience in various roles and responsibilities, on both sides of the IT fence (as vendor and client). His professional career covers technical through to commercial, with stints in Experton Group and Injazat Data Systems.

Benvir Padda



Benvir is the IT Director at Legatum. He has worked in IT roles across pharma, tourism and financial industries, and has been based in Dubai for

13 years. In Legatum, he was instrumental in implementing a tier 3 data centre, a UC strategy and set up operations in London, Middle East, Far East and the US.

UVK Kumar



UVK Kumar has over two decades of experience in banking technology and was the CIO of Doha Bank Group

for over 10 years. He has since founded an IT solution provider called Prescience UAE and is also actively engaged in consulting and advisory activities through STAT Analytics Solutions.

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