

Gulfood Manufacturing Industry Excellence Awards Winners 2019

Gulfood Manufacturing Industry Excellence Awards reward the best practices and innovation in the food manufacturing industry value chain; an integral part of Gulfood Manufacturing, the biggest food processing industry event of its kind in the MEASA region. The Gulfood Manufacturing Industry Excellence awards highlights era of innovation in regional food manufacturing industry.

Held in the evening of Gulfood Manufacturing exhibition, the Gulfood Manufacturing Industry Excellence Awards 2019 rewarded best practices and innovation across the food manufacturing industry value chain. Chosen from more than thousand exhibitors at this year's Gulfood Manufacturing event, the awards recognised transformative breakthroughs and new technologies from future-thinking food industry innovators, encompassing health, safety, environmental awareness, ingredients and technological development.

Categories were open to all exhibitors at the show, with entries judged by an international panel of qualified experts who represented the food processing and packaging industries, graphics experts, equipment suppliers, academia, the trade press, governmental, environmental and trade organisations.

This year's awards were divided into six categories: Most Innovative Food Ingredient (General); Most Innovative Health Ingredient; Top packaging Innovation (Creativity/Design); Most Innovative Processing Solution; Top Futuristic Technology "Future in Focus"; and Environmental Award of the Year.

The transparent and highly-regulated judging process based its decisions on



four main criteria. Innovation/originality focused on the integration of new technology, the creativity level during development processes, and transferability. Efficiency/cost reduction looked at an increase in quality, reduction in waste, clean and efficient energy consumption and increased production and/or distribution efficiency. Health & environmental focused on the concepts of sustainability, wholesomeness, clean, health and benefits for the greater good. And customer centric examined marketability, commercialization and success rate.

In the category for Most Innovative Food Ingredient (General) – the award was collected by Polypan Group S.A. for its Flavomix AX 200. With health and wellness a continuing regional and global trend, the second innovative ingredient category - Most Innovative Health Ingredient – focused on ingredients from a health perspective, looking at clean label, nutrition and healthy eating. The award went to Bunge Loders Croklaan for its Couva 806 NH, Cocoa Butter Replacer.

The award of 'Top Packaging Innovation' was collected by Tetra Pak for its Tetra Classic Aseptic 65ml cube. This product resulting in more efficient and productive operations for food producers, while meeting the needs of consumers for environmentally-friendly packaging.

The Most Innovative Processing Solution was awarded to DC Norris and Company Ltd. for its Jet Process System Generation 4. While the 'Top Futuristic Technology Future in Focus' Award was taken by GEA Food Solutions for its GEA CookStar with Super Heat Smoke.

The final award on the evening recognized companies' efforts to improve their impact on the environment. It examined the best food processing technologies to support the wellbeing of the planet and its occupants, taking sustainability, energy efficiency, and a reduced carbon footprint into account. The award was presented to Multivac Middle East FZE for its product Multivac Paper Board.◆

