

Post event Press Release Arabian Travel Awards 2023

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Stars Shine Bright at the Sixth Arabian Travel Awards Gala

Dubai, October 25, 2023 – A night of opulence and elegance unfolded as the Arabian Travel Awards celebrated its sixth edition at the prestigious Sofitel downtown Dubai. This glittering event, held on the 25th of October, 2023, recognized luminaries in the travel, tourism, and hospitality sectors, marking a significant milestone for these industries, which are pivotal contributors to the GDP.

The event's Chief Guest, HE Datuk Seri Ahmad Fadil bin Shamsuddin, Ambassador of Malaysia to the UAE, graced the occasion and presented awards to the stars of the evening.

SanJeet, Director of DDP Group and mentor Arabian Travel Awards, set the tone for the evening with his opening remarks, stating that the Middle East's travel and tourism industry has not only weathered the challenges of the pandemic but has embarked on a path of thriving and setting an example for the world. He emphasized that the world is closely watching the remarkable developments originating from this region. The Arabian Travel Awards, he said, promised an unforgettable celebration of excellence, innovation, and dedication in the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry.

The Arabian Travel Awards were conceived to honor and acknowledge the outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations that shape the dynamic world of travel, tourism, and hospitality. This event is more than just an awards ceremony; it is a celebration of innovation, perseverance, and commitment, characteristics that define these industries. It serves as a platform to recognize remarkable achievements, applaud tireless efforts, and inspire all involved to reach for new heights.

H.E. Datuk Seri Ahmad Fadil Bin Shamsuddin, Ambassador of Malaysia to the UAE, expressed his honor and privilege to join the experts of the travel, tourism, and hospitality industry. He commended the organizers for hosting the 6th edition of the Arabian Travel Awards, acknowledging the vital role of leaders in these industries in the Middle East. He emphasized the significant contribution of the tourism industry to the global GDP and noted that with upcoming events such as COP 28, the UAE's tourism industry would continue to grow. He also highlighted Malaysia's impressive tourism figures, setting ambitious targets for the future.

The evening commenced with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by the unveiling of a special collector's edition book by the Chief Guest, HE Datuk Seri Ahmad Fadil bin Shamsuddin, Ambassador of Malaysia to the UAE. Subsequently, the Chief Guest, Mr. San Jeet, Director of DDP Group, and Mrs. Sumeera Bahl, Director of DDP Group, awarded the individual winners. This year, Fahad Kanoo - Executive Director Kanoo Group joined the Gallery of Legends, Mohamed Awadalla - CEO Time Hotels received the DDP Trailblazer award, Saleem Sharif - Deputy Managing Director ATS Travel was recognized as the DDP Gamechanger, and Ashiya Nazar - Director Akbar Travel was hailed as the Face of the Future. The evening continued with the presentation of business awards to the dedicated teams in the travel, tourism, and hospitality sectors who have contributed significantly to the growth and success of these industries.

Arabian Travel Award Winners include:

Category	Client Name
Gallery of the Legends	Fahad Kanoo
DDP Trailblazer	Mohamed Awadalla
DDP Gamechanger	Saleem Sharif
Face of the Future	Ashiya Nazar
Best Hospitality Leader	Samer Homsy
Best Hospitality Professional	Issam Slaimi
Most Promising General Manager	Amro Nagah
Best Travel Technology Provider	Travelport
Best NTO – South East Asia	Tourism Malaysia - Dubai Office
Best Wedding & MICE Hotel	Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel & Residences Emirates Pearl
Best Travel Booking Platform	RezLive.com
Best Business Hotel	dusitD2 kenz hotel
Best Travel Management Company – Middle East	Kanoo Travel
Best Leisure & Business Hotel	The Tower Plaza Hotel Dubai
Fastest Growing DMC - Qatar	Tawfeeq Holidays
Best Family Friendly Hotel	Swissôtel Al Ghurair Dubai
Best New Travel Booking Platform	Al Rostamani Travel & Holidays
Best GSA	Al Naboodah Travel
Best Luxury Halal Hotel	Jannah Burj Al Sarab Hotel
Best B2B Travel Portal	akbartravels.com
Best Corporate TMC	Satguru Travel and Tourism
Best Luxury Hotel	Sofitel Dubai Downtown
Most Dynamic International Tourism Board in UAE	Spain Tourism
Best Airline – South East Asia	Philippine Airlines
Best 4 Star Hotel	Copthorne Hotel Dubai
Fastest Growing B2B Travel Portal in UAE	Smartzett.com
Best 5 Star Business Hotel	Swissôtel Al Murooj Dubai
Fastest Growing Hotel Brand	TIME Hotels
Best Luxury Suite Hotel	Mercure Dubai Barsha Heights – Hotel Suites and Apartments
Best Travel Management Company – UAE	ATS Travel
Best Leisure Tour Operator	TravTips Travel and Tourism
Best Corporate Hotel	Metropolitan Hotel Dubai
Fastest Growing DMC - UAE	Turning Point Tourism
Best City Hotel	Millennium Place Barsha Heights Hotel
Best TMC - Qatar	Tawfeeq Travel
Best Visa Outsourcing Company	VFS Global

Best Training Institute - Aviation, Travel & Tourism	WingsWay Training Institute
Best 4 Star Lifestyle Hotel	Millennium Place Hotel Mirdif
Most Trusted Travel Partner in the Middle East	Cozmo Travel
Best Airline – Central Asia	Air Astana
Best Market Engagement by a Tourism Board	Malta Tourism Authority
Best Corporate Travel Agency	Al Naboodah Travel
Best Family Friendly Hotel Apartments	Golden Sands Hotel Apartments
Most Innovative start-up B2B Travel Portal	Travelclub
Most Active in Promoting Sustainable and Accessible Travel	German National Tourist Office Gulf Countries
Best 4 Star Business Hotel	Hyatt Place Dubai Wasl District
Best Holiday Homes	Dusit Princess Residence – Dubai Marina
Best Tour Operator - Outbound	Al Rostamani Travel & Holidays
Best Desert Resort	Tilal Liwa Hotel
Fastest Growing GSA	ITVAR
Best 4 Star Executive Hotel	Golden Tulip Media Hotel
Best Destination Wedding Hotel	Bahi Ajman Palace Hotel
Best Corporate Gift Experience	Dreamdays
Fastest Growing B2B Online Travel Portal - Qatar	Ezytrip
Best Hotel Apartments	Mercure Dubai Barsha Heights – Hotel Suites and Apartments
Best MICE Tour Operator – Middle East	Kanoo Travel
Best Luxury Resort – Maldives	Siyam World
Best 4 Star Contemporary Hotel	Edge Creekside Hotel
Best Honeymoon Destination	Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority
Hospitality Partner	Sofitel Dubai Downtown