**Once again in 2022, FILA Solutions is the only Italian company to participate in the Middle East Construction Award. Fabrizio Nicoli, FILA manager and engineer, is among the most influential managers in the construction industry of the United Arab Emirates for the second year in a row.**

The Construction Week Award of the United Arab Emirates was held on November 24th, and FILA Solutions, for the second consecutive year, was the only Italian company to compete in two categories:

* *Sub-Contractor of the Year*
* *Executive Manager of the Year*

The prestigious recognition awards global excellence and the most noteworthy managers that strongly contribute towards defining the standards of excellence in the construction industry of the Arab Emirates and to making an impact on building projects, not only from an architectural perspective, but also in terms of the attention given to sustainability, the quality of materials and the wellness of the inhabitants.

The jury, composed of international leaders selected from 280 candidates, received from more than 84 companies, the most innovative proposals and the most trendsetting projects which foresee the needs of contemporary architecture in residential and commercial settings.

In one of the most competitive and growing economies in the world, the United Arab Emirates boasts a leading construction sector, and FILA Solutions was nominated among 11 finalists in its category with Fabrizio Nicoli as one of 18 executive finalists, both for the second year in a row and as the only Italians in the mix. The nomination recognises years of hard work and success in projects realized in Dubai, Abu Dhabi and the Middle East, singling out the company as one of the best sub-contractors in the sector and consolidating the brand as Made in Italy excellence around the world.

*“For us, it’s a great honour to be recognised for the second year in a row in the shortlist of the best sub-contractors in the industry –* declared Francesco Pettenon, CEO of FILA Solutions*. The nominations in the Construction Week Award confirm the strength of our strategic choices and our commitment to professionals and stakeholders, who recognise us as a reliable and efficient partner.”*

Examples of the most relevant interventions in the region include the use of FILA solutions for the care of 50,000 m2 of natural stone surfaces at the Abu Dhabi Louvre, the Coca Cola Arena in Dubai, luxurious hotel chains, important pavilions at the EXPO 2020, the recent selection of FILA products by the Kingdom of Bahrain for the treatment of 40,000 m2 of flooring at the International Airport of Bahrain, and the intervention at the Qatar International Airport, a popular destination for the 2022 World Cup games.

FILA solutions aid in preserving the beauty and longevity of surfaces, which range from natural stone, marble and granite to porcelain tile, concrete and resilient materials, installed both in interiors and exteriors. In one of the most difficult climates in the world with temperatures that in summer reach 55 degrees, humidity at almost 90%, sandstorms that impact the exterior surfaces of buildings, air with a high salt concentration (in the vicinity of the Persian Gulf, one of the seas with the highest salt concentration in the world). FILA treatments demonstrate the best performance even in these extreme conditions, maintaining very delicate surfaces beautiful while drastically reducing natural ageing and consequently expensive and continuous renovation interventions, ultimately reducing environmental impact.

In the UAE areas, the company is represented Fabrizio Nicoli, the only Italian selected as one of the 18 most influential executives in the sector and in the Arab Emirates. Nicoli can be described as a high calibre professional with a degree in Management Engineering from Bergamo, Italy and an Executive MBA from Bayes-Cass Business School in London. For over 10 years, he has been personally responsible for FILA’s Middle East and Asia Pacific markets, fundamentally contributing to their growth.

*“Currently, the most important drivers for the development of the Emirates, and beyond, regard the high performance of products, the effective use of raw materials, water efficiency and, most importantly, respect for the environment to guarantee the protection and durability of precious and natural surfaces over time*. – Nicoli states*. I am particularly proud of being part of a team focused on excellence at FILA and of being, for the second consecutive year, the only manager to represent Italy in the construction sector, which is among the most important and challenging sectors worldwide.*

FILA Solutions is an international reference point in systems for the protection and maintenance of all surfaces. Founded in 1943, the “Fabbrica Italiana di Lucidi e Affini” evolved its core business thanks to its current President Beniamino Pettenon, advancing from shoe polish, waxes and household cleaners to products for the care of surfaces, with a turnover of around 22 million euros in 2021. Today Beniamino’s children, Francesco and Alessandra, have taken on the role of CEOs of the company: an enterprise that is in constant expansion and includes 104 employees at its headquarters and Innovation Center in San Martino di Lupari (Padua), its Experimentation Center in Fiorano Modenese in the heart of the ceramic district in Sassuolo, and its 6 international business locations in Germany, Spain, France, the United States, Great Britain and the United Arab Emirates. The entire company is guided by a strategy that puts sustainability at the center: all products are realized with technologies that create low environmental impact, the cleaners contain biodegradable ingredients up to 98% and the water-based product formulas represent 81% of the total production.

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