

Citi Fact Awards 2016 honours top dining destinations



Usman Ahmed, CEO with the representatives of CUT, Best Overall Winner during Citi Fact Awards 2016 ceremony

Manama Bahrain best and most popular dining venues were recognised for their excellence at the annual Citi Fact Awards 2016. 72 awards were given out across 36 categories covering over 200 venues

Fact Bahrain Magazine

hosted the prize giving ceremony for the seventh year running at the 5-star ART Rotana Hotel, Amwaj Islands.

The awards recognises excellence in the food and beverage industry, with two awards handed out in each category: the Best and the Favourite.

Talking at the event, Greg Hughes, CEO of FACT M.E. Publishing, said: "This year's successful campaign saw a huge response from our readers with over twenty thousand unique votes – the most we've ever had in the online public vote.

Usman Ahmed, Citi

Bahrain's Chief Executive Officer said: "Citi Bahrain has more than 70 participating venues in its dining scheme, most of which participated in the Citi Fact Awards, through which customers can enjoy discounts."

The Citi Fact Awards have enjoyed seven years of successful campaigns in Bahrain so far, with hundreds of venues awarded for brilliance over the years.

The awards are also held regionally, going into their third year in both Abu Dhabi and Qatar for 2017.

Some of the winners:
International: Best – Café Amsterdam, Favourite – Links, Royal Golf Club; **Italian:** Best – Primavera, The Ritz-Carlton, Bahrain, Favourite – Rosso, ART Rotana, Amwaj Islands; **Seafood:** Best – Le Domain [34], The Domain Hotel & Spa, Favourite – Samak, Coral

Bay; **Family-Friendly:** Best – Lumee, Favourite – Dome Café; **Family-Friendly Friday Brunch:** Best – Choices, ART Rotana, Amwaj Islands, Favourite – Sofitel Bahrain Zallaq Thalassa Sea & Spa; **Newcomer:** Best – Fatto, Favourite – The Foundry and **Overall:** Best – CUT by Wolfgang Puck, Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay, Favourite – Masso, Palace Boutique Hotel.

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Hurry up! Only a few days left to apply for The Bahrain Award for Entrepreneurship, which is now in its third edition.

Closing date of the award's registration and nomination process is 31 December 2016, the organising committee said in a statement.

The award is held under the patronage of Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of Economic Development Board HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

According to Faisal Sultan, Project Manager of The Bahrain Award for Entrepreneurship, "The award aims to provide valuable incentives and prizes, highlight entrepreneurial success across all industries, and underline their vital contribution to economic development."

Six categories

Nominations will be accepted in six categories namely: Micro Enterprise of the Year, Start-up of the Year, SME of the Year, Sustainability in Business Award, Enterprise of the Year with International Footprint and Female Entrepreneur of the Year.

A seventh category, the



A screen grab of the Bahrain Award for Entrepreneurship page

Lifetime Achievement Award, will be granted in honour of entrepreneurs who have demonstrated an exemplary track record of performance in business.

Prizes galore

The list of awards includes BD10,000 for the Micro-Enterprise of the Year winner and participation in UNIDO's Entrepreneurship Development Programme; BD20,000 for the Start-Up of the Year Award winner and space in the agricultural growth accelerator if applicable along with BD30,000 for the SME of the Year Award, support in the development of a growth plan and investment promotion through UNIDO.

The Enterprise of the Year

with an International Footprint recipient will receive BD40,000, while the Sustainability in Business Award recipient will obtain BD30,000, followed with BD20,000 for the Female Entrepreneur of the Year Award winner.

Eligibility criteria

Enterprises need to apply directly by visiting the 'Register' link, and can be nominated through the Form available at the website. Once nominated, the nominee will receive an e-Invite to submit an application. It is not necessary for enterprises or entrepreneurs to be nominated to apply for an award. For more details visit www.bahrainae.com or Twitter, Instagram and Facebook via @bahrainae.