



ABU DHABI GOURMET STARS AWARDS GENERAL GUIDELINES

Jury members may choose not to nominate or vote for any personality/organisation in any of the various categories if they are not familiar with or do not have the required expertise and knowledge. Any nomination or vote from jury members who have an affiliation with a particular restaurant/institution and its personnel or immediate family members will not be acknowledged.

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. Executive Chef of the Year**
This award seeks to recognise an executive chef who is directly involved and responsible for food and beverage outlets and banquet facilities in a hotel environment in Abu Dhabi. Eligible candidates must have consistently set standards of excellence in the culinary arts as well as providing excellent dining experiences.
- 2. Food & Beverage Manager of the Year**
This award seeks to recognise a food and beverage manager who is professional, knowledgeable and possesses a high degree of competence. The nominee must be directly involved and responsible for food and beverage outlets and banquet facilities in a hotel environment in Abu Dhabi.
- 3. Regional Cuisine Chef of the Year**
This award seeks to recognise an individual who is directly involved in a restaurant operation and demonstrates a high level of talent and creativity in preparing ethnic, Middle Eastern-inspired cuisine. Eligible candidates must have been working in Abu Dhabi in a restaurant/restaurant chain that promotes culinary and service excellence.
- 4. Regional Cuisine Manager of the Year**
This award seeks to recognise an individual who is directly involved in a restaurant operation and demonstrates a high level of talent and creativity in preparing ethnic, Middle Eastern-inspired cuisine. Eligible candidates must have been working in Abu Dhabi in a restaurant/restaurant chain that promotes culinary and service excellence.
- 5. Regional Cuisine Restaurant of the Year**
This award seeks to recognise a restaurant/restaurant chain serves ethnic, Middle Eastern-inspired cuisine and promotes culinary and service excellence in Abu Dhabi. The nominated restaurant must have consistently exceeded the standards of excellence and provided extraordinary dining experiences for guests.



6. **Restaurant of the Year**

This award seeks to recognise a restaurant/restaurant chain that promotes culinary and service excellence in Abu Dhabi. Eligible restaurants must have demonstrated a well-maintained standard of excellence. The nominee should also consistently set new standards of excellence in improving its cuisine and service.

7. **Restaurant Chef of the Year**

This award seeks to recognise the restaurant chef who is directly involved and responsible for the food and beverage in the restaurant in Abu Dhabi. Eligible candidates must have consistently set standards of excellence in the culinary arts as well as providing excellent dining experiences in a restaurant/restaurant chain.

8. **Restaurant Manager of the Year**

This award seeks to recognise a restaurant manager who is professional and knowledgeable. The nominee demonstrates a high degree of competence in managing a successful restaurant operation. Eligible candidates must have been working in Abu Dhabi in the capacity of restaurant manager in a restaurant/restaurant chain that promotes culinary and service excellence.

9. **Restaurant Host of the Year (Open)**

This award seeks to recognise a restaurant host who is professional, knowledgeable and consistently provides excellent service standards. The nominee demonstrates a high degree of competence in managing a successful restaurant operation. Eligible candidates must have been working in Abu Dhabi in the capacity of a service staff in a restaurant/restaurant chain that promotes culinary and service excellence.

New Award

10 **Pastry Chef of the Year**

This award seeks to recognise an individual who has an exceptional talent in pastry creation, and is able to drive the successes and quality of pastry/dessert products offered at an outlet or various outlets.