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Motivate would like to extend its gratitude and appreciation to our sponsors for making this event possible. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed the evening celebrating outstanding businesses around the Gulf.

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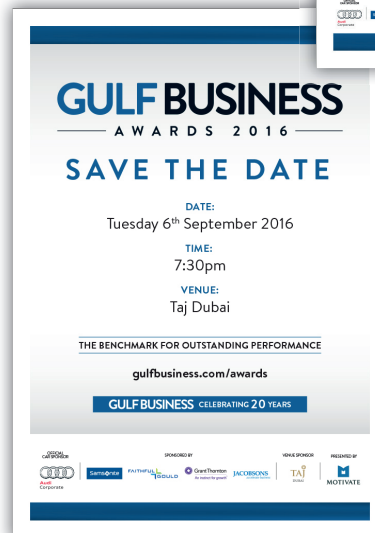
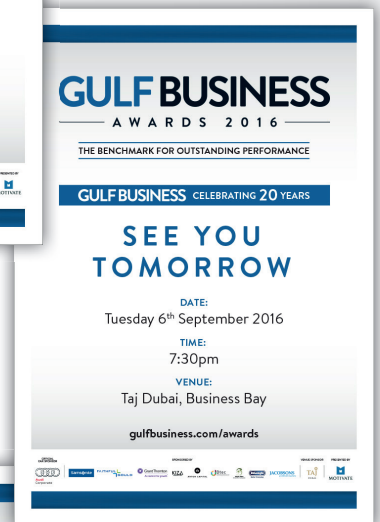
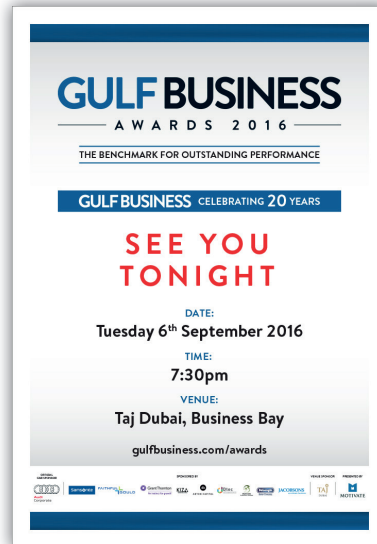
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More than 300 guests came to celebrate as 26 awards were presented throughout the evening.



THE VENUE

An intoxicating fusion of extravagance, heritage and contemporary style, Taj Dubai occupies a prime location, in the Emirates' most famous city. The hotel's interiors are a mix of rich Indian artistry and traditional influences, suffused with a cool, vibrant twist, with parts of the hotel offering stunning views of the majestic Burj Khalifa.



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Our official car sponsor, Audi, also had a stand at the Gulf Business Awards 2016 displaying the impressive R8 in a bright yellow.

Enrico Atanasio, Brand Director of Audi Middle East, presented His Excellency Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair, CEO of Mashreq Bank, with the award for the Banking Business Leader of the Year.

The second category, also presented by Mr Atanasio, was the Aviation and Transport Company of the Year. Nabil Sultan, Divisional Senior Vice President of Cargo, accepted the award on behalf of Emirates.

The Aviation and Transport Business Leader of the Year was also awarded by Audi to Mr Paul Griffiths, the CEO of Dubai Airports.

Final category sponsored by Audi was Banking Company of the Year. Receiving the award on behalf of EmiratesNBD was the CEO, Mr Shayne Nelson.



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ARTON CAPITAL

John Hanafin, CEO of Arton Capital, gave the Real Estate Business Leader of the Year award to Mr Ahmed Al Matrooshi, Managing Director of Emaar Properties, who collected the award on behalf of His Excellency Mohamed AlAbbar, winner of this category.

The award for Energy Leader of the Year was then presented to Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, CEO of Masdar. Collecting on his behalf, we had Mr Yousef Baselaib, Executive Director, Sustainable Real Estate, Masdar.



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Technology Business leader of the Year was sponsored by Atiyeh Saba.

The award was won by His Excellency Saif Al Aleeli, CEO of Dubai Future Foundation. Collecting on behalf of His Excellency was Neil King, Editor for *Gulf Business*.



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DeLonghi Group, represented by Ashraf Khairallah, Vice President of Sales, MEIA region, gave the award for Gulf Business SME of the Year. Won by Fetchr, the award was received by co-founders Joy Ajlouny and Idriss Al Rifai.



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Thousands of votes had come in from across the GCC for the Entrepreneur of the Year category. Veronica Giles, Manager Events & Community Services from Dubai Technology Entrepreneur Centre, presented the award to co-founders of Careem, Mudassir Sheikha and Magnus Olsson.



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Category sponsors Faithful & Gould presented the award for Retail Company of the Year to Colm McLoughlin, who collected the award on behalf of Dubai Duty Free.

The award of the second category sponsored by Faithful & Gould was given to the winner of Retail Business Leader of the Year, Colm McLoughlin, Executive Vice Chairman and CEO, Dubai Duty Free.

Both awards were presented by Donal O'Leary, Director of Faithful & Gould.



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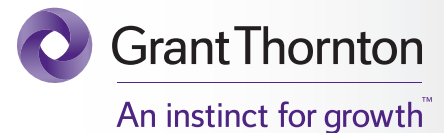
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Similar to other sponsors, Grant Thornton had their own stand at the Gulf Business Awards 2016. CEO Hisham Farouk presented the award for Technology Company of the Year to Samsung.

Grant Thornton had their stand in the pre-function area, similar to the other sponsors. Mandip Dulay, Director at Grant Thornton, presented the CSR Initiative of the Year to Activelife by Daman. Collecting the trophy of behalf of Daman was Sven Rohte, CCO.



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Jacobsons, our official vote-processing partners, presented the awards in the Media and Marketing category. Akram Raffoul, Partner and Executive Director of Jacobsons, presented Martin Stewart, CEO of OSN, for the Company of the Year and also presented Business Leader of the Year to Jonathan Labin, Managing Director of facebook Middle East North Africa and Pakistan.



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KIZA provided us with a colourful stand in the prefunction area of the Gulf Business Awards 2016. Awarding the Business Woman of the Year to her Excellency Dr Raja Easa Al Gurg, KIZA also had the opportunity to present the award for the Gulf Business Innovator of the Year to Dubai Future Foundation.



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Samsonite

Samsonite presented the award to Jumeirah for Tourism & Hospitality Company of the Year – given by Gopal Sudhakaran, Media & Communication Manager, Grand stores. Tourism and Hospitality Business Leader of the Year was presented to His Excellency Helal Saeed Almarri, Director General, Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing.



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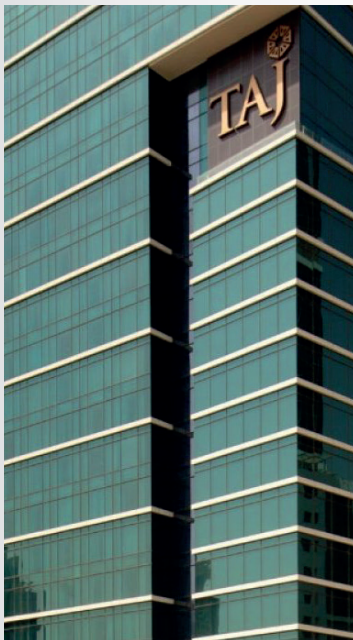
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Our venue sponsors were not only hosting our event for the evening but were also presenting two of the award categories.

Mohit Gurnani, Hotel Manager of Taj Dubai, presented the awards for Healthcare Company of the Year to Mediclinic, as well as Healthcare Business Leader of the Year to His Excellency Humaid Al Qatami, CEO of Dubai Health Authority.



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The innovative company Bliss Flowers delivered and created a beautiful display of flowers as a centrepiece on each table.



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THE SHORTLIST, VOTING, AND JUDGING CRITERIA

COMPANY OF THE YEAR & BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR

All of the company and business leader nominations will come from the public and the judges. Those shortlisted were carefully measured on the following criteria

INNOVATION

A company's ability to lead its sector — through thought-leadership, continual innovation and timely strategy.

GROWTH/EXPANSION

Company growth in the last year and expansion into new markets.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

Company results in terms of assets, profits and turnover — taken in a market context.

PRODUCT QUALITY

The ability to deliver exceptional, innovative, customer-orientated products of the highest quality.

SERVICE DELIVERY

The ability to provide excellent service to all stakeholders including customers, partners and suppliers.

ENTREPRENEUR & CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

In 2016, we engage the public even more with two 'People's Choice' awards: 'Entrepreneur of the Year' and 'Corporate Social Responsibility award'. *Gulf Business* highlighted ten leading entrepreneurs and five corporate social responsibility campaigns and our readers decided who should be awarded.

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Ian Fairservice

Motivate Managing Partner and Group Editor-In-Chief

Ian Fairservice founded Motivate Publishing in 1979. With his partner H.E. Obaid Humaid Al-Tayer, the United Arab Emirates Minister of State for Finance, he has developed the company to become one of the most successful media houses in the region – with more than 30 editorial titles across print and digital and a diverse range of contract publishing products.



Neil King

Editor of Gulf Business

With more than a decade's experience in journalism, Neil King is the editor of *Gulf Business* magazine. Having cut his teeth at the *Essex Chronicle* newspaper in the UK, he went on to work for Spafax where he edited a portfolio of in-flight magazines. Moving into business journalism, Neil arrived in Dubai in 2012 before joining the *Gulf Business* team at the start of 2016.



Ronaldo Mouchawar

CEO and Co-Founder of Souq.com

Ronaldo Mouchawar is the co-founder and CEO of Souq.com, the largest online retail and marketplace platform in the Arab World. Ronaldo has more than 15 years of experience in technology and business management and was awarded in 2015 by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, in recognition of Souq.com's digital influence in the UAE. He also won the Retail Business Leader of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year awards at last year's Gulf Business Awards.



Brandy Scott

Host of Business Breakfast on Dubai Eye 103.8

Brandy Scott is one of the hosts of the award-winning *Business Breakfast* on Dubai Eye 103.8. She has worked as a journalist for nearly 20 years, across radio, newspapers and magazines – including a stint as deputy editor on *Gulf Business* magazine.



Hisham Farouk

CEO of Grant Thornton UAE

Hisham Farouk is the CEO of Grant Thornton in the United Arab Emirates. A dynamic leader with a professional and academic footprint in the United States, United Kingdom and across the Middle East region, Hisham has been the driving force behind many private and public organisations' growth strategies. With almost two decades of professional and commercial experience he has led high-profile advisory engagements for some of the largest groups in the region. He sits on various boards, including a renowned regional investment firm, and is a patron and avid mentor for dynamic SMEs and entrepreneurial businesses.

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BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR**
Paul Griffiths, Dubai Airports



**BANKING
BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR**
**H.E. Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair,
Mashreq Bank**



**HEALTHCARE
BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR**
**H.E. Humaid Mohammed
Obaid Al Qatami,
Dubai Health Authority**



**ENERGY
BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR**
Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, Masdar



**TECHNOLOGY
BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR**
**H.E. Saif Al Aleeli,
Dubai Future Foundation**



**REAL ESTATE
BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR**
H.E. Mohamed Alabbbar, Emaar

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**RETAIL
BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR**
**Colm McLoughlin,
Dubai Duty Free**



**TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY
BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR**
H.E. Helal Saeed Almarri, DTCM



**MEDIA MARKETING
BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR**
**Jonathan Labin,
Facebook Middle East,
North Africa and Pakistan**



**AVIATION AND TRANSPORT
COMPANY OF THE YEAR**
Emirates



BANKING COMPANY OF THE YEAR
Emirates NBD



**HEALTHCARE
COMPANY OF THE YEAR**
Mediclinic

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Masdar



TECHNOLOGY COMPANY OF THE YEAR
Samsung



REAL ESTATE
COMPANY OF THE YEAR
Emaar



RETAIL
COMPANY OF THE YEAR
Dubai Duty Free



MEDIA MARKETING
COMPANY OF THE YEAR
OSN



TOURISM
AND HOSPITALITY
COMPANY OF THE YEAR
Jumeirah



ENTREPRENEUR
OF THE YEAR
**Mudassir Sheikha
and Magnus Olsson,
Careem**

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CSR INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR
ActiveLife by Daman



BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR
H.E. Dr. Raja Easa Al Gurg



SME OF THE YEAR
Fetchr



INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR
Dubai Future Foundation



GULF BUSINESS COMPANY OF THE YEAR
Jumeirah



GULF BUSINESS BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR
Paul Griffiths, CEO
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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
Sunny Varkey
GEMS, Varkey Foundation

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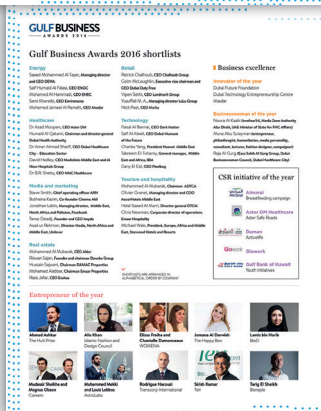
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Radio adverts were broadcasted on Dubai Eye throughout the months of May, June and July.

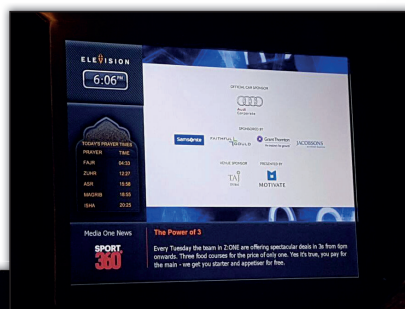


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"Voting is now open for the *Gulf Business* Awards. To vote for the Entrepreneur of the Year and the CSR Initiative of the Year, visit gulfbusiness.com – the benchmark for outstanding performance. *Gulf Business* – celebrating 20 years as the must read title for economic game changers."

ELEVATION

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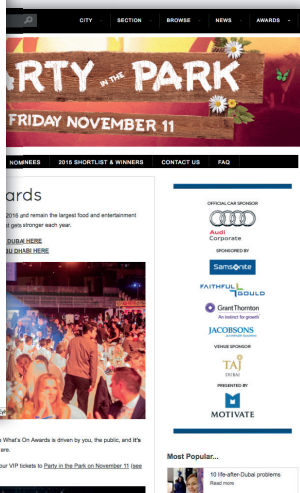
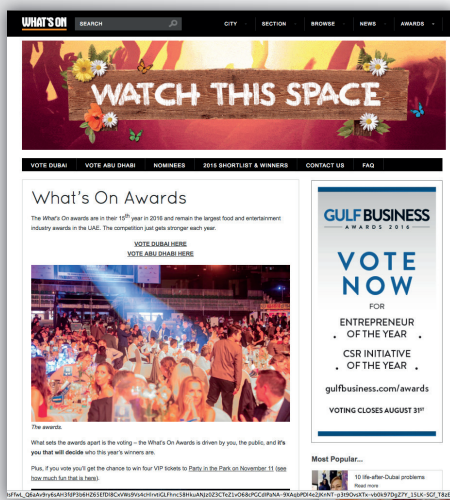
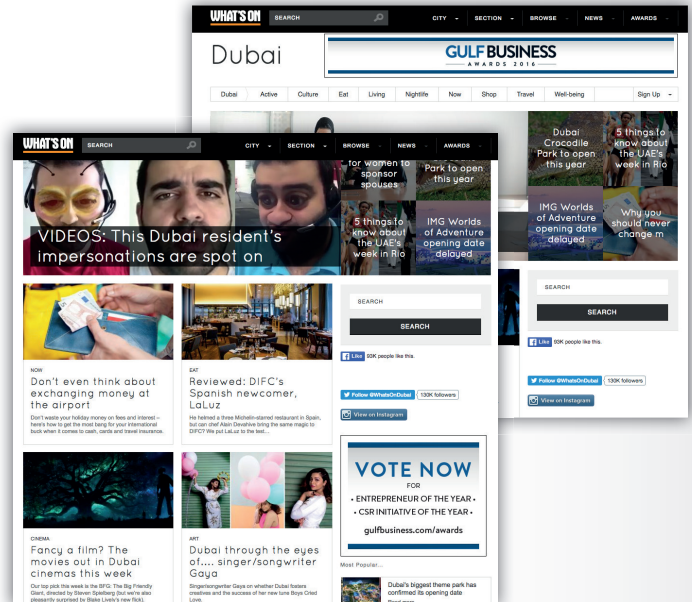
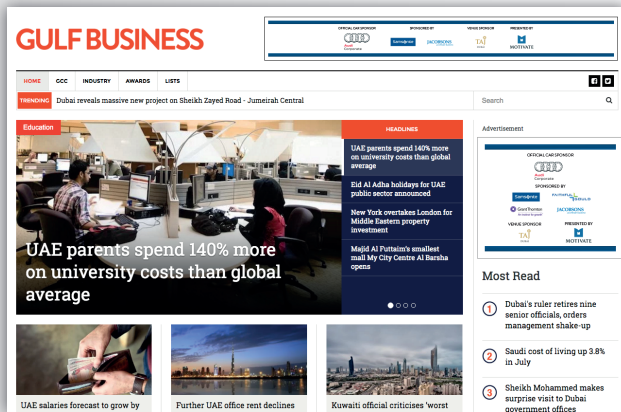
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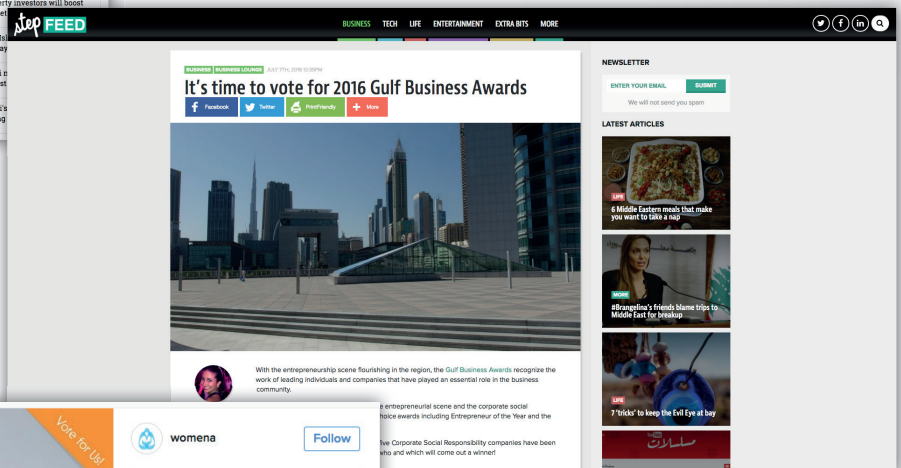
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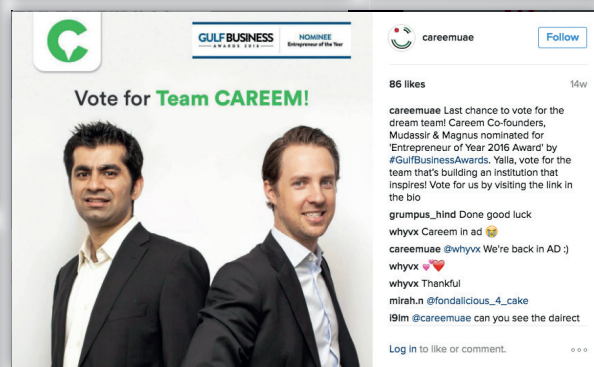
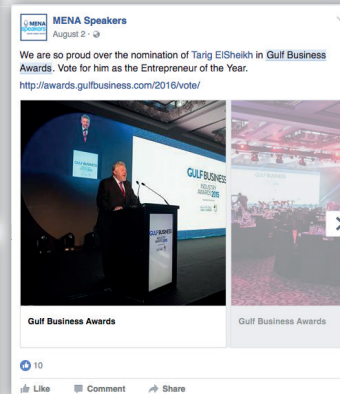
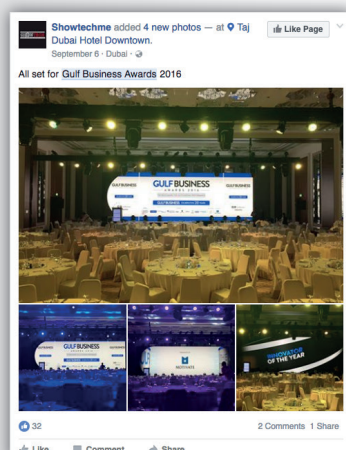
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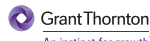
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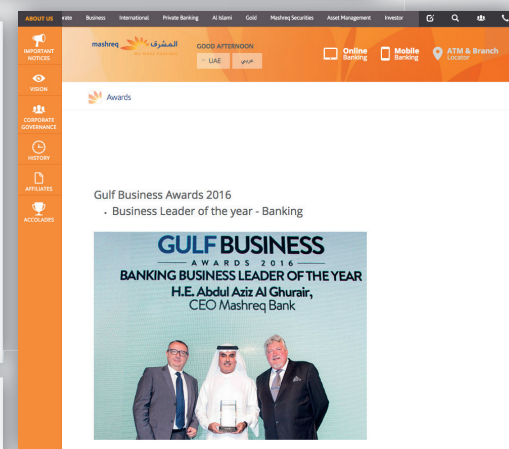
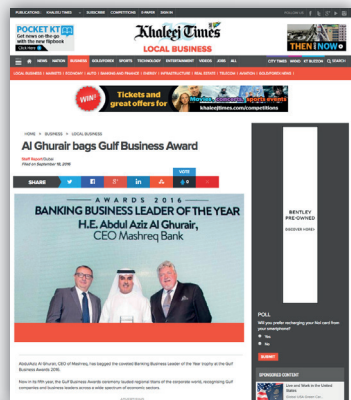
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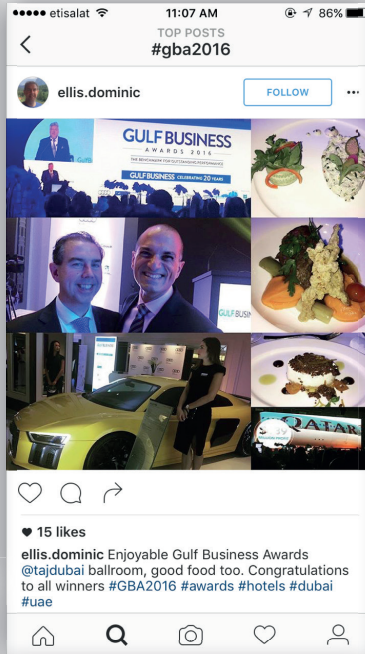
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Award winners joined Ian Fairservice, managing partner and group editor in chief of Motivate (centre), to cut a cake in celebration of Gulf Business's 20th anniversary

CELEBRATING another year of SUCCESS

The Gulf Business Awards 2016 honoured the best and brightest of the region's business community and celebrated *Gulf Business's* 20th anniversary at a glittering ceremony on September 8 at Taj Dubai

The past year has been one of change for the Gulf Cooperation Council, with fluctuating oil prices accelerating diversification plans, companies navigating global economic headwinds and smart technology continuing to disrupt industries across the board.

But one thing has remained constant: business excellence. Whether it's in the form of profits, expansion or innovation, companies and individuals across the GCC have staked their claim as global leaders in their fields.

To recognise those at the forefront of the region's success, *Gulf Business* hosted its fifth annual awards ceremony –

celebrating some of the biggest achievements and best performances over the last 12 months.

During the gala event, held at Taj Dubai in Business Bay, a total of 25 awards were handed out across nine industries, as well as special awards recognising small and medium sized enterprises, businesswomen and innovation. Having received hundreds of nominations, an independent panel of five judges selected the winners from shortlists of five per category. The fates of two further categories – Entrepreneur of the Year and CSR Initiative of the Year – were put in the hands of the voting public.



Emirates NBD CEO Shayne Nelson (right) collects the award for Company of the Year – Banking

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The team from Etihad Airways

Presentations were also made for the highly prestigious *Gulf Business* Company of the Year, Business Leader of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement Awards.

As well as lauding the business community's high points from the past year, the event helped *Gulf Business* celebrate its 20th anniversary. Launched in 1996 by Ian Fairservice, managing partner and group editor in chief of Motivate, the magazine and subsequent website *gulf-business.com* have been on the front line of business journalism across the GCC.

In his opening address, Mr Fairservice acknowledged the "very special journey" of the magazine, as well as its leading role in charting the evolution and continuing rise of the region as it maintains its reputation as one of the most exciting and progressive parts of the world.

To find out who picked up awards during this double celebration of business success, read on as we relive the *Gulf Business* Awards 2016.



Cedric and Julie Benault



Masdar's Yousef Baselaib with Canadian Consul General HE Emmanuel Kamarinakis



Ahmad Al Matrooshi of Emirates and Ghanim Abdullah Lootah of Dubai Health Authority



Paul Griffiths, CEO Dubai Airports, and British Consul General to Dubai, H.E. Paul Fox



Areen Abuhejleh and Noura Kahl of Daman



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AWARDS 2016

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: **SUNNY VARKEY,** **GEMS EDUCATION / VARKEY** **FOUNDATION**

Since taking his first steps in the UAE's education sector in the 1980s, Sunny Varkey has become one of the region's – and the world's – most highly regarded education chiefs.

Building a network of schools across the Gulf that would later become Global Education Management Systems – better known as GEMS – his dedication to giving young people a solid start in life has become legendary.

But Varkey's register of close to 150 schools in more than a dozen countries, as well as his range of education consultancy and solutions on offer around the world is only part of the story.

In 2010 he launched the Varkey Foundation, which has gone on to help hundreds of thousands of children in need around the world through various programmes, scholarships, campaigns and donations.

In 2013 the foundation helped launch the Global Education and Skills Forum in partnership with UNESCO and the UAE Ministry of Education – a major event for the sector and one that gave rise to the annual \$1m Global Teacher Prize.

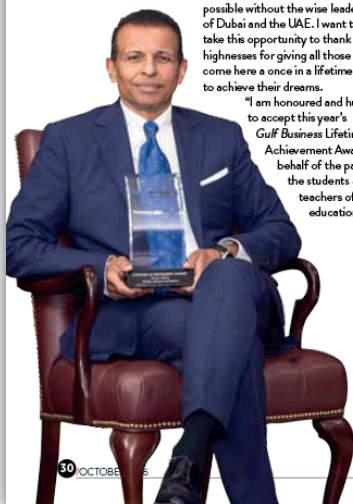
"My parents were teachers and they came to Dubai almost 60 years back, along with many other people who came to the shores of Dubai and the UAE for better prospects," he said via video when accepting his award.

"My father started teaching English as a foreign language and together they opened their first school called Our Own English High School. And that's where the story of GEMS Education started.

"Our success thus far has been achieved through many outstanding educationalists and staff who share our passion and determination to put quality education within reach of every child and student.

"None of this would have been possible without the wise leadership of Dubai and the UAE. I want to take this opportunity to thank their highnesses for giving all those who come here a once in a lifetime chance to achieve their dreams.

"I am honoured and humbled to accept this year's Gulf Business Lifetime Achievement Award, on behalf of the parents, the students and the teachers of GEMS education"



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BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR – BANKING: **H.E.** **ABDUL AZIZ AL GHURAIR**

Given he has been a constant factor in Mashreq's success for more than two decades, it is little surprise that H.E. Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair was named Banking Leader of the Year.

As well as providing a steady guiding hand – helping his bank to post a \$654m profit in 2015 – the former Speaker of the Federal National Council also offered a charitable one by launching the Arab world's largest education fund. Promising \$1.14bn in grants for underserved youths and scholarships for 15,000 students over the next 10 years, the Abdullah Al Ghurair Foundation for Education has high ambitions to unite the private sector, education institutions and philanthropic organisations in a bid to give young people the tools they need to become the region's – and the world's – future leaders.

As the chairman of the UAE Banks Federation he has also been a key figure in pushing for the country's new bankruptcy law, which was approved just days before the awards took place.

He addressed the law in his acceptance speech, saying: "We have publically campaigned for the bankruptcy law, and this week we finally have it.

"It is the UAE banking system that has pushed for this bankruptcy law because we want to protect our environment, our customers. We don't want them to skip, we don't want them to run away – we want them to come and talk to us at the table: let's work out a solution.

"We will not put a customer behind bars – we will not put them in jail if they are genuine. We will work things out with them, even by rescheduling their loans for whatever it takes – two years, three years – to bring them back to life.

"We want to support the ecosystem that we have here in the UAE and we will continue to support it because it's a win-win. You succeed, the UAE succeeds, the banking industry succeeds and it's a win-win for all of us."

On the sidelines of the event he added: "We welcome the bankruptcy law as it will bring stability and confidence to the economy, to the customer and to the bank. With the legislative framework banks will be more confident when dealing with businesses that get into difficulty."

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BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - AVIATION AND TRANSPORT & OVERALL BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR: **PAUL GRIFFITHS,** **DUBAI AIRPORTS**

It has been something of a bittersweet year for the CEO of Dubai Airports, Paul Griffiths, who has exercised his leadership skills at times of celebration as well as tragedy.

While Dubai Airports continued to excel – with record passenger traffic continuing to make Dubai International Airport the world's busiest for international passenger traffic – Griffiths also maintained a cool head while managing efforts to nullify the danger and limiting the resulting impact of the crash landing of Emirates flight EK521.

In an emotional acceptance speech, Griffiths dedicated his award to his team, recalling the moment he met with those who first responded to the emergency.

"I shook everyone's hand and looked into the whites of the eyes of these people who don't want the limelight, don't want to be recognised but every day come into work expecting an ordinary day."

"On that day the alarm went off, they rushed to their fire engines and they were there within seconds. They doused the entire aeroplane in foam, creating a lifeline for 300 people to escape from a burning aeroplane in what must have been absolutely horrific circumstances."

"Sadly, one of them didn't return, for which we are deeply sorry, but I am so grateful for and privileged to be leading such a wonderful team that responds to that sort of call of duty without wanting recognition."

"So it's on behalf of them, on behalf of my whole team, that I very gratefully accept the award tonight."



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COMPANY OF THE YEAR - TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY & OVERALL COMPANY OF THE YEAR: **JUMEIRAH**

Becoming successful is one thing, but maintaining and building on that success is quite another – something the judges agreed Jumeirah has done with consummate ease.

The hospitality firm's unerring commitment to quality has kept it at the top of its game for years, highlighting its strength and underlining its incredible popularity, while making it a cornerstone of Dubai and a familiar name across the world.

Founded in 1997 and later becoming a member of Dubai Holding in 2004, Jumeirah Group has built a varied portfolio of luxury hotels and resorts, wellness centres, waterparks and more – expanding from its base in Dubai to 10 other destinations.

Group vice president of brand marketing and loyalty, Yousef Tuqan, collected the two awards and, speaking after the event, chief commercial officer Alison Broadhead expressed her joy in receiving the accolades.

She said: "Jumeirah has become one of the world's most outstanding international luxury brands since its launch in 1997 and we are extremely proud to have won these two awards."

"This recognition demonstrates our commitment to excellence as we continue to expand and develop the portfolio. This year we announced the launch of Jumeirah Al Naseem at Madinat Jumeirah, and redefined Dubai's most recognisable landmark – the Burj Al Arab – by building The Terrace; a one of a kind restaurant, pool, beach and cabana space set over 106,000 square metres."



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COMPANY OF THE YEAR - ENERGY
NASDAR
Presented by H.E. Emmanuel Kamarianakis,
Canadian Consul General to Dubai and the
Northern Emirates



**COMPANY OF THE YEAR - AVIATION AND
TRANSPORT**
EMIRATES
Presented by Enrico Atanasio, brand director,
Audi Middle East



**COMPANY OF THE YEAR - MEDIA AND
MARKETING**
OSN
Presented by Akram Raffoul, partner
and executive director, Jacobsons



COMPANY OF THE YEAR - HEALTHCARE
MEDICLINIC
Presented by Mohit Gurnani, hotel
manager, Taj Dubai



COMPANY OF THE YEAR - RETAIL
DUBAI DUTY FREE
Presented by Donal O'Leary, director - commercial services,
Faithful+Gould

**COMPANY OF THE
YEAR - BANKING**
EMIRATES NBD
Presented by Enrico
Atanasio, brand
director, Audi
Middle East



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THE JUDGING PANEL

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MOHAMED JAMEEL AL RAMAHI, MASDAR - COLLECTED BY YOUSEF BASELAIB
 Presented by John Hanafin, CEO, Arton Capital



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ENERGY BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR
Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, CEO Masdar

BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - ENERGY
MOHAMED JAMEEL AL RAMAHI, MASDAR - COLLECTED BY YOUSEF BASELAIB
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BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - REAL ESTATE
H.E. MOHAMED ALABBAR, EMAAR - COLLECTED BY AHMED AL MATROOSHI
 Presented by John Hanafin, CEO, Arton Capital



BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY
H.E. HELAL SAEED AL MARRI, DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND COMMERCE MARKETING - COLLECTED BY ABDULLAH YOUSEF
 Presented by Gopal Sudhakaran, media and marketing communications manager Grand Stores LLC



BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - TECHNOLOGY
H.E. SAIF AL ALEELI, DUBAI FUTURE FOUNDATION
 Presented by Sepehr Shamiani, CEO, Pishgaman Atiyeh Saba



COMPANY OF THE YEAR - TECHNOLOGY
SAMSUNG
 Presented by Hisham Farouk, CEO, Grant Thornton UAE. Pictured is Samsung's head of IT and mobile division, Tarek Sabbagh



BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - HEALTHCARE
H.E. HUMAID AL QATAMI, DUBAI HEALTH AUTHORITY - COLLECTED BY GHANIM ABDULLAH LOOTAH
 Presented by Mohit Gurnani, hotel manager, Taj Dubai



BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - RETAIL
COLM MCLOUGHLIN, DUBAI DUTY FREE
 Presented by Donal O'Leary, director - commercial services, Faithful+Gould



BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - MEDIA AND MARKETING
JONATHAN LABINI, FACEBOOK MENAP
 Presented by Akram Raffoul, partner and executive director, Jacobsens



"WE ARE A 33-YEAR-OLD COMPANY AND WE STILL HAVE 31 OF OUR ORIGINAL 100 STAFF SO I THINK OUR STAFF ARE VERY LOYAL. WE TRY AND OFFER GOOD VALUE AND SERVICE AND WE ENJOY TERRIFIC SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT. ALSO UNLIKE MANY DUTY-FREE OPERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD WE'VE SPENT A NICE BIT OF MONEY ON MARKETING AND PROMOTING BOTH DUBAI AND OURSELVES."

BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR - RETAIL
COLM MCLOUGHLIN, DUBAI DUTY FREE
 Presented by Donal O'Leary, director - commercial services, Faithful+Gould

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BUSINESSWOMAN OF THE YEAR
H.E. DR RAJA EASA AL GURG
Presented by Joe Osawaye, CEO and managing partner, Kiza

"I'VE GOT 30 COMPANIES UNDER THE GROUP AND I'M AIMING NOT JUST TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMPANIES BUT ALSO TO DEVELOP THESE COMPANIES TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. BY 2020 MY AIM IS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT GLOBAL COMPANIES."

"I WOULD ADVISE MY DAUGHTERS AND SISTERS TO TAKE THE BUSINESS WORLD VERY SERIOUSLY AND TO WORK VERY HARD. THEY SHOULD STAY DEDICATED TO THEIR JOB IF THEY WANT TO COMPETE IN BUSINESS."

"WOMEN SHOULD ALSO WORK TO STRIVE FOR A BALANCE BETWEEN FAMILY AND BUSINESS BY PLANNING AND MANAGING THEIR TIME WELL. THIS IS HOW I'VE SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED BOTH MY PRIVATE AND BUSINESS LIFE."



SME OF THE YEAR
FETCHR - COLLECTED BY IDRIS AL RIFA
Presented by Ashraf Khairallah, VP of sales MEIA, DeLonghi Group

"THE AWARD CONFIRMS THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS JOURNEY OF GROWTH FROM JUST 40 PEOPLE IN THE OFFICE TO 800 EMPLOYEES AND WE ARE LOOKING TO GROW FURTHER."

"WE HAVE AN AGGRESSIVE PLAN LOOKING AHEAD. WE AIM TO BE IN 14 COUNTRIES BY THE END OF THE NEXT YEAR. WE WANT TO BE IN PLACES WHERE WE CREATE THE MOST VALUE AND TARGET MARKETS WHERE E-COMMERCE IS GROWING. SO WHILE WE WANT TO COVER THE GCC REGION, OUR KEY FOCUS WILL BE TO TAP LARGE MARKETS OUTSIDE OF THE REGION."



ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR
MUDASSIR SHEIKH AND MAGNUS OLSSON, CAREEM
Presented by Veronica Giles, manager events and community services, Dubai Technology Entrepreneur Centre

"THE SUCCESS REALLY COMES DOWN TO THE 500 TEAM MEMBERS AT CAREEM. WE ALSO WANT TO THANK OUR INVESTORS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US AND THE CUSTOMERS WHO MADE THE GROWTH POSSIBLE."

"WE OPERATE IN 10 OF THE 20 COUNTRIES SPREAD OUT FROM MOROCCO TO PAKISTAN SO LOOKING AHEAD WE PLAN TO OPEN BUSINESSES IN THE 10 REMAINING ONES. WE ARE LOOKING AT POSSIBILITIES IN ALGERIA, TUNISIA AND IRAQ IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE."



CSR INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR
ACTIVELIFE BY DAMAM - COLLECTED BY SVEN ROHTE
Presented by Mandip Dulay, director of clients and markets Grant Thornton



INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR
DUBAI FUTURE FOUNDATION
Presented by Joe Osawaye, CEO and managing partner, Kiza

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MC for the evening,
Tom Urquhart of Dubai Eye 108.3



Faiza Al Sayed and HE Dr Raja Easa Al Gurg



Ian Fairservice, managing partner and group editor in chief of Motivate (standing) with (L-R) Jihad El Sibai, and Sineed El Sibai and Salah Tahlak of Dubai Duty Free



Eleni Menegatos and H.E. Emanuel Kamarianakis



Nabil Sultan of Emirates and Faiza Al Sayed of the Dubai Business Women Council



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Jumeirah Group's VP of brand marketing and loyalty, Yousef Tuqan



Einas Al Ameri and Ahmed Ershood Al Shehhi of Ethad Airways



Ahmad Al Matrooshi, Ghanim Abdullah Lootah, Mohamed Al Noori and Ahmed Sakiti



Enrico Atanasio, director of Audi Middle East



Martin Stewart, CEO of OSN (left) and Steve Smith, COO of ARN (right), speak with Sophie Maloney, chief legal officer of OSN



Dubai Duty Free's executive vice chairman and CEO Colm McLoughlin, and his wife Brenda

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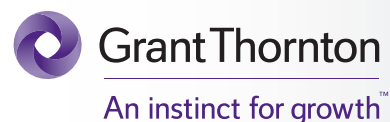
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