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## LE FONTI AWARDS 2017 CELEBRATES CORPORATE EXCELLENCES IN DUBAI

*Highlighted by the CEO Summit on Leadership & Innovation: skills and visions for growth*

On December 14th, 2017, the world's leading corporate stars reunited for a special occasion, the 39th Le Fonti Awards Gala and CEO Summit in Dubai. Le Fonti Awards are held each year in multiple locations (7 events in 2017) recognizing industry leaders in banking, business, economics, finance, sustainability, law, healthcare, insurance and e-commerce. This year, the Dubai Gala & CEO Summit was held at the Palace Downtown, a luxurious venue located in the heart of Dubai, hosted by the influential and prominent TV presenter and MC, Rania Ali.

The title at this year's CEO Summit round table was Leadership & Innovation: skills and visions for growth. The summit focused on a discussion of the important drivers related to leadership skills and innovation which have recently impacted the Middle East financial industry. Renowned participants included Dr. Nashwa Al Ruwaini (CEO, Pyramedia), Mr. Soren Nikolajsen (Managing Director, ALAWWAL Bank), and Dr. Hani Gharbawi (General Counsel, Emaar – The Economic City) and Mr. Preetam Panwar (Executive Director, Zas).

The winners were selected after being carefully evaluated by Le Fonti's editorial staff of over 120 journalists from around the world. Le Fonti Corporate Awards winners were SAK Real Estate Company (Excellence of The Year for Leadership Real Estate Qatar), ZAS (Excellence of the Year for Leadership, Architecture Middle East), Emaar – The Economic City (Development Project of the Year Middle East), The American International School (Excellence of the Year for Leadership Education Kuwait), Pyramedia (Company of the Year for Leadership Media & Entertainment Middle East), and Alawwal Bank (Bank of the Year Retail Middle East).

In the legal category, the winners were: Al Rowaad Advocates & Legal Consultants (Law Firm of the Year for Family Law Middle East), and **Stefano Loconte of Loconte & Partners (Lawyer of the Year Private and Wealth Management Italy). Mr. Loconte is a previous winner of different awards with Le Fonti.**

In the final category, which highlighted CEO & Top Executives of the Year, the winners were: Vito Rotondi of M.E.P. Group (CEO of the Year for Innovation Industrial Machinery Italy), Soren Nikolajsen of Alawwal Bank (CEO of the Year Banking Middle East) and Nashwa Al Ruwaini of Pyramedia ( CEO of the Year Media & Entertainment Middle East). Mr. Rotondi is also a previous winner with Le Fonti in various awards categories.

The next editions of the Le Fonti Awards will take place in Milan on March 9th 2018, followed by Hong Kong on March 23rd.