

Travelport's Africa, Middle East & South Asia (AFMESA) legal team named Middle Eastern Legal Team of the Year

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Team clinches two awards at the Counsels of the Year Awards Ceremony in Hong Kong attended by legal industry leaders from across Asia and the Middle East

Travelport today announces that its AFMESA team has been named Middle Eastern Legal Team of the Year 2016 and Travel & Entertainment Legal Team of the Year 2016 at the esteemed In-House Community Counsels of the Year Awards Ceremony in Hong Kong held at the end of May.

The inaugural awards ceremony was attended by over 150 legal industry leaders from across the Middle East and Asia. Recognizing achievement across a range of categories, the winners were judged and selected by a handpicked panel of legal experts including former legal counsels at General Electric (GE), DBS Group, Latham & Watkins and Diageo. Nominees were assessed in the areas of dedication, innovation, efficiency and value, integration, encouragement and improvement and corporate social responsibility and diversity. Numerous lawyers and teams from a variety of industries were acknowledged for their outstanding contribution to the region's legal industry over the past year. The Travelport AFMESA team, led by Travelport's Legal Director for AFMESA, Thomas Speed, beat stiff competition from over 50 nominees to win in both award categories they were nominated in. This marks the second consecutive year that the Travelport AFMESA Legal Team has been recognized for their excellence in legal practice, following last year's achievement as winner of the Corporate Counsel's Middle East Legal Department of the Year (small team) award.

Commenting on the achievement, Thomas Speed said: "On behalf of Travelport's Middle East legal team, I am thrilled we have been recognized as the Middle East's Legal Team of the Year and Travel & Entertainment Legal Team of the Year for 2016. Our goal as a team is to drive innovation in the legal sphere of our business, constantly improving the experience of our business partners, as Travelport continues to redefine travel commerce. Many thanks to the judges of the In-House Community Counsels Awards for recognizing Travelport's excellence in legal practice over the past year."