

# HOTEL & HOSPITALITY AWARDS

2025 ENTRY KIT



### Introduction

Welcome to the Hotel & Hospitality Awards, a prestigious recognition platform designed to celebrate excellence in the hospitality industry. The Hotel & Hospitality Awards gathers the top leaders and change-makers of the hospitality industry in Saudi Arabia to recognise and honour outstanding achievements, innovations, and contributions that propel the hospitality industry forward. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to receiving your applications. Best of luck!

Evan Schiff
Portfolio Director

### General Guidelines & Information

### ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Applications are open to businesses and individuals operating in the hospitality sector, including hotels, resorts, restaurants, and cafes. To be eligible, applicants must have occupied their current role for a minimum of 9 months before the application deadline. The application should focus on accomplishments achieved within the past year.

#### ENTRY FEES

It is free to submit an entry. There are no additional costs throughout the competition. If you would like to attend the Hotel & Hospitality Awards Ceremony where the winners are announced, <u>register here for FREE</u>



# Key Dates & Deadlines

Submissions Open Date: Monday, 6 January 2025

Submissions Deadline: Friday, 21 February 2025

Awards Ceremony: Friday, 9 April 2025

Entries must be submitted online through our dedicated awards portal - <u>click here to submit an application</u>

## Award Categories

# INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- 1. Hospitality Woman of the Year
- 2. Housekeeper of the Year
- 3. Chef of the Year
- 4. Rising Star of the Year (Age 30 and below)
- 5.F&B Icon of the Year
- 6. Hospitality Icon of the Year

### RESTAURANT AND CAFE AWARDS

- 1. Best Fine Dining
  Restaurant
- 2. Best Casual Dining Restaurant
- 3. Best Café of the Year
- 4. Best Local Cuisine Restaurant

### HOTEL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

- 1. Luxury Hotel of the Year
- 2. Best Business Hotel
- 3. Best Resort of the Year
- 4. Best Budget Hotel

# SPECIAL INITIATIVES AND PRACTICES AWARDS

- 1. Best Diversity & Inclusion Initiative
- 2. Best Employee Wellness Program
- 3. Best Sustainable
  Practices in Hospitality

### Judging Process

ENTRY SUBMISSION

Once the submission is complete, the application process moves on to the next step.

2

VETTING

PROCESS

The applications are screened to ensure that the fulfill the eligibility criteria.

3

INDIVIDUAL JUDGING

Vetted applications are shared with the judges. They will review the applications for each category, then select the top 5 candidates

FINALISTS

ANNOUNCEMENT

The shortlisted candidates will be announced. Each judge will then award their top 3 candidates 1, 2, or 3 points

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WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Finalists with the most points will be announced as winners at the Hotel & Hospitality Awards

Ceremony

# Judging Criteria

Our judging panel is composed of esteemed experts from diverse industry sectors and disciplines who between them, hold a plethora of industry-specific skills and knowledge. The evaluation process is meticulous to ensure fairness and impartiality while maintaining strict confidentiality and transparency.

#### Hospitality Woman of the Year

Leadership qualities, measurable impact on the organization/industry, innovation, and testimonials from peers and guests

#### Housekeeper of the Year

Attention to detail, innovation in housekeeping practices, guest satisfaction ratings, and team management

#### Chef of the Year

Creativity, taste innovation, presentation skills, and feedback from guests and team members

#### Rising Star of the Year

Potential for growth, creativity, innovation, and early career accomplishments

#### F&B Icon of the Year

Influence on industry trends, operational excellence, innovation, and guest feedback

#### Hospitality Icon of the Year

Career impact, leadership, innovation, and mentorship contributions

# Judging Criteria

Best Fine Dining Restaurant

Quality of cuisine, service standards, ambiance, and guest feedback

Best Casual Dining Restaurant

Quality and consistency of food, ambiance, guest satisfaction, and overall value

Best Café of the Year

Beverage and menu quality, ambiance, guest reviews, and innovation

Best Local Cuisine Restaurant

Authenticity, presentation, taste, and guest feedback

Luxury Hotel of the Year

Service excellence, property design, amenities, and guest feedback

Best Business Hotel

Business amenities, guest satisfaction, and service innovation

## Judging Criteria

Best Resort of the Year

Amenities, recreational offerings, service quality, and guest feedback

Best Budget Hotel

Value for money, cleanliness, and guest satisfaction

Best Diversity & Inclusion
Initiative

Beverage and menu quality, ambiance, guest reviews, and innovation

Best Employee Wellness Program

Authenticity, presentation, taste, and guest feedback

Best Sustainable Practices in Hospitality

Service excellence, property design, amenities, and guest feedback



### Contact us



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Submit your application









