

Nominees FIT bill in record Awards

December's fourth edition expanded to 18 categories



Fit and trim: Winners from last year's edition celebrate with their awards.

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The nominees for next month's FIT Awards have been announced with the winners to be honoured during a glittering ceremony at the Hilton Dubai Jumeirah.

Now in its fourth edition, the event, organised by Sport360° and supported by Daman's Activelife and REPS UAE, has become a key date on the calendar as it serves to recognise and reward those that have excelled in the health and fitness industry over the last 12 months.

This year's awards has a record of 18 categories, one more than last year, and in an industry that is booming in the country with more than 2,500 registered professionals across more than 160 venues, it was no surprise to see the FIT Awards receive the highest number of submissions ever.

The finalists, whose submissions

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will go through a rigid process overseen by an expert panel of judges, will learn their fate during the awards ceremony on Wednesday, December 6.

Public voting for the Fitness Brand of the Year and Health Food Operator of the Year is now open on the Sport360° website.

Catherine Hanson Farid, director of operations at REPS, said: "REPS UAE is proud to be a part of the UAE FIT Awards for the fourth year running, recognising those making a positive contribution to the health and wellness of the UAE."

"We have witnessed the FIT Awards grow from strength to strength with an increase in submissions from all categories as well as the standard of submissions,

making the judges job a difficult one. REPs is also excited for the gala event on December 6, which is a celebratory evening bringing the fitness industry together to applaud and acknowledge the dedication and achievements of encouraging people to exercise and reach their health and fitness goals. Everyone attending is a winner."

Daman regularly supports a number of health and fitness initiatives and their chief commercial officer Sven Rohte said: "Daman are proud to support the 2017 edition of The FIT Awards."

"It recognises outstanding individuals that contribute to our objective of creating healthier communities across the country. Recognising these ambassadors of change will inspire others in the fitness industry to be as remarkable as they have been in encouraging people of different abilities to lead healthier more active lifestyles."

Tickets can be reserved by emailing fitawards@sport360.com.

2017 finalists

Individual Categories

Personal Trainer of the Year – Male

Alex Dovharynets
Danny Cordero
Gilbert Dougherty
Ivan Cirkovic
Meddy Boudad
Michael Poole
Nicky Holland
Robert Forster

Personal Trainer of the Year – Female

Anna Holmes
Barbara Boing
Charlotte Mathers
Dani Calvert
Derryn Brown
Rhian Adams
Rowena Karaman
Smitha Thomas

Instructor of the Year – Group

Berneandre Viray
Dana Fabro
Nikola Vjinovic
Nour Mansour
Rick Bhullar
Stefani Bertoncini

Instructor of the Year – Pilates/Yoga

Cloe Sommadossi
Dora Ferko
Liz Marshall
Ningthoujam Robindro Singh
Paul Thornley
Rowena Lim
Walid Tebarki

Fitness Manager of the Year

Andre Ferreira
Andy Meech
David Nascimento
James Sidhu
Rodante Macawile
Ruzzellini Tamayo

General/Club Manager of the Year

Bebz Aurelio-Balagas
Laura Olivier
Michelle Scott
Nikesh Naik
Tim Dorrington
Vishaak Kumar

Rising Star of the Year

Amandio Costa
Jakub Dvoracek
Ketija Line
Nasha Sarkari

Male Fitness Influencer of the Year

Jakub Dvoracek
Jonny Young
Leon Douglas
Nicolas St-Maurice
Peter Barron

Female Fitness Influencer of the Year

Ghida Arnaout
Jennifer Chalouhi
Karen Mattar
Raha Moharrak
Salma Ismail
Zena Habi

Business/Facility Categories

Facility of the Year upto 2,000 Members

Arabian Ranches – Fitness First
Bawabat Al Sharq Mall – Fitness First
Business Bay - Vision Tower – Fitness First
DEFINE Body and Mind
Fit Lab Emirates Golf Club

Mudon Athletic Club – Fitness First
Real Pilates
Smart Fitness
Talise Fitness – Madinat Jumeirah
TK MMA & Fitness

Facility of the Year 2,001+ members

Dubai Media City – Fitness First
Gold's Gym – Al Barsha Mall
Ibn Battuta Mall - Fitness First
Motor City – Fitness First
Talise Fitness – JBH
Train Strength & Fitness

Ladies Only Facility of the Year

Al Seef Village Mall – Fitness First
Gold's Gym Etihad Mall
Hill Mall – Fitness First
Oasis Centre – Fitness First
Sahara Centre Sharjah – Fitness First

Yoga/Pilates Studio of the Year

Flywheel
Mudon Athletic Club – Fitness First
Pilates Academy
Real Pilates

Fitness Brand of the Year

Adidas Runners
Advantage Sports UAE
CycleBar
Fitness First
FitonClick
Gold's Gym
GreenTea X50
Ignite
New Balance
Pinnacle Performance Dubai
Real Pilates
Reebok
Train Strength & Fitness
Urban Energy

Health Food Operator of the Year

Fitness Feedz
Fuel-Up
MySixPak
Pura

Product/Retail or Brand Action of the Year

6D by Fitness First
Adidas – Ultra Boost X Launch
Emirates NBD – Beach Soccer
Inetrcontinental Cup
Just Play
MastersWin by Fitness First
Simple Café
TRICLUB by Fitness First
triFIRST by Fitness First

Best Use of Social Media for Health & Fitness

Goal Digger – Fitness First
Mind Your Body – Gold's Gym
Ramadan – Fitness First
Switch360 – SwitchDXB
#BEPARTOFIT – TK MMA & Fitness
Unleash – Fitness First

Fitness Work Environment of the Year

DEWA
Etisalat
Fitness First Middle East
KHDA
The Hundred Wellness Centre

Fitness Training Provider of the Year

Empiric UAE
FIT First Class
IQ Lifestyle
Mefitpro
Pilates Academy
Real Pilates
The Academy by Fitness First Middle East



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