

Award Description

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.

Food & Beverage Manager of the Year

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.

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.

Regional Cuisine Manager of the Year

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Regional Cuisine Restaurant of the Year

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.

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.

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.

Restaurant Manager of the Year

Award Recipient

Ernst-Lothar Frank

Executive Chef
Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi

Joseph Matar

Food & Beverage Director
Shangri-La Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri,
Abu Dhabi

Ali Charaf

Diwan L'Auberge, Emirates Palace
Abu Dhabi

Adel Danihasseli

Anar Restaurant, Emirates Palace
Abu Dhabi

Anar Restaurant

Emirates Palace Abu Dhabi

Finz

Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi

Daniel Smeenk

Finz, Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi

Thaer Hanna

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.

Finz, Beach Rotana Abu Dhabi

Restaurant Host of the Year

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.

May Labao

Chamas Brazilian Churrascaria
InterContinental Abu Dhabi