

# Celebrating culinary excellence: Qatar Duty Free claims 11 World Chef Association awards



Thabet Musleh, Senior Vice President of Qatar Duty Free (second right) celebrates with the winning chefs

Qatar Duty Free's (QDF) Food & Beverage division has been recognized for the outstanding accomplishments of its expert chefs by Qatar Culinary Professionals affiliated with World Chef Association, during the 2024 Qatar Chefs Challenge, April 28 to 30.

QDF's Chef Bibu Ranjit from Hamad International Airport's Louis Vuitton Lounge received the prestigious Best Chef 2024 Award out of 200 contestants from renowned hospitality establishments such as Ritz Carlton, Waldorf Astoria and St. Regis. Seven chefs from QDF won five gold, one silver and three bronze medals, and one Sanitation Award.

All contestants were evaluated on their innovative presentation skills, food taste and texture, hygiene, food waste practices, service and materials used. These seven QDF chefs showcased unparalleled skill, creativity, and commitment to culinary mastery, setting new benchmarks in food & beverage offerings at an airport.

QDF has long maintained a reputation of setting high industry standards in Food & Beverage, winning a total of 12 awards at the FAB Awards last year, including the ultimate Airport Food &

Beverage Offer of the Year. This latest accomplishment serves as a fitting recognition for the innovation, investment and pioneering standards that further raise QDF's profile in not only airport retail, but within the broader hospitality industry.

The complete list of QDF winners are:

- Bibu Ranjit - Louis Vuitton Café
- Raj Kumar Tamoli - Harrods
- Samrat Saha - Armani Restaurant and Café
- Kimberly Adriano Calma - Harrods
- Akhil Stephen & Kimberly Adriano Calma - Harrods
- Vicky Chauhan - QDF Central Pastry Kitchen
- Sanket Naik - QDF Central Pastry Kitchen

Thabet Musleh, Senior Vice President of Qatar Duty Free, said, "These accolades from our talented chefs mark a momentous achievement for Team QDF, showcasing hard work, creativity, and culinary excellence. We are immensely proud of our chefs and their exceptional contributions to making Hamad International Airport a premier global dining destination. We're not just serving passengers; we're serving guests, and we will continue to raise the bar for the food & beverage industry."