

## Nightlife Awards

# Club Alpha

When it opened, Alpha's combination of small size, high ceiling and faux-Greek decor – all holdovers from its first life as a restaurant – made it a rather unlikely contender for the top dog of Dubai's nightlife. But the day-glo furniture, swirly lights and, most importantly, the thumping Funktion-One soundsystem transformed it into one of the coolest venues around. Yet Alpha's real trump isn't the venue – it's the fact that the promoters had the brass balls to turn their noses up at Dubai convention and make it a true successor to the dearly-missed eclectic venue iBO. Hosting everything from funk nights to acclaimed live indie bands, the boys and girls at Alpha have turned it from an underdog to the leader of the pack. And with soul/Motown nights, more international acts and plenty of unique events to come, it should remain there for the rest of 2009.

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