



Press Release

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Information Age Consulting, an information technology consultation firm based in Kuwait, has been awarded the ACQ5 2016 Global Award in the category entitled “Middle East and Africa (MEA) I.T. Consulting Firm of the Year”.

The ACQ5 Global Awards, launched in 2005 and now in its 11th year, were the first of their kind in the global legal / financial publishing industry. The nature of the industry is changing, and this year we have made fundamental changes to the categories in our ACQ5 Global Awards to reflect this. The main purposes of these changes are: to focus on organisations and individuals that can demonstrate an ability to deliver services and skills to meet clients’ needs and adapt to market and regulatory conditions and to consider candidates that may not always be global in scale, but are truly world class in the way they are run and in the services they deliver to clients. ACQ5 Global Awards decisions are firmly based on peer nominations following the receipt of detailed submissions from market participants and extensive year-round research into the markets in all global region. ACQ5 Global Awards cover global categories, best-in-class awards in all regions in over 100 countries around the world.

E-Learning and Virtual Classroom System

Voting closed during August 2016. The total number of nominations received stood at an amazing 75,246 nominations. (Our highest ever). ACQ5, the stand out e-zine brand in sector with a proud history dating back over 14 years is continuing to develop its offering with some exiting new services in the second half of 2016. As ACQ award winners, we will be offering you “Guest Editor” positions in some of our new sector guides so please feel free to highlight to myself (Jake Robson) notable leaders in your business who you feel can offer

expert insight and knowledge to our upcoming programs. A full list of these upcoming guides is available on request.

GameChangers™ Magazine, the relaunched bi-monthly magazine of ACQ5 has received rave reviews during the past 12 months. GameChangers™ Magazine is a network for today's most influential organisations and individuals and offers insight into every facet of leaders' professional lives by telling their stories - from department structure and team management to intellectual property and emerging technology. With engaging editorial, we bring local and global innovators across industries together to share their stories, learn from each other, and connect.

“Experts whose intimate knowledge and expertise in the cultural, financial and legal arenas are redefining our industry,” says Jake Robson, Group Editor of The ACQ5. “The 2016 ACQ5 Global Award winners always represent the best of breed in the industry and have earned these honours by standing out in a group of very impressive finalists. We are lucky enough to work with some of the most influential and enterprising private organisations in the world and are proud to share their message with our readers. Relying on reader insight and experience to provide nominations to the panel remains the cornerstone of our program and to identify industry leaders, individuals, teams and organizations that represent the benchmark of achievement and best practice in the business world.”

The 11th Annual ACQ5 Global Awards honour the leading deal teams, firms and professionals whose activities set the standard for our markets. This year, companies and individuals, representing every major market in the world, became finalists for the awards.

“Operating a legitimately independent nomination process, our award winners are chosen by our readership. Every year, we seek their assistance of our readers, the industry itself, in recognising industry leaders, eminent individuals, exemplary teams and distinguished businesses, which we believe represent the benchmark of achievement and best practice in a variety of fields – and every year, we turn to them to help as we strive to recognise an ever-widening spectrum of services, markets, industries and organisations that serve our global

market place. We believe that by consulting our readers we can better identify the groups that are confronting the issues which face us at this ongoing complex juncture, and our awards will rise above the status of participation certificate and actually be an endorsement of their work.” Robson continued.

ACQ Global Awards’ Objective as Always: To gather quantitative and qualitative information from and about the sector to be able to give a set of “Best of” awards. We founded the ACQ Global Awards program to empower end users to make smarter, more confident decisions. The marketplace is changing quickly, with greater external pressure and competition, so ACQ was keen to see if organisations are showing any signs of complacency. One of the industry's favourite awards events was right to anticipate another record breaking number of votes! The total number of nominations received stood at an amazing 75,246. (Our highest ever)

ACQ Global Awards poll was not only designed to reflect actual performance in any particular area of expertise, it was also aimed to reflect direct market share based on a number of criteria. Voters were encouraged to base their decisions on addressing professionalism: experience, value for money & responsiveness in order for ACQ to derive a numerical rating from 1 – 5. In that sense, this poll should be considered a reflection of how professionals view any practice, individual or related sector supplier in terms of overall quality of service. Only nominees receiving an average 4-star rating or above achieved a short-list status.