



## ABU DHABI GOURMET STARS AWARDS FINALISTS LISTING

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## EXECUTIVE CHEF OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

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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.

### **Finalists**

Darren Andow  
Gary Robinson  
Patrick Bischoff  
Wolfgang Fischer

### **Establishment**

Yas Island Rotana  
Shangri-La Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi  
Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi  
Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi

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## FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

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This award seeks to recognise a food and beverage manager who is professional, knowledgeable, 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.

### Finalists

Ahmed Issa

Bastian Breuer

Dirk Bansemer

### Designation

Director of Food &  
Beverage

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Beverage

### Establishment

Shangri-La Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi

Fairmont Bab Al Bahr

Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi

## REGIONAL CUISINE CHEF OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

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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.

### **Finalists**

Hassib Alaw  
Mohammed Ali Naim  
Vali Forghany  
Rashid Raza  
Hassan Assaf

### **Establishment**

Al Birkeh, Le Méridien Abu Dhabi  
Diwan L'Auberge, Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi  
Anar Restaurant, Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi  
India Palace, Al Salam Street  
Al Marwal, Hilton Abu Dhabi

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### **Finalists**

Nazeer Nasser  
Prasad S  
Zakaria Charaf

### **Establishment**

Al Birkeh, Le Méridien Abu Dhabi  
India Palace, Al Salam Street  
Diwan L'Auberge, Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi

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## REGIONAL CUISINE RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

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This award seeks to recognise a restaurant / restaurant chain serves ethnic, Middle Eastern 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.

### **Finalists**

Al Marwal  
Diwan L'Auberge  
India Palace

### **Location**

Hilton Abu Dhabi  
Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi  
Al Salam Street

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## RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

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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.

### **Establishment**

Bord Eau

Finz

Sayad

### **Location**

Shangri-La Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi

Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi

Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi

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## RESTAURANT CHEF OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

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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.

### **Finalists**

Amrish Sood  
Andrew Mcgie  
Jean Hurstel

### **Establishment**

Ushna, Souq Qaryat Al Beri  
Sayad, Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi  
Bord Eau, Shangri-La Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi

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## RESTAURANT MANAGER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

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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.

### **Finalists**

Kumar Manasai  
Nicolas Socquet  
Thaer Hanna

### **Establishment**

Benihana, Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi  
Bord Eau, Shangri-La Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi  
Finz, Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi

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## PASTRY CHEF OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

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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.

### **Finalists**

Ajmal Salim  
Anup Chaubal  
Avril Dsylva

### **Establishment**

Shangri-La Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi  
Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi  
Yas Island Rotana

## RESTAURANT HOST OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

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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.

### **Finalists**

Kumar Manasai  
Marie Irene  
Morgan Martinello  
Thaer Hanna

### **Establishment**

Benihana, Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi  
Ushna, Souq Qaryat Al Beri  
Mezzaluna, Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi  
Finz, Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi

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