



1st Middle East Insurance Industry Awards 2014

*17 November 2014, Gala Dinner
Jumeirah Emirates Tower, Dubai*

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Press Release

Finalists of Middle East Insurance Awards Announced

Dubai, 19 October 2014 - Some 40 of 200 entries made it to finals of the Middle East Insurance Industry Awards (MIIA), held to recognise and salute excellence in the industry.

The entries, both big and small and from local and international players, showed that all over the MENA region, there were many companies doing things beyond the call of business and making concerted efforts to be a market leader.

As part of its extensive deliberations, the distinguished panel judges, industry leaders drawn from MENA and international markets including regulators, met last week for the final round to select the winners of the Awards in each of the categories. The results audited by independent auditor EY will be kept secret until 17th November where the winners will be announced at the MIIA Gala Awards Presentation Dinner in conjunction with the Mena Rendezvous.

Mr Sivam Subramaniam, Editor-in-Chief of Middle East Insurance Review, organiser of the Awards co-branded with the DIFC, said: "I must salute the passion and commitment of the Judging Panel to the process despite the gruelling number of hours it took to read and rate the entries. It was hard work but they took their job very seriously and truly contributed to push the integrity of the Awards even higher. They were looking for dynamism and a zealous drive to improve. The Judges' enthusiasm promises to be a good sign for the region in its drive to embrace higher standards and greater professionalism."

After the first round of Judging, 40 candidates were shortlisted and they include:

Category	Finalists
Life Insurance Company of the Year	Jordan Insurance Co MetLife Zurich International Life
General Insurance Company of the Year	AXA Insurance (Gulf) Jordan Insurance Co Zurich Middle East
Health Insurer of the Year	Aetna International Daman Health Insurance Qatar Now Health International
Educational Service Provider of the Year	Bahrain Institute of Banking & Finance Chartered Insurance Institute
Service Provider of the Year	Copart FWU Group Milliman Neuron
Reinsurer of the Year	Arig Hannover ReTakaful Zurich Middle East
Broker of the Year	Aon Middle East Galaxy Insurance Brokers

	Nexus Insurance Brokers
Reinsurance Broker of the Year	Aon Benfield Chedid Re UIB (DIFC) Ltd
Innovation of the Year	Abu Dhabi National Insurance Co Daman Zurich International Life
Family Takaful Company of the Year	Qatar Islamic Insurance Co Salama Family Takaful UAE
General Takaful Company of the Year	Egyptian Takaful First Insurance Co, Jordan Qatar Islamic Insurance Co
Retakaful Company of the Year	ACR ReTakaful MEA Emirates Retakaful Hannover ReTakaful

Entries to the MIIA closed on 30 June after a nomination period of three months. Modelled after the internationally acclaimed Asia Insurance Industry Awards, now into its 18th year, the MIIA is fully transparent with defined criteria for each category. The results of the judging will be kept secret until the Gala Dinner on 17 November 2014, held in conjunction with the MENA Rendezvous. These events will be held in Dubai.

The Judging Panel comprises:

MENA

- Abdul Khaliq R Khalil, Secretary General, General Arab Insurance Federation (GAIF)
- Dr Bassel Hindawi, former Insurance Commissioner, Insurance Commission of Jordan
- Fahad Al-Hesni, Chief Executive Officer, Saudi Reinsurance Company
- Fareed Lutfi, Secretary General, Emirates Insurance Association
- Fateh Bekdache, General Manager, AROPE Insurance s.a.l.
- Hammam M Badr, Secretary General, Federation of Afro-Asian Insurers & Reinsurers (FAIR)
- Jason Light, Chief Executive Officer, Emirates Insurance Company (PSC)
- Mahomed Akoob, Managing Director, Hannover Re Takaful
- Mark Cooper, Director, Insurance, Reinsurance & Captives, Dubai International Financial Centre Authority
- Robin Kevin Ali, Consultant, Health Funding Department, Dubai Health Authority
- Steve Dixon, Regional Managing Director, ACE Group MENA Regional Office
- Walid Genadry, Head of the Insurance Control Commission, Ministry of Economy and Trade, Lebanon
- Walid A Sidani, Chief Executive Officer, Abu Dhabi National Insurance Company
- Yassir Albaharna, Chief Executive Officer, Arab Insurance Group
- Younis Al Sayed, Chairman, Bahrain Insurance Association
- Dr Michael Bitzer, Chief Executive Officer, National Health Insurance Company

International

- Ashok Kumar Roy, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, General Insurance Corporation of India
- Geoff Riddell, Regional Chairman, Asia-Pacific, Middle East & Africa, Zurich Insurance Group
- Dr Kai-Uwe Schanz, Special Advisor, The Geneva Association
- Dr Peter F Hugger, Chief Executive Officer, Echo Reinsurance Limited
- Dr Roger Sellek, Chief Executive Officer, A M Best - EMEA & Asia Pacific
- Dr Sandy Scott, Director General, Chartered Insurance Institute
- Michael J Morrissey, President & Chief Executive Officer, International Insurance Society
- Patrick Liedtke, Managing Director & Head of Financial Institutions Group – EMEA, BlackRock
- Christian Kraut, Chief Executive, Middle East and Africa Munich Re

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MEIR is the magazine of choice for both conventional insurance as well as takaful players in these markets, as the only publication with a dedicated section on the global takaful industry. Due to its reputation and extensive reach, *MEIR* is the official publication for major industry events such as the GAIF and FAIR Conferences. In addition, *MEIR* has made its mark through technical conferences adding value to the industry.

MEIR also manages the secretariat services of the prestigious and exclusive MENA Insurance CEO Club (MICC). Together with its sister publication, *Asia Insurance Review*, *MEIR* has nearly 30 years of experience in covering the insurance industry.