



# HOTEL & HOSPITALITY AWARDS

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ENTRY DEADLINE: FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2025

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# 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!

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Evan Schiff', is positioned above the name.

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, [register here for FREE](#)



# Key Dates & Deadlines

Submissions Open Date:  
Monday, 6 January 2025

Submissions Deadline:  
Friday, 21 February 2025

Finalists Announcement:  
Friday, 21 March 2025

Awards Ceremony:  
Friday, 9 April 2025

Entries must be submitted online through  
our dedicated awards portal - [click here to  
submit an application](#)

# 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



# 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

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