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WHAT'S **40** years ON

AWARDS **2019**

ABU DHABI

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2019
GRAND HYATT, ABU DHABI

POST-EVENT REPORT

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Motivate Media Group would like to extend a huge thank you to all the guests, registered outlets and sponsors for their contribution in making *What's On Awards Abu Dhabi* a big success.

We hope you enjoyed yourself thoroughly and we look forward to working with you again in the near future.

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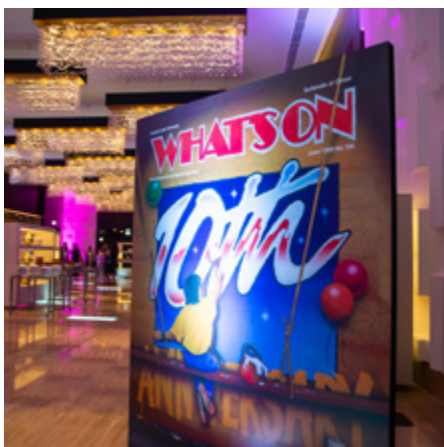
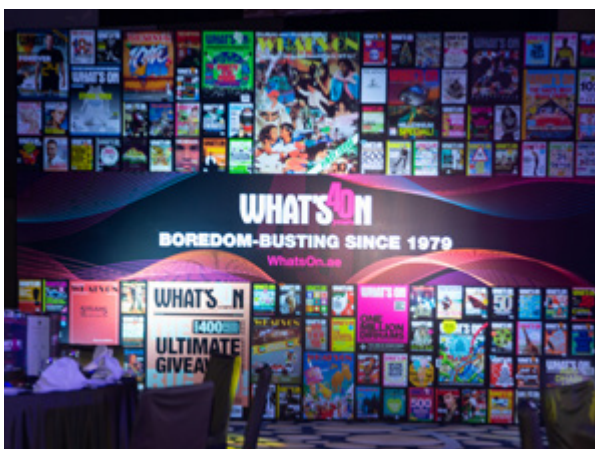
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Passionate about foodservice

Bidfood UAE sponsored the awards with their two brands Acqua Panna and San Pellegrino, which is was the water choice of the evening throughout the event.

In addition, the Key Account Manager at Bidfood UAE, Ayaz Mahmoud, presented the awards to the following categories:

- **Favourite Attraction was awarded to *Yas Waterworld***
- **Favourite Sporting Event was awarded to *Spartan Al Ain Zoo***
- **Favourite Concert or Festival was awarded to *Yasalam Festival 2018 at du Arena***
- **Favourite Healthy Restaurant was awarded to *Nolu's Restaurant***
- **Favourite Café was awarded to *Café Mandarin***
- **Favourite Business Lunch was awarded to *Jones the Grocer, Holiday Inn***

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Our beverage partner's for the event, Gray Mackenzie & Partners, sponsored five categories on the night.

Tarunjit Singh, General Manager at GMP, presented the awards to the following winners:

- **Favourite Ladies' Night presented to *Catch Abu Dhabi at St. Regis Corniche***
- **Favourite Bar presented to *Velocity Sports Bar at Marriott Downtown Abu Dhabi***
- **Favourite Nightclub presented to *ANNEX at The Abu Dhabi EDITION***

Nagarajan, CEO at ADMMI, presented the following awards on behalf of GMP:

- **Favourite Pub Grub presented to *Belgian Café***
- **Favourite Brunch presented to *Alba Terrace at The Abu Dhabi EDITION***



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Our official vote processing partner for the awards, Jacobsons Direct, sponsored four categories during the evening.

Mr. Akram Raffoul, Partner and Executive Director, presented the awards to the following winners:

- **Favourite Asian Restaurant presented to *Cho Gao at Marina Walk***
- **Favourite European Restaurant presented to *Stills Restaurant & Bar***
- **Favourite Middle Eastern Restaurant presented to *Li Beirut, Jumeirah at Etihad Towers***
- **Favourite Indian Restaurant presented to *Namak by Kunal Kapur***



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Margot flowers made unique floral centrepiece arrangements for the ballroom tables.



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the event in terms of video and photography.

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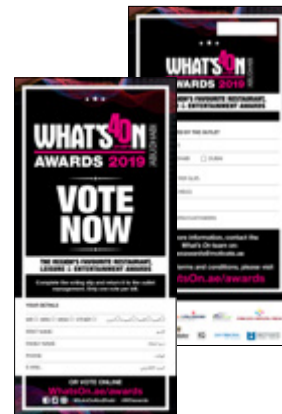
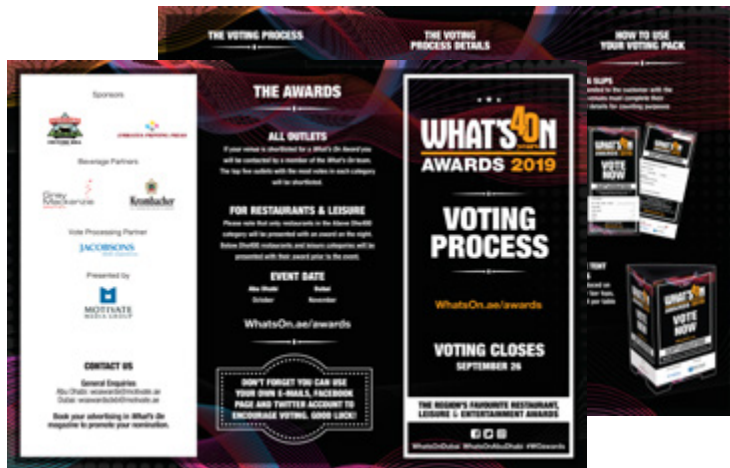
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VOTING PROCESS



VOTING SLIPS

VOTING PROCESS

What's On Awards Abu Dhabi registrants consisted of bars, restaurants, cafes, spas nightclubs and events. Voting took place from **June 17th to September 26th**.

Over 200 registered outlets were able to promote their participation to their customers online and through printed voting slips. The voting packs were provided to those outlets that requested them, and consisted of tent cards and voting slips.

Once voting was closed on **September 26th, 2019**, all online and printed slips were sent to Jacobson's Direct, our auditing partner who checked and verified all votes. Top three outlets in each category were then invited to the *What's On Awards Abu Dhabi* on **October 22nd, 2019**, where the final winners were announced.

The 'Leisure and Below 400 Restaurants' categories were pre-awarded two weeks prior to the event.

REGISTRATION FORM

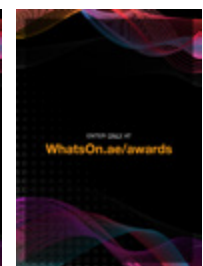


TABLE TENT CARD



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PRE-EVENT COVERAGE

REGISTRATION, VOTING AND TICKET CAMPAIGN

PRINT

What's On Abu Dhabi

July 2019 – Readership 60,000
 August 2019 – Readership 60,000
 September 2019 – Readership 60,000
 October 2019 – Readership 60,000

What's On Dubai

June 2019 – Readership 100,000
 July 2019 – Readership 100,000
 August 2019 – Readership 100,000
 September 2019 – Readership 100,000
 October 2019 – Readership 100,000

Golf Digest

July 2019 – Readership 37,000
 August 2019 – Readership 37,000
 October 2019 – Readership 37,000

Gulf Business

July 2019 – Readership 84,000
 October 2019 – Readership 84,000

Emirates Woman

October 2019 – Readership 75,000

Business Traveller ME

July 2019 – Readership 100,000
 September 2019 – Readership 100,000
 October 2019 – Readership 100,000

Identity

July 2019 – Readership 30,000
 August 2019 – Readership 30,000

Campaign

16 June – Readership 30,000
 30 June – Readership 30,000
 7 July – Readership 30,000
 12 August – Readership 30,000
 25 August – Readership 30,000
 23 September – Readership 30,000

TOTAL READERSHIP – 1,719,800

WHAT'S ON ABU DHABI



OTHER PUBLICATIONS



GULF NEWS

17 September
 24 September
 Readership 163,800



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PRE-EVENT COVERAGE

VOTE NOW BANNERS

GulfBusiness.com (August – September)



MPU

IMPRESSIONS – 30,481



HALF PAGE

IMPRESSIONS – 80,596

CampaignME.com (August)



LEADERBOARD

IMPRESSIONS – 1,942

MOBILE LEADERBOARD

IMPRESSIONS – 2,296

MOBILE CATFISH

IMPRESSIONS – 7,357

Watson.ae (July – September)



MPU

IMPRESSIONS – 226,378



HALF PAGE

IMPRESSIONS – 143,858



LEADERBOARD

IMPRESSIONS – 60,282

MOBILE

LEADERBOARD

IMPRESSIONS – 61,990

TOTAL IMPRESSIONS: 615,180

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PRE-EVENT COVERAGE

EDMs

What's On database (25,000 subscribers)

17 June	15 July	2 September
26 June	22 July	11 September
30 June	29 July	18 September
2 July	7 August	25 September
3 July	14 August	10 October
8 July	19 August	15 October

Ave. Open Rate: 18%

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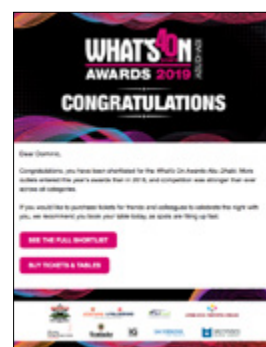
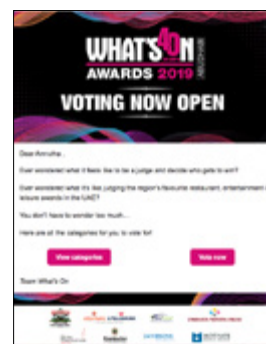
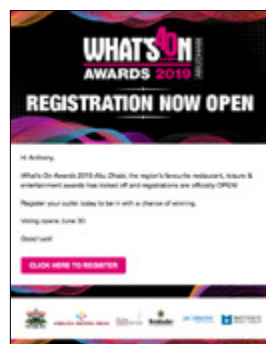
14 August – 12 September

“What's your favourite restaurant in Abu Dhabi? Or your top pick for brunch? What about your favorite fitness studio in the city?”

Vote now in the What's On Awards and WIN four tickets to Party in the Park.

Voting is easy. Go to whats on dot ae/awards

What's On, proudly celebrating 40 years in the region.



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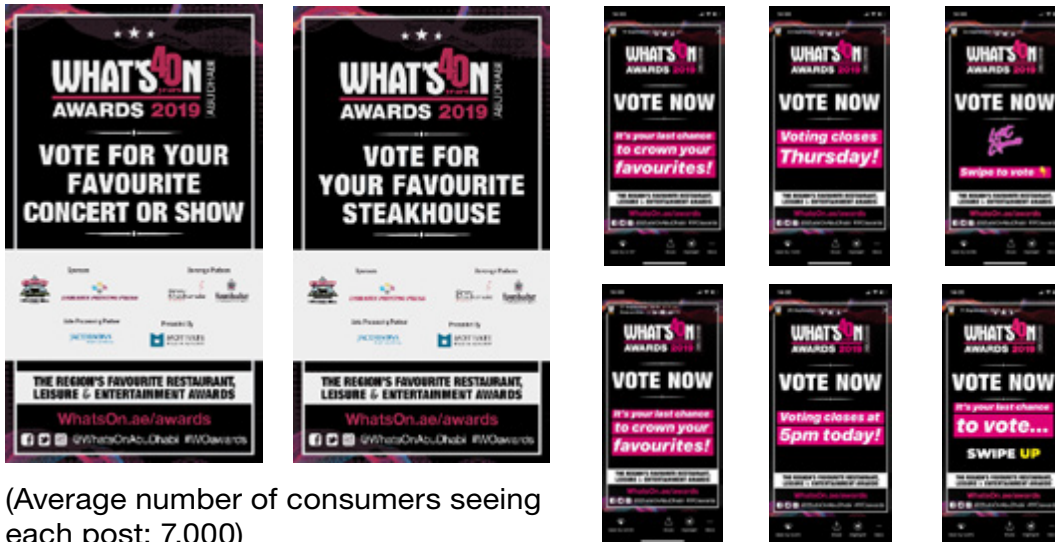
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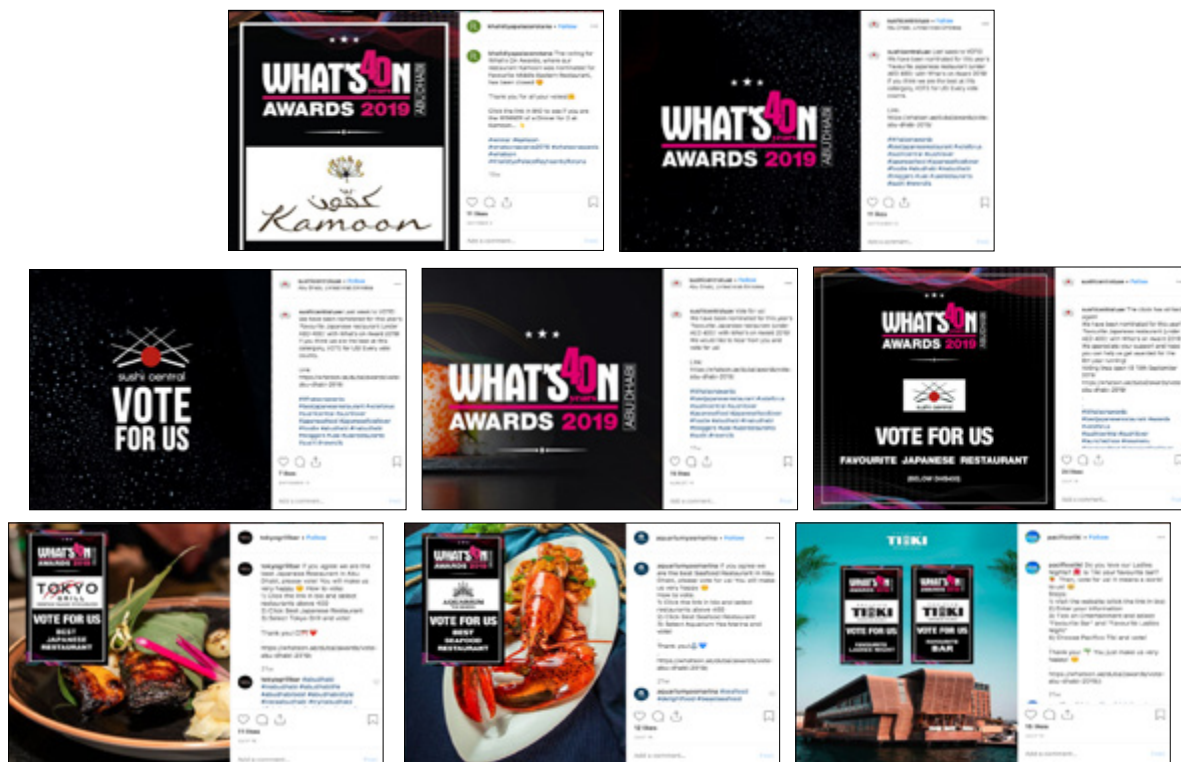
VOTING PROMOTION

Examples of What's On Instagram story posts pushing consumers to vote:



(Average number of consumers seeing each post: 7,000)

Samples of outlets encouraging their customers to vote:



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THE WINNERS



WHAT'S ON RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR
OAK ROOM
AT THE ABU DHABI EDITION



WHAT'S ON CHEF OF THE YEAR
GAURAV KATHAWATE,
MARTABAAN BY HEMANT OBEROI



WHAT'S ON
INDIE RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR
SANDERSON'S



WHAT'S ON NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR
NAMAK BY KUNAL KAPUR
AT DUSIT THANI ABU DHABI

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**FAVOURITE ATTRACTION
YAS WATERWORLD**



**FAVOURITE SPORTING EVENT
SPARTAN AL AIN ZOO RACE 2019**



**FAVOURITE CONCERT OR FESTIVAL
YASALAM FESTIVAL 2018 AT DU ARENA**



**FAVOURITE LADIES' NIGHT
CATCH AT ST. REGIS CORNICHE
- ABU DHABI**



**FAVOURITE BAR
VELOCITY SPORTS BAR
AT MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN ABU DHABI**



**FAVOURITE NIGHTCLUB
ANNEX AT THE ABU DHABI EDITION**

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**FAVOURITE HEALTHY EATING RESTAURANT
NOLU'S RESTAURANT DOWNTOWN
AT GALLERIA MALL, AL MARYAH ISLAND**



**FAVOURITE CAFÉ
CAFÉ MANDARINA**



**FAVOURITE BUSINESS LUNCH
JONES THE GROCER
AT HOLIDAY INN ABU DHABI DOWNTOWN**



**FAVOURITE AFTERNOON TEA
MAJLIS SAADIYAT AT JUMEIRAH
AT SAADIYAT ISLAND RESORT**



**FAVOURITE ALL DAY DINING
SOFRA BLD AT SHANGRI-LA HOTEL,
QARYAT AL BERI, ABU DHABI**



**FAVOURITE PUB GRUB
BELGIAN CAFÉ AT RADISSON BLU
ABU DHABI YAS ISLAND**

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**FAVOURITE BRUNCH
ALBA TERRACE
AT THE ABU DHABI EDITION**



**FAVOURITE ASIAN RESTAURANT
CHO GAO AT MARINA WALK**



**FAVOURITE EUROPEAN RESTAURANT
STILLS RESTAURANT & BAR, CROWNE
PLAZA ABU DHABI - YAS ISLAND**



**FAVOURITE MIDDLE EASTERN RESTAURANT
LI BEIRUT AT JUMEIRAH
AT ETIHAD TOWERS**



**FAVOURITE INDIAN RESTAURANT
NAMAK BY KUNAL KAPUR
AT DUSIT THANI ABU DHABI**



**FAVOURITE ITALIAN RESTAURANT
ROBERTO'S ABU DHABI**

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**FAVOURITE JAPANESE RESTAURANT
TORI NO SU AT JUMEIRAH
AT ETIHAD TOWERS**



**FAVOURITE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
FISHMARKET
AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL
ABU DHABI**



**FAVOURITE STEAKHOUSE
OAK ROOM AT THE ABU DHABI EDITION**



**FAVOURITE LATIN AMERICAN
VAKAVA PAN LATIN GRILL & LOUNGE
AT JUMEIRAH AT ETIHAD TOWERS**

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THE WINNERS

PRE-AWARDED (BELOW DHS400)



FAVOURITE FITNESS FACILITY
FITNESS FIRST BAWABAT AL SHARQ MALL



FAVOURITE SPA
NAMM SPA AT DUSIT THANI ABU DHABI



FAVOURITE NAIL BAR
NAILS THE MODERN MANICURE STUDIO



FAVOURITE HAIR SALON
MARQUEE AT EASTERN MANGROVES PROMENADE, ABU DHABI



FAVOURITE BRUNCH
CAFÉ PALMIER - ELEMENTS BRUNCH AT LE ROYAL MERIDIEN ABU DHABI



FAVOURITE MIDDLE EASTERN RESTAURANT
KAMOON RESTAURANT AT KHALIDIYA PALACE RAYHAAN BY ROTANA HOTEL ABU DHABI

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**FAVOURITE BRITISH RESTAURANT
HEMINGWAY'S
AT RADISSON BLU CORNICHE**



**FAVOURITE ASIAN RESTAURANT
SHANG PALACE AT SHANGRI-LA HOTEL
QARYAT AL BERI ABU DHABI**



**FAVOURITE EUROPEAN RESTAURANT
LA BRASSERIE ABU DHABI**



**FAVOURITE INDIAN RESTAURANT
MYNT INDIAN CUISINE RESTAURANT
ABU DHABI**



**FAVOURITE ITALIAN RESTAURANT
DINO'S BISTRO ITALIANO, ABU DHABI**



**FAVOURITE JAPANESE RESTAURANT
CAFÉ SUSHI AT FAIRMONT BAB AL BAHR**

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FAVOURITE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
VASCO'S AT RADISSON BLU CORNICHE



**FAVOURITE MODERN
AMERICAN RESTAURANT**
**MARKET KITCHEN AT LE ROYAL
MERIDIEN ABU DHABI**



FAVOURITE STEAKHOUSE
**THE GRILL AT MARRIOTT HOTEL
AL FORSAN ABU DHABI**



FAVOURITE LATIN AMERICAN
**AMERIGOS PARK INN BY RADISSON
ABU DHABI, YAS ISLAND**

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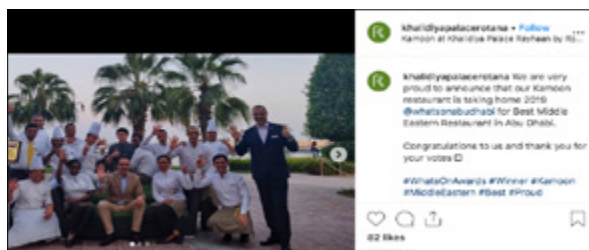
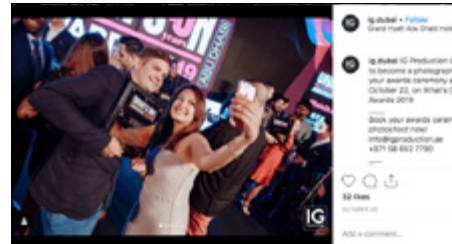
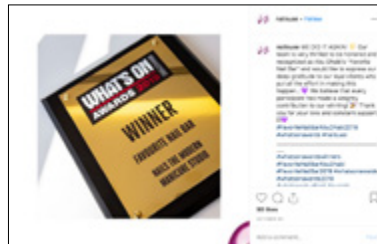


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WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT



PRINT

What's On Abu Dhabi
December 2019 – Readership 60,000

BADGES

Badges sent to all winners.



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Watson.ae (23 October – 30 October)



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IMPRESSIONS – 5,763**



**LEADERBOARD
IMPRESSIONS – 1,890**

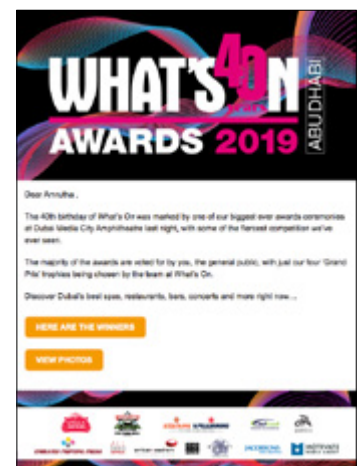


**MPU
IMPRESSIONS – 2,151**

**MOBILE LEADERBOARD
IMPRESSIONS – 1,100**

**MOBILE CATFISH
IMPRESSIONS – 6,162**

EDM
What's On database
(25,000 subscribers)
23 October



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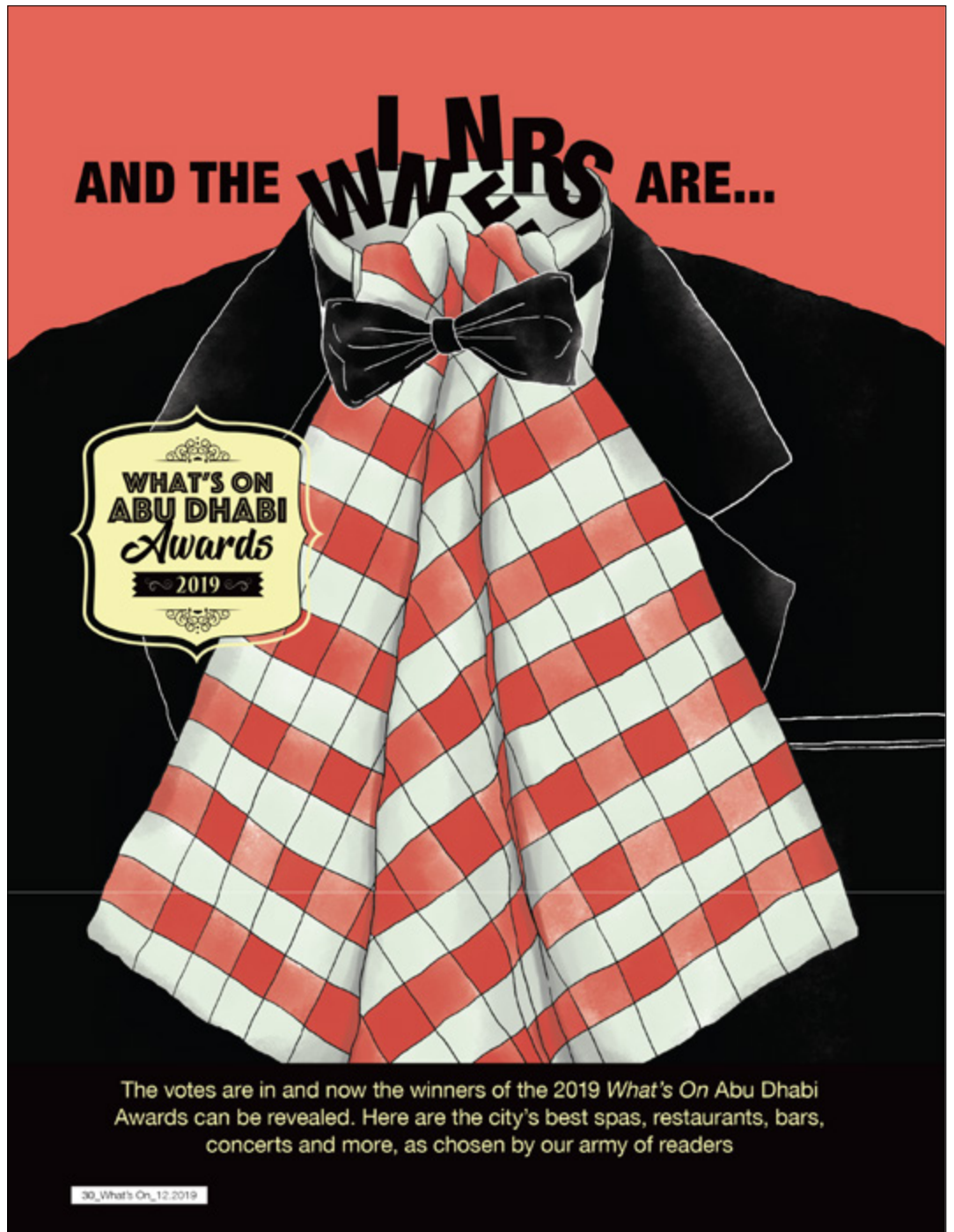


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**READERSHIP
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**READERSHIP
60,000**



THE BIG WINNERS

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

Oak Room at The Abu Dhabi EDITION

It turns out that Will Smith and the *What's On* team have something in common – they both love this Abu Dhabi restaurant. In fact, Will Smith loved his meal so much on his first visit that he returned to The Abu Dhabi EDITION the very next night back – with a party of 16. Do as the Fresh Prince did and order the 250g Black Onyx striploin from Australia. It's a cut that requires but a chew or two, simply melting in your mouth. It truly is a meaty marvel in the capital. Our Restaurant of the Year: The Oak Room.

editionhotels.com/abu-dhabi



CHEF OF THE YEAR

Chef Gaurav Kathawate, of Martabaan by Hemant Oberoi

Our chef of the year has quite a resume. He's worked in the industry for just shy of a decade, and with some of the finest global hotel chains around Asia. He's conceptualised various food festivals and catered to VIP dignitaries. He's mastered the art of presenting Indian food in the most authentic way. But it's as the right hand to legendary chef Hemant Oberoi that our chef has sealed his stature as a great chef, re-opening Hemant's restaurant in Singapore and now as executive chef at Martabaan by Hemant Oberoi in Emirates Palace.

hemantoberoi.com



NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR

Namak by Kunal Kapur at Dusit Thani Abu Dhabi

At the start of this year there was one question on everyone's lips. 'Have you been to Namak yet?' The brainchild of Indian chef Kunal Kapur, Namak has been one of the most exciting restaurant openings in the capital. Don't expect traditional cuisine here. Instead you'll find unique dishes such as chicken tikka stuffed into a Tibetan bun and a smoked chicken soup served in a smoke-filled globe. It must be seen to be believed.

dusit.com



INDIE RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

Sanderson's

You'd be forgiven for thinking you'd walked into an LA juice bar, or an Ibiza café at our Indie Restaurant of the Year, Sanderson's. It's light, bright and contemporary. Its menu can best be described as wholesome, drawing inspiration and flavours from around the world. The man behind it – a bull to many – was also behind some of Dubai's best ever cafes, so it's not surprising that his Abu Dhabi outpost is as good if not better.

sandersons.com

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BEST RESTAURANTS

ABOVE DHS400



FAVOURITE BRUNCH Alba Terrace at the Abu Dhabi EDITION

The Rose Brunch is a charming way to enjoy some Mediterranean dishes and excellent live music.

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FAVOURITE STEAKHOUSE Oak Room at the Abu Dhabi EDITION

A sleek steakhouse with a celebrity chef, Oak Room is the restaurant everyone in Abu Dhabi's been talking about in 2019. Celebrity clientele, delicious dishes and sultry interiors are just some of the things that impressed us most.

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FAVOURITE ITALIAN RESTAURANT Roberto's Abu Dhabi

With an in-house bakery, brilliant brunch and live music nights, Roberto's is a fully-fledged homegrown hero.

robertos.ae/abudhabi



FAVOURITE JAPANESE RESTAURANT Tori No Su at Jumeirah at Etihad Towers

Looking for some top Japanese cuisine in the capital? Look no further than Tori No Su, the gourmet Japanese restaurant in Jumeirah Etihad Towers.

jumeirah.com



FAVOURITE ASIAN RESTAURANT Cho Gao at Marina Walk

Expect delicious pan-Asian dishes served in a fun, festive atmosphere at Cho Gao, Marina Walk. The menu features signature dishes from across the continent, and it's a beautiful spot for a leisurely lunch next to the water by day, with a lively atmosphere by night thanks to a rotation of resident DJs.

abudhabi.intercontinental.com



FAVOURITE ALL- DAY DINING Sofra BLD at Shangri-la Hotel, Qaryat Al Beri, Abu Dhabi

Dine around the world at this souk-style restaurant, with impressive cooking stations.

shangri-la.com

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**READERSHIP
60,000**



FAVOURITE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Fishmarket

Decked out like a traditional seafood market, expect to dine on the freshest catch at Fishmarket. Found right on the beachfront, it's stood the test of time thanks to its focus on the freshest ingredients.

abudhabi.intercontinental.com



FAVOURITE MIDDLE EASTERN RESTAURANT

Li Beirut at Jumeirah at Etihad Towers

Far more than your classic Lebanese cuisine, book a table at Li Beirut. Open for lunch and dinner, it adds inventive and unique twists to traditional dishes that'll keep you coming back for more.

jumeirah.com



FAVOURITE EUROPEAN

Stills Restaurant & Bar, Crowne Plaza Abu Dhabi - Yas Island

Stills is Abu Dhabi's best spot for a mix of top European dishes in a casual setting.

crowneplaza.com/abudhabi



FAVOURITE INDIAN RESTAURANT

Namak by Kunal Kapur at Dusit Thani Abu Dhabi

The brainchild of celebrity Indian chef Kunal Kapur, don't expect traditional cuisine here. Instead you'll find unique dishes such as chicken tikka stuffed into a Tibetan bun and a smoked chicken soup served in a smoke-filled globe. It really must be seen to be believed. Take our advice: go hungry and take a food journey through its unique offerings. You'll be glad you did.

dusit.com



FAVOURITE LATIN AMERICAN

VaKaVa at Jumeirah at Etihad Towers

Jumeirah at Etihad Towers set tongues wagging when it welcomed an exciting new restaurant to its repertoire. Latin restaurant VaKaVa is the mischievous twin sister of long-standing UAE favourite, Toro Toro, and now stands in its place in Jumeirah at Etihad Towers. VaKaVa is described as more well-travelled, with a passionate personality, and that's exactly what it delivers through its inventive Latin American dishes and striking decor.

jumeirah.com

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FAVOURITE AFTERNOON TEA

Majlis Saadiyat at Jumeirah at Saadiyat Island Resort

While there are many reasons to visit Jumeirah at Saadiyat Island, the beautiful outdoor terrace at Majlis has to be one of the main ones. The beautiful oceanfront setting is the perfect place to while away an afternoon while enjoying its lavish afternoon tea.

jumeirah.com



FAVOURITE PUB GRUB

Belgian Cafe at Radisson Blu Yas Island

The Yas Island carnation of the popular Belgian Cafe chain is arguably the most popular – and it's easy to see why. It's still got that cosy pub feel, without feeling too claustrophobic, and it's a brilliant spot for a hearty pub meal.

radissonhotels.com



FAVOURITE BUSINESS LUNCH

Jones the Grocer at Holiday Inn Abu Dhabi Downtown

Fuss-free and focused on high-quality ingredients that are locally sourced where possible, their brilliant business lunch is a wallet-friendly Dhs69, inclusive of a hearty main, drink and dessert.

jonesthegrocer.com



FAVOURITE CAFÉ

Café Mandarinina

This hidden gem in Al Rabbha is not about the most modern cooking techniques or finely finished dishes, instead it puts its focus on producing fresh, nourishing dishes. This family-run business is a great spot to enjoy lunch with the family, or gathering with friends.

cafemandarina.com



FAVOURITE HEALTHY EATING RESTAURANT

Nolu's Restaurant Downtown at Galleria Mall, Al Maryah Island

Dishes at Nolu's are hearty and wholesome in equal measure. Inspired by the Afghan recipes owner-chef Marjon Ajami watched her mother bring to passionate Californian foodies, it's a laid back spot and perfect for a leisurely weekend.

nolurestaurant.com

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FAVOURITE ATTRACTION

Yas Waterworld

The city's iconic waterpark has been a top day out since it opened back in 2013. It's home to more than 40 waterslides, rides and attractions, but it's not just stuck at that. Year on year it's brought us new events and activities, including a Mermaid School, in-water 5D cinema; and evening pool parties with international artists. It's no wonder families keep flocking back.

yaswaterworld.com



FAVOURITE BAR

**Velocity Sports Bar at Marriott Downtown
Abu Dhabi**

A night out in Abu Dhabi isn't complete without making your way to Velocity. The popular sports bar is home to quiz nights, happy hours and an after-brunch party that most Abu Dhabi residents have definitely ended up at.

marriottdowntownabudhabilife.com



FAVOURITE CONCERT/FESTIVAL

Yasalam Festival 2018 at du Arena

While the Abu Dhabi F1 is one of the biggest events in the sporting calendar, the after-race concerts are arguably the biggest in the music calendar. Bringing four international acts to the city is no mean feat, but Yasalam Festival manage it year in, year out.

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FAVOURITE NIGHTCLUB Annex at the Abu Dhabi EDITION

Making a sleek contribution to Abu Dhabi's rapidly growing nightlife scene is Annex, a sleek social space split over three floors. Whether you're looking for a rooftop cocktail, chilled drinks with friends over a game of pool, or a night of nostalgic disco, Annex is here to shake up the scene in Abu Dhabi.

editionhotels.com/abu-dhabi

FAVOURITE LADIES' NIGHT Catch at St. Regis Corniche - Abu Dhabi

For a mid-week night out, they don't come better than Catch's Monday ladies' night. Offering unlimited drinks for ladies from 9pm to 1am and sweeping views of the seaside from the rooftop, it's the place to be for a girls get together in the capital.

catch.ae



FAVOURITE SPORTING EVENT Spartan Al Ain Zoo Race 2019

Not one for the fainthearted, this unique obstacle course at Al Ain Zoo saw Abu Dhabi residents bring their serious game faces to tackle more than 20 obstacles over a 5km sprint.

spartanarabia.com

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FAVOURITE FITNESS FACILITY Fitness First Bawabat Al Sharq Mall



FAVOURITE SPA Namm Spa at Dusit Thani Abu Dhabi



FAVOURITE NAIL BAR Nails The Modern Manicure Studio



FAVOURITE HAIR SALON Marquee at Eastern Mangroves Promenade, Abu Dhabi

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FAVOURITE MIDDLE EASTERN RESTAURANT
Kamoon Restaurant at Khalidiya Palace Rayhaan by Rotana Hotel
Abu Dhabi





FAVOURITE BRUNCH
Cafe Palmier – Elements
brunch at Le Royal Meridien
Abu Dhabi



FAVOURITE INDIAN RESTAURANT
MYNT Indian Cuisine
Restaurant Abu Dhabi



FAVOURITE ITALIAN RESTAURANT
Dino's Bistro Italiano, Abu Dhabi

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FAVOURITE JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Cafe Sushi at Fairmont Bab al Bahr



FAVOURITE STEAKHOUSE

The Grill at Marriott Hotel
Al Forsan Abu Dhabi



FAVOURITE ASIAN RESTAURANT

Shang Palace at Shangri-La Hotel
Qaryat Al Beri Abu Dhabi



FAVOURITE BRITISH RESTAURANT

Hemingway's at Radisson Blu
Corniche



FAVOURITE SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Vasco's at Radisson Blu Corniche



FAVOURITE EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

La Brasserie Abu Dhabi



FAVOURITE MODERN AMERICAN RESTAURANT

Market Kitchen at Le Royal
Meridien Abu Dhabi



FAVOURITE LATIN AMERICAN

Amerigos Park Inn by Radisson
Abu Dhabi, Yas Island

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