

Al Sharqi Shipping Wins

Maersk Most Valuable Partner Award for the Second Year in a Row

Al Sharqi Shipping has secured the **Maersk Most Valuable Partner (MVP) Award for 2024**, marking a back-to-back win and reinforcing its position as one of the UAE's leading logistics integrators.

The recognition highlights Al Sharqi Shipping's ability to deliver consistent performance and operational reliability during one of the most challenging years for global supply chains.

A Milestone Recognition from Maersk

The award was presented on **17 December 2025** at **Maersk Headquarters in Dubai**. The trophy was handed over by **Hakim Darwish, Regional Head at Maersk**, and **Muhammad Ahmed, Account Manager**, to members of Al Sharqi Shipping's leadership team:

- **Asif Rafiq**, Chief Operating Officer
- **Sadaf Rafiq**, Director of Trade & Revenue
- **Wasif Rafiq**, Director of Revenue & Strategy

This recognition reflects the strong working relationship between Al Sharqi Shipping and Maersk, built on trust, collaboration, and shared operational goals.

Delivering Reliability in a Challenging Year

Throughout 2024, Al Sharqi Shipping demonstrated agility and strong operational integration with Maersk. Despite ongoing route disruptions and regional capacity constraints, the company ensured seamless cargo movement for its customers.

This performance was driven by consistent cargo volume growth, proactive management of disruptions, and close coordination with Maersk to maintain service continuity across key trade lanes.

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Leadership Perspective

Commenting on the achievement, **Kashif Rafiq, CEO of Al Sharqi Shipping**, said:

“Retaining the Maersk MVP title for 2024 is not just a win for Al Sharqi Shipping. It validates our resilience-first strategy. In a year marked by unprecedented challenges, our team went beyond moving cargo to delivering engineered solutions that created real value for our clients. This recognition belongs to our people who consistently turned disruption into opportunity.”

Built on Experience and Partnership

With over 30 years of experience, Al Sharqi Shipping has grown from a traditional freight forwarder into a full-service logistics partner. The company offers end-to-end solutions including customs clearance, freight forwarding, 3PL warehousing, and integrated supply chain services, supported by strong regional expertise and global partnerships.