



## ABU DHABI GOURMET STARS AWARDS FACT SHEET

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### **Abu Dhabi Tourism Authority & Peter Knipp Holdings Pte Ltd proudly presents Abu Dhabi Gourmet Stars Awards 2009**

Gourmet Abu Dhabi will take place for the first time in Abu Dhabi from 5 to 14 February 2009. To be held in Abu Dhabi annually, this gastronomic event promises to be a gathering of internationally renowned masterchefs, distinguished winemakers, restaurateurs, industry professionals and personalities. The Abu Dhabi Gourmet Stars Awards which takes place during the gastronomic event is an industry recognition programme that acknowledges individuals and organisations that make a significant contribution to the development of the food and beverage industry in Abu Dhabi.

#### **Our Objective**

- To serve as an official platform to recognise and showcase the best talents and establishments who strive to provide world-class service.
- To establish the awards as the leading food and beverage awards in the Middle East.
- To enhance the food and beverage scene and culinary profession in Abu Dhabi and the region.

#### **Judges**

##### **Open Public:**

Members of the public who are above 21 years of age, and are residents, permanent residents or holders of employment pass in Abu Dhabi are eligible to nominate for the awards.

##### **Industry Panel:**

A panel of five to seven judges from the Abu Dhabi industry are invited to nominate for the various awards categories. Industry panel of judges consist of:

- Food & Beverage Professionals
- Food & Beverage Suppliers
- Fine Food & Wine Merchants
- Media
- Restaurant Critics
- Members of Wine & Food Associations (International Wine & Food Society, Commanderie de Bordeaux, Slow Food Movement, Chaine des Rotisseurs etc)
- Reputable personalities known to enjoy fine food and wine

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## Selection Process for Awards

### **First Round:**

Public voting is open for award categories in the Gourmet Abu Dhabi website, [www.gourmetabudhabi.ae](http://www.gourmetabudhabi.ae). Nominations will be done through an online system. Results will be tabulated and the top three highest scoring nominees for each award category will proceed to the final round.

### **Second Round:**

Nominations will be open to selected industry panel of judges. Nominations will also be done through an online system. Results are then tabulated and the top voted finalist in each category is conferred as the award recipient.

## Awards Categories

### **Restaurant of the Year**

Voted by Public & Industry

### **Restaurant Chef of the Year**

Voted by Public & Industry

### **Executive Chef of the Year**

Voted by Public & Industry  
Pegged to Restaurant of the Year nominees

### **Restaurant Manager of the Year**

Voted by Public & Industry  
Pegged to Restaurant of the Year nominees

### **Regional Cuisine Restaurant of the Year**

Voted by Public & Industry

### **Regional Cuisine Chef of the Year**

Voted by Public & Industry  
Pegged to Regional Cuisine Restaurant of the Year

### **Regional Cuisine Restaurant Manager of the Year**

Voted by Public & Industry  
Pegged to Regional Cuisine Restaurant of the Year

### **Food & Beverage Manager of the Year**

Voted by Public & Industry

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## Restaurant Host of the Year (Open Voting)

### Result Announcement

When | 10 February 2009, Tuesday

Where | Gala Dinner, TBA

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