

# Press Release

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The **AquaBioTech Group** has been awarded the Aquaculture Farm Innovation Award for the development of the Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Centre for Marine Research (Phase 2). The AgraME | AquaME | VetME Awards is a prestigious competition held in Dubai organized by Informa Exhibitions parallel to the AgraME | AquaME | VetME events and endorsed by the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Climate Change & Environment.

The AgraME | AquaME | VetME Awards recognize outstanding achievements of individuals, departments, teams or organisations that have contributed to the growth and development of the agricultural, aquaculture and veterinary industry, with a focus on best practice and innovation.

*“We’re very proud to be awarded the Aquaculture Farm Innovation Award. The AgraME | AquaME | VetME Awards is a widely-recognised competition attracting the most dynamic aquaculture companies globally. This award give us the chance to showcase our achievements to the entire industry”* said Shane A. Hunter, Technical Director of the **AquaBioTech Group**.

Samantha Bleasby, Exhibition Director of Informa Exhibitions said *“Congratulations to AquaBioTech Group and all the companies that have been selected, they play an important part in creating a stronger aquaculture industry in the Middle East”*

The Recirculating Aquaculture Systems (RAS) that are currently being developed by the **AquaBioTech Group** at the Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Centre for Marine Research (Phase 2) are in line with the plans of the national authorities to fill in the gaps in the aquaculture sector. Therefore, they are investing in fingerling production to close the cycle of local species and creating a new generation of scientists and experts that will be able to resource the new aquaculture developments. These production facilities will allow further international research collaborations and partnerships with the private aquaculture sector and support the educational institutes, whilst attracting aquaculture talents from the rest of the world.

The newly developed system designs will also demonstrate the technological adaptation and successful development of a number of state of the art RAS for local species in the harsh environmental conditions of the Gulf region, paving the way for future aquaculture operators. The systems developed by the **AquaBioTech Group** are all designed in collaboration with the experts of the **UAE Ministry of Climate Change and Environment** taking into consideration their operational plans and needs, and incorporating the long-term development vision of the UAE to become a centre for excellence and innovation for marine and aquaculture research and development in the Middle East.

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#### **Notes for editors:**

A number of photographs can be provided upon request

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#### **AquaBioTech Group**

The **AquaBioTech Group** is an international consulting company strategically located in the centre of the Mediterranean on the island of Malta, although operating globally with clients and projects in over fifty-five countries.

The **AquaBioTech Group** undertakes a variety of aquaculture, fisheries and aquatic environmental projects through its regional offices and selected partners throughout the world. The vast majority of the company's work is related to the marine or aquatic environment, encompassing aquaculture developments, market research / intelligence,

through to project feasibility assessments, finance acquisition, project management, technology sourcing and technical support and training.

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