Dubai Duty Free celebrates double business honours

Dubai Duty Free (DDF) received 'two prestigious awards' at the recent Gulf Business Industry Awards staged recently at the Taj Hotel Dubai on 6 September.



The world's leading airport duty free operation beat major competition to be named 'Retail Company of the Year', while its Executive Vice Chairman and CEO Colm McLoughlin, was also named 'Business Leader of the Year – Retail'.

## **CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE**

Staged and organised by Motivate Publishing, the annual Gulf Business Industry Awards recognize the most successful companies and industry leaders across nine categories, including IT, banking, real estate, aviation, retail, media, tourism, healthcare and energy. They were judged by the Gulf Business team and a special independent panel, as well as through public voting.



Donal O'Leary, Director of Faithful+Gould (blue jacket) presents the award to Colm Mcloughlin, flanked by Salah Tahlak, Executive Vice President - Corporate Services (far left) and Sinead El Sibai, Senior Vice President - Marketing, Dubai Duty Free.

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## **FANTASTIC RECOGNITION FOR THE TEAM**

Commenting on the awards, Colm McLoughlin said: "I am delighted to accept the Retail Business Leader of the Year award and dedicate this to our Chairman, H.H. Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, who is himself an excellent leader.

"The Retail Company of the Year award is also fantastic recognition for the continuous hard work and dedication of our team and also the significant investment that we continue to make across our whole business".

Donal O'Leary, Director of Faithful+Gould presented the two awards to McLoughlin in front of a high-profile audience of 300 guests. McLoughlin was accompanied by his wife Breeda, along with Salah Tahlak, Executive Vice President – Corporate Services and Sinead El Sibai, Senior Vice President – Marketing, Dubai Duty Free.