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Companies vie for major entrepreneurship award

MANAMA: The names of the finalists for the Bahrain Award for Entrepreneurship have been announced, the organisers said yesterday.

To be held under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Premier, the awards will be given on March 6.

Three finalists were selected for each award category, as follows:

Micro-Enterprise of the Year: Nasreen Ashkanani - Popilicious, Alia Khalid Almoayed - Alia Almoayed Nutrition Consultancy and Fatema Ahmed Al Zayyani - 3DOTs Company;

Start-Up of the Year: Shaikh Mohammed Al Khalifa & Aysha

Al Araifi - Bossy Kitchen, Khalifa Abdulla Al Mannai - Mannai Technological Facilitations and Dr Sara Moemen Al Reefy - London Breast Care Centre;

SME of the Year: Dr Lamyah Ahmed Mahmood - Dr Lamyah Laser Specialist Dental Centre, Nada Alawi Shubbar Isa - Annada e-Commerce Trading, and Sama Mohamed Hussain Yateem - SY Enterprises;

Enterprise of the Year with International Footprint: Ammar Basheir - Ammar Basheir Designs, Mohamed Mustafa Rafea - Midal Cables and Bader Yousif Murad - Bader Models;

Sustainable Business Award: Amal Almoayed - Ashrafs, Hala

Almoayed - Almoayed Contracting Group and Khulood Abdul Qader - Curve Jewellery.

Bahrain Award for Entrepreneurship project manager Faisal Sultan said the finalists stood out from 35 applicants who made it to the semi-final round, after conducting presentations pertaining to their business and entrepreneurial vision to the technical committee. The panel comprises the award's strategic partners and knowledge advisers conducted by Tamkeen, Bahrain Development Bank, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry, EY Bahrain and UNIDO AICEI.

"The finalists were subjected to

a criteria-based performance evaluation by the technical committee, through a series of presentations, interviews and assessment of all supporting documents submitted.

"The Female Entrepreneur of the Year award will be awarded to the highest-scoring female entrepreneur for her outstanding achievements in entrepreneurship," Mr Sultan said.

The winner of this category will be selected from the list of finalists upon receipt of final scores from the international jury members - and provided she is not a winner in the other categories.

The Lifetime Achievement Award, will be awarded to a Bahraini entrepreneur for pioneering efforts and contributions of long-standing merit to the community and entrepreneurship.

The jury members are Al Salam

Bank chairwoman and inJaz Bahrain executive director Shaikha Hessa bint Khalifa Al Khalifa, chief executive of Alf Khair, a social enterprise in Saudi Arabia and founder and creative director of luxury brand Baraboux Princess Reema bint Bandar Al Saud, Naspers Group chief operating officer for Middle East and Africa Anvita Varshney, 500 Startups founding partner Dave McClure, Wanda co-founder and chief executive Habib Haddad, Roland Berger regional managing partner Kushal Shah, Deutsche Telecom marketing director Mohammed ElSayed, WAIN founding member Nina Curley, serial entrepreneur, mentor and angel investor Tarek Amin, Mowgli Foundation founder Tony Bury and Confederation of Indian Industry executive director Anjan Das.



■ Shaikha Hessa