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The ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the second edition of Arabian Cargo Awards got rousing welcome by gathered air cargo and logistics experts

Spotlight on industry titans

Arabian Cargo Awards 2024 concluded with celebration in Dubai as crème de la crème of air cargo industry were recognised for their hard work. With a number of stalwarts from the industry in the Middle East, the event witnessed a sizeable growth from last year.



Dr. Shehara Rizly

Known as the 'Oscars of the Cargo World', the awards ceremony, held on 11 November 2024, recognised and celebrated the accomplishments of companies and individuals driving innovation and growth in the logistics and supply chains. His Excellency Humaid Mohamed Ben Salem, Secretary General,



Federation of UAE Chambers of Commerce & Industry, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Industry stalwarts, in-

“It is a privilege to express gratitude to those who have made an impact in this air cargo sector.”

— HE Humaid Mohamed Ben Salem

novators, and leaders gathered at the event to applaud this



Sanjeet, Mentor, Arabian Cargo Awards, chief guest His Excellency Humaid Mohammed Bin Salem, Secretary General, Federation of UAE Chambers of Commerce & Industry and Sumeera Bahl, Director, DDP Group, releasing the ACA Cargo Coffeetable Book



year's awardees, whose tireless efforts and contributions have elevated standards and expanded possibilities within the sector.

"The UAE has become a pivotal hub for global cargo and logistics, connecting goods from point A to points B, C, and beyond, with remarkable efficiency and competitive pricing. It serves as a gateway to the Middle East and North Africa, driving regional trade and connectivity. Today, it is a privilege to express gratitude to everyone who has made an impact in this sector. I believe these awards will inspire and recognise your hard work and dedication, motivating continued excellence and progress in the air cargo and logistics industry," His Excellency Humaid Mohamed Ben Salem, Secretary General, Federation of UAE Chambers of Commerce & Industry, reiterated, in his address.

"This night is a testament to the spirit of excellence that defines the air cargo and logistics industry. The achievements celebrated tonight inspire all of us to reach new heights and redefine what is possible in logistics and air cargo. Enjoy your success, but make sure that you innovate, improve and develop

the air cargo and logistics industry. I am sure everyone will be watching you very

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carefully. These particular awards are not just a reward but a responsibility on you all to grow this industry, and I am sure with your efforts, the Middle East will soon become the world's most prominent air cargo hub," SanJeet, Mentor, Arabian Cargo Awards, said, while expressing his appreciation.

Highlights of the evening included awards given away across multiple categories, celebrating advancements in digitalisation, sustainable practices, and operational excellence. The companies received special recognition for their contributions and individuals demonstrating outstanding leadership and innovation were also honoured.

This edition of the awards brought in a special segment, where some of the important partners recognised their partners who have been

working with them over the past year and presented special awards in recognition of

the support extended. These awards were presented by the DHL and the Etihad Cargo during the event which made it a memorable evening to them.

The Arabian Cargo Awards serves as a game changer in the industry as it rewards a responsibility to the winners who would be encouraged to take it to the next level and keep moving forward and take it to exceptional heights. Partners for the event were DHL and Etihad Cargo along with Conrad Dubai as the hospitality partner. The awards ceremony not only spotlighted air cargo industry's achievements but also served as a networking platform for the industry leaders to discuss the future of logistics in the Middle East and beyond.



SanJeet, Mentor, Arabian Cargo Awards, addressing the industry stalwarts during the awards ceremony

Gallery of Legends



Mohammed Jassim Al Rais

“It is a great feeling to receive the award. It is a nice when your hard work and efforts are recognised by the fraternity, by the media, by the people. At the same time, we would like to improve the way we conduct our business, make it reach greater heights, and the way we continue to innovate. We are trying to be sustainable in the local market.”

Mohammed Jassim Al Rais, Executive Director, Al Rais Cargo Agencies

DDP Game Changer



Tariq Hareb Alfalahi

“It was an amazing evening. I met a lot of interesting people and built relationships that we hope to continue. We have been awarded the Game Changer award. I will need to continue to change the game to improve our field. From next year onwards, I expect to be having more collaborations with many of the companies taking part in the award ceremony.”

Tariq Hareb Alfalahi, CEO, RailDirect

DDP Trailblazer



Jude Fernandes

“We would not have got this honour without the Dubai Airports leadership, my colleagues, key stakeholders, and the air cargo community. Thank you for your support in making Dubai Airports an international cargo hub of choice. I have been working with Dubai Airports for the past 30 years. I am proud not only for myself but also for my organisation.”

Jude Fernandes, Head- Cargo Commercial Partnerships, Dubai Airports

Face of the Future



Rohit Thakwani

“The ACA outdid the second time in a row. Like I said last year, we needed this, and you provided it back-to-back. And it is been wonderful. To be honest, I was very humbled by this award to begin with. It was inspiring as well. We will create partnerships and look at sustainability as one of the key points for our company.”

Rohit Thakwani, CEO, Airglow Aviation

Excellence in Supporting UAE Freight & Logistics



National Association of Freight & Logistics

This award was received by Nadia Abdul Aziz, President, National Association of Freight and Logistics

“The award is a big responsibility for a woman, especially in a male-dominated industry. We must have direct collaborations between the private and government sectors to facilitate trade and ensure everybody is happy.”

Nadia Abdul Aziz, President, NAFL

Best International Air Cargo Terminal Operator



dnata

The award was received by Narendra Jadeja, VP, Commercial and Business Development, Mubashir Hassan, Manager Commercial & Business Development, dnata

“This award is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our team in providing quality cargo services, and for continuing to raise industry benchmarks. It also highlighted the impact of our investments.”

Guillaume Crozier, Senior Vice President - UAE Cargo, dnata

Best Cross Border E-Commerce Logistics Solution Provider



RSA GLOBAL

The award was received by Ken O'Rahilly, CEO, e-Commerce, RSA Global

“I am proud of the team. I think they have done a great job over the past 12 months. I am looking forward to taking this award back to the team. Big things are afoot in 2025. We are expanding our operations, making inroads into Europe.”

Simon Farrell, CEO, Supply Chain, RSA Global

Best Global Logistics Company



DSV

The award was received by Praveen Nair, General Manager, Air Freight, DSV

“It is great to be a winner here. Thank you so much to ACA once again. We are a growing free-forwarding firm. We are the world's largest. We have great ideas, great innovations that are coming your way in 2025 and an acquisition coming in the future.”

Praveen Nair, General Manager, Air Freight, DSV

Best Custom Clearance Company



Orbit Logistics

This award was received by Ayah Al Bidh, Marketing & Public Relations Manager, Orbit Logistics

“Winning this award is a vital step forward for us. It conveys our commitment to growth. This award will allow us to emphasise our strengths in the market, mainly customs clearance presence in Dafza and the UAE market.”

Ayah Al Bidh, Marketing & Public Relations Manager, Orbit Logistics

Best Global Forwarding Company



DHL Global Forwarding Middle East & Africa

The award was received by Mary Oxley, Regional Sales and Marketing Head, Middle East & Africa, DHL Global Forwarding

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Emerging Cargo GSA



Air One Cargo FZCO (part of Azimi Group)

The award was received by Azimi A.S. Managing Director, Air One Cargo FZCO (Part of Azimi Group)

“It is a wonderful feeling to receive the award. We are exclusive and only source for Afghanistan. We are the exclusive company who are transporting cargo to Afghanistan, there is no firm operating.”

Azimi A.S. Managing Director, Air One Cargo FZCO (Part of Azimi Group)

Best Road Transport Service Provider



CEVA Logistics

The award was received by Thorsten Pook, CCO, Middle East, CEVA Logistics, with Lejla Omerbasic Dukic, Head, Marketing and Communication, IMEA, CEVA Logistics

“Winning the award has motivated us. CEVA in GCC has been growing in the past couple of years and this award reflects our growth trajectory. Receiving this award is a recognition of the services we provide to our clients.”

Thorsten Pook, CCO, Middle East, CEVA Logistics

Best Cargo Airline



Etihad Cargo

The award was received by Samina Khan, Sales Officer, Huda Abbas Mohamed Bahaj, Area Manager Cargo, and Grant Kemp, Regional General Manager, Central, Etihad Cargo

“Winning the Best International Cargo Airline Award at the ACA shows Etihad Cargo's commitment to our customers, operational excellence, and innovation. We aim to build on this momentum, strengthening partnerships.”

Stanislaus Brun, Vice President, Etihad Cargo

Most Promising Cargo GSA



GSA Global Cargo

The award was received by Anandhu Peedika Kandi, Business Development Executive, and Justin Saji, Cargo Supervisor GSA Global Cargo

GSA Global Cargo is based in Dubai, and started its business in July 2017. The company is managed and owned by individuals who have aviation and logistics experience for over 30 years. The company offers to analyse route, payload and innovative solutions for its customers' air freight needs.

Fastest Growing Freight Forwarder - Air



EXPOLANKA FREIGHT DUBAI LLC (EFL)

The award was received by Sathish Babu, Country Manager, Expolanka Freight Dubai LLC (EFL)

“It is a proud moment to win this award. We are delighted and honoured to be here and looking forward to support the UAE in terms of imports and exports. And it encourages us to do more next year.”

Sathish Babu, Country Manager, Expolanka Freight Dubai LLC

Best Commercial Vehicle Manufacturers



Daimler Truck Middle East Africa

The award was received by Fatih Savas, Head, Strategy & Corporate Affairs, and Catalin Barbour, Head, Sales, Mercedes-Benz Trucks, Daimler Truck Middle East and Africa

“It feels great and honoured to get an award. Thanks a lot for the invitation. It is great to have this award ceremony organised for the second time in the UAE. We also feel honoured to contribute to society.”

Fatih Savas, Head, Strategy & Corporate Affairs, Daimler Truck Middle East and Africa

Best Logistics Service Provider



Hellmann Worldwide

The award was received by Hanumanthu Gopalakrishnan, Director, Sea Freight and Industrial Projects, Hellmann Worldwide and Kishore Suggu, Head, Air Freight, UAE, Hellmann Worldwide

“We are very happy and excited to receive this prestigious award from Arabian Cargo Awards. With this comes responsibility and we look forward to work on different areas over the next year.”

Kishore Suggu, Head, Airfreight, UAE, Hellmann Worldwide

GSA for Excellence in Customer Service



Al Naboodah Travel & Tourism Agencies LLC

The award was received by Nasir Jamal Khan, CEO, Al Naboodah Travel and Tourism LLC

“It is a pleasure to be awarded once again in the second edition of the Arabian Cargo Awards. The hardwork and dedication by the team has been recognised with this award.”

Nasir Jamal Khan, CEO, Al Naboodah Travel and Tourism LLC

Best Sea Freight Forwarder - Exports



ORIENT CARGO AGENCY

The award was received by Sabirmon VK, Assistant Sales Manager and Sijo Joseph Philip, Senior Manager, Orient Cargo Agency

“It is a proud moment for us. This is the second time we have received the award. The company is going through a transformation and we would like to provide quality services to customers in the New Year.”

Sijo Joseph Philip, Senior Manager, Orient Cargo Agency

Best IT Solution Provider



Kale Logistics Solutions

The award was received by Nagarjun R Peri, General Manager, Kale Logistics Solutions

“It feels great tonight to gather this award. It can motivate us to create a better future. And it feels great on behalf of KALE Logistics. Next year, we will be getting another award for sure.”

Nagarjun R Peri, General Manager, Kale Logistics Solutions





Best Cargo Airline-Africa



Ethiopian Cargo

The award was received by Yamrot Nigussie, Cargo Manager, Gulf, Solomon Begashaw, Area Manager, UAE, and Dagnachew Mengistu, Manager Airport Service UAE, Ethiopian Cargo

“I am honored to receive this award. In 2025, to increase capacity, we will be aligning with Division 2035. I believe we are on the right track. For this region, we plan to expand the network and point-to-point connections.”

Yamrot Nigussie, Cargo Manager, Gulf, Ethiopian Cargo

Outstanding Contribution to Consumer Goods Logistics



Colgate-Palmolive Africa & Middle East

The award was received by Kittichot Tantipana, Customer Service and Logistics Director, Colgate-Palmolive Africa & Middle East

“Thank you for the recognition and award. The reward has given a new meaning to my company and our team. I am pleased to be recognised for our hard work and hope to return with best efforts next year.”

Kittichot Tantipana, Customer Service and Logistics Director, Colgate-Palmolive Africa & Middle East

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Most Innovative Green Logistics Partner



Hapag Lloyd

This award was received by Tarek Al Liddawi, Senior Director, Commercial, Region Middle East Hapag Lloyd

“When your hard work is recognised, it is a good feeling. Hapag Lloyd will invest in sustainability in 2025 with the support of Gemini Corporation.”

Tarek Al Liddawi, Senior Director, Commercial, Region Middle East Hapag Lloyd

Excellence in Fuel Supply Chain Efficiency



Vivo Energy

Vivo Energy operates as the driving force behind the Shell and Engen brands across numerous African markets. The company specialises in sourcing, distributing, marketing, and supplying high-quality fuels and lubricants, serving customers through service stations and directly catering to commercial clients.

Best Cargo GSA



Airglow Aviation Services

The award was received by Zaidan Khalifat, Group Chairman, Airglow Aviation Services, and Rohit Thakwani, CEO, Airglow Aviation Services

“Been honoured with the Best Cargo GSA Award for the second consecutive year is a testament to Airglow Aviations' unwavering commitment to excellence. It reflects the trust of our partners and the hard work of our incredible team.”

Rohit Thakwani, CEO, Airglow Aviation Services

Most Innovative Cargo Software Company



GOODS2LOAD

The award was received by Jessica Panigari, Founder, Goods2Load

“It is magical to be part of a big entity. We want to be a game changer in 2025. We have high expectations. Our team is so excited to be here. And sustainability will be our next step.”

Jessica Panigari, Founder, Goods2Load

Best Customer Service - Cargo Airline



Qatar Cargo

The award was received by Elias Aoun, Regional Manager Cargo, Qatar Cargo

“I am happy to get this award. It is a nice gesture from ACA. The feeling is great to be recognised by the industry. We will continue to innovate and be a leader in the industry.”

Elias Aoun, Regional Manager Cargo, Qatar Cargo

Golden moments of Arabian Cargo Awards 2024





Most Promising Airport for Cargo Services



Fujairah Airport

The award was received by Ebraheim Al Qallaf, Deputy General Manager, Fujairah Airport, and Mark Govender, Business Development Manager, Fujairah Airport

“We are thrilled and excited to get an award. I am sure we will win something better next year. We are efficient in the way we provide services. Cargo services will be taken across the UAE from the airport.”

Mark Govender, Business Development Manager, Fujairah Airport

Most Reliable After Sales Service Provider



DIMOS FZCO

The award was received by Martin Bremen, Managing Director, Dimos, with Abdurasheed Cheethayil, Operations Executive, Dimos FZCO

“I thank the Arabian Cargo Board Committee for the recognition. I appreciate my team for all the hard work they put into their jobs daily. In 2025, you can expect us to deliver better services by working even harder.”

Martin Bremen, Managing Director, DIMOS FZCO

Most Innovative Cargo GSA



ATTA SHIPPING & CARGO

The award was received by Osama Reegah, GM & Legal Advisor, Lootah Group, and Mazhar Marzook, GSA Cargo Manager, ATTA Shipping and Cargo

“Receiving this award is a great honour. I am happy that our hard work, staying innovative, and giving our clients better services have paid off rich dividends. We are excited to keep growing and to contribute to the industry.”

Mazhar Marzook, GSA Cargo Manager, ATTA Shipping and Cargo

Emerging Innovative Logistics Company



9Y Logistics

The award was received by Saleem Sharif, Deputy Managing Director, Abdul Razack, General Manager, 9Y Logistics

“I dedicate this award to the team. I am pleased to receive it in front of the fraternity. We started off with road transportation and branched out to air-sea cargo. We will also be doing custom clearance.”

Saleem Sharif, Deputy Managing Director, ATS Travel

Best International Air Cargo Terminal



Dubai Airports

This award was received by Rashed AlFalasi, Manager Property, Dubai Airports and Jude Fernandes, Head, Cargo Commercial Partnerships, Dubai Airports

“This would not have been possible without Dubai Airports leadership, my colleagues, our key partners, stakeholders, and the community. Thank you for your support in making Dubai Airports a cargo hub of choice.”

Jude Fernandes, Head, Cargo, Commercial Partnerships, Dubai Airports

Most Promising 3PL Company



Al Mateen Express

The award was received by Omar Abboud, Regional Sales Manager, Al Mateen Express

“I am surprised and honoured by this award. We are planning to expand more in the region in 2025. We are looking forward to supporting our clients in the region, especially in KSA and all GCC firms.”

Omar Abboud, Regional Sales Manager, Al Mateen Express

Emerging Cargo Airline



SRILANKAN AIRLINES

The award was received by Chaminda Perera, Head, Cargo, SriLankan Airlines

“To be honoured for the second consecutive year reflects our commitment to the quality of services we provide through our daily operations. We have been operating in the Middle East for over four decades, ferrying perishables.”

Chaminda Perera, Head, Cargo, SriLankan Airlines

Fastest Growing Cargo GSA



M&C Aviation

The award was received by Salindha Abayakon, General Manager, Business Development, Subramaniam Mohandas, Group Director, and Ancy Joseph, Sales Manager, M&C Aviation

“It is a proud moment to be recognised in the event. It gives us confidence to grow further. We have grown quite a bit in the Middle East and Africa. Going forward, we are looking at expanding into newer horizons.”

Subramaniam Mohandas, Group Director, M&C Aviation

Best Offline Cargo Carrier



FITS Cargo

The award was received by Zameer Marikkar, CCO and S Roomy, Business Development Manager, FITS Cargo

“Winning the award is a testament to the hard work of our team. This recognition reinforces our commitment to interline partnerships and offline cargo operations. It motivates us to work harder to get an award next year.”

Zameer Marikkar, CCO, FITS Cargo

Best Supply Chain Management Company



RSA Global

This award was received by Simon Farrell, CEO, RSA Global and Brent Melvin, General Manager, RSA Global

“I am proud of my team. They have done a great job over the past 12 months. Big things are planned in the New Year. We will expand operations. We will enter major European markets as well as GCC nations.”

Simon Farrell, CEO, RSA Global

Most Promising Cargo Technology Development Company



SALT TECH INTERNATIONAL

The award was received by Shankar Subramoniam, CEO, Salt Tech International

“I am happy to receive a one-of-its-kind award. It is an honour to win this award. In 2025, we want to encourage more youngsters to enter into the AI-powered air cargo and logistics industry.”

Shankar Subramoniam, CEO, Salt Tech International

Emerging Multinational Freight Forwarder



Scanwell Logistics LLC

The award was received by Razmal Assen, Executive Director, Scanwell Logistics

“This is our first award at the ACA. It feels great to receive this award. 2025 will be an amazing year for us. We are planning to launch new products in Dubai in particular and the Middle East in general.”

Razmal Assen, Executive Director, Scanwell Logistics

Chief Guest honoured



His Excellency Humaid Mohamed Ben Salem

Secretary General, Federation of UAE Chambers of Commerce & Industry

“It is a privilege to express gratitude to everyone who has made an impact in this sector. These awards will further inspire and recognise your hard work, motivating continued excellence in the air cargo and logistics industry.”

Gold Partner



DHL Global Forwarding Middle East & Africa

The award was received by Mary Oxley, Regional Sales and Marketing Head, Middle East and Africa, Tobias Maier, CFO, Ben Lambert, Vice President, Air Freight, and Sascha Geiken, Vice President, Ocean Freight, DHL Global Forwarding Middle East and Africa

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Silver Partner



Etihad Cargo

The award was received by Sam Hettiarachchi, Manager Marketing and Communications, Samina Khan, Sales Officer and Grant Kemp, Regional General Manager Central, Etihad Cargo

“It is an achievement for the Etihad Cargo team. It is a dream come true for us to win prizes. In the New Year, we will expand our network. We are opening up new routes on a monthly basis, looking at cargo integration.”

Stanislaus Brun Vice President, Etihad Cargo

Cherished memories of Arabian Cargo Awards 2024



Hospitality Partner



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This award was received by Aqsa Yahya, Senior Marketing & Communications Manager, Conrad Dubai

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