



# ARABIAN TRAVEL AWARDS



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to all the winners

## ARABIAN TRAVEL AWARDS 2021



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# Stars dazzle amidst challenges

The ATA concluded successfully recognizing the heroes of the travel, tourism and hospitality industry post-pandemic. Personal awards kicked-started the glittering night followed by the company recognition awards.

 Shehara Rizly

**T**he opening speech, Convener for The fourth edition of the Arabian Travel Awards recognized experts of the travel, tourism and hospitality industry at a dazzling event. This year's awards ceremony was graced by three special Chief Guests — His Excellency Mohammad Tarid bin Sufian, Ambassador of Malaysia to the UAE, Her Excellency Hjayceelyn M. Quintana, Ambassador, The Republic of the Philippines, UAE and Dr. Aman Puri, Consul General of India in Dubai.

The evening celebrations started with the cutting of the ribbon, depicting that the event is now in session. It was attended by dignitaries who graced the occasion. His Excellency Mohammad Tarid bin Sufian, Ambassador of Malaysia to the UAE said, "It is an honour to be with all of you this evening. After a short break due to the pandemic, we are here this evening

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In the personal awards category for the first time a Special Tourism Ambassador Award was introduced which was bagged by the foremost tourism professional in the Middle East Gerald Lawless, Ambassador WTTTC. Followed by the Gallery of Legends to CEO AL Naboodah Travel Nasir Jamal Khan. Technology in its forefront changing and adapting in time was recognized as the coveted DDP Gamechanger in the industry awarded to Kathryn Wallington Head, Middle East and Africa, Travelport. vRecognizing the face of the future was none other than Mohamed Khater Regional GM and Managing Partner of Flash Horizon.

Apart from the personal awards recognition as combined industry professionals went out to some of the most prestigious travel, tourism and hospitality brands which were recognized for their efforts during the era of the pandemic hence presentation of over 30 recognition awards ended the evening. 🎉







## Gallery of Legends

### NASIR JAMAL KHAN

It is a great honour to be included in the 'Gallery of Legends' at the Arabian Travel Awards 2021. Recognition at such a high-profile event in the presence of government dignitaries and trade experts is humbling. This achievement serves as motivation for me and my team to enhance our collaboration with our trade partners and accelerate our goals towards growth during this challenging time across the globe. On another note, I would like to compliment the DDP organisers and the TravTalk team for their hard work keeping the industry connected and for organising such a glamorous event.

*The award was given to **Nasir Jamal Khan**, CEO, Al Naboodah Travel*

## Tourism Ambassador

### GERALD LAWLESS

I am deeply honoured to have been recognised at the recent Travel Awards as the Tourism Ambassador for 2021. I sincerely believe in the value of travel and tourism not only to the global economy but also for the industry's contribution to society generally. Travel and tourism connects people of all nationalities, creates understanding and generates respect and tolerance between communities. I very much appreciate the role of Travtalk and its efforts to communicate these benefits to potential travellers everywhere.

*The award was given to **Gerald Lawless**, Ambassador, WTTTC*



## DDP Gamechanger

### KATHRYN WALLINGTON

It goes without saying- being named DDP Gamechanger of the Year is a huge honour. The last two years have been a rollercoaster for our industry. We've all had to dig deep, support one another, and truly reinvent what it means to travel both safely and conveniently. I think we can all be proud of our resilient the travel industry- and all of us- are. In business, you can only achieve real change at scale if you have your team, your customers and your family behind you. I am fortunate enough to have all three in abundance.

*The award was given to **Kathryn Wallington**, Head Middle East and Africa, Travelport*



## Face of the Future

### MOHAMED KHATER

I'm pleased, honoured and humbled to accept this award. This is a great milestone in my career and I'm pleased to receive such a prestigious award. Special thanks to Arabian Travel Awards team for the significant event. Big salute to all this year nominees who made great contributions to the industry. And of course, thanks to God, family, friends, colleagues and team who always supported me. I always believe that the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

*The award was given to **Mohamed Khater**, Regional Manager and Managing Partner, Flash Horizon*







## Travel Trendsetter

### SALIH GOZCU

It is a great honour and privilege to be recognized as the travel trendsetter at this year's Arabian travel awards. At a time when we faced unprecedented challenges, to have emerged as a travel trendsetter is truly thanks to the team behind me who helped right throughout to ensure that we stayed relevant and made the right choices during the pandemic and now when we see the light at the end of the tunnel.

*The award was received by **Salih Gozcu**, CEO, BTB Tours*

## Most Dynamic International Tourism Board in UAE

### SPAIN TOURISM

The ATA has brought the industry together after a long and difficult time. Tourism has been hardly affected but at this ceremony we are celebrating the resilience, and commitment of some of the best actors of the UAE panorama. After opening an office in the region seven years ago, we are increasing our exposure and this awards certifies that we are on the right track.

*The award was received by **Daniel Rosado Bayón**, Director, Spain Tourism Office, Tourism Counsellor GCC*



## Most Dedicated Team at Covid Quarantine Hotel

### BAB AL QASR, ABU DHABI

Thank you to the Arabian Travel Awards 2021. We were humbled to receive the Most Dedicated Team at Covid Quarantine Hotel Award, for on behalf of Bab Al Qasr Hotel, Abu Dhabi. Our team was recognised for their contribution towards UAE's recovery. For the past 21 months they helped over 10,000 UAE Nationals recover with their courage and their care for humanity. They are our heroes and I am proud to be part of this team.

— Nemo Acimovic, General Manager

*The award was received by **Nemo Acimovic**, General Manager and **Elias Saad**, Director of Food and Beverage*



## Most Promising General Manager

### ISSAM SLAIMI

We are extremely gratified about this award. Firstly, I want to appreciate the members of the jury for choosing our Hotel as the Best City Hotel of the year and showing great respect for us with this prize. I am greatly delighted to be chosen for the most promising GM of the Year award, it is a big privilege and respect. The biggest appreciation goes to the Staff and hotel owners who has helped me to have the overwhelming achievement for the past few years. We wish to express our gratitude to Travtalk and Arabian Travel award for giving us the opportunity to be part of the prestigious awards ceremony. We all had enjoyed the event.

*The award was received by **Issam Slaimi**, General Manager, Golden Tulip Media Hotel*

## Best Visa Outsourcing Company

### VFS GLOBAL

This recognition reinstates that we maintained our service excellence amidst the pandemic. This is a part of the unwavering commitment demonstrated by VFS Global over the past 20 years. We are honoured and inspired to continue serving our client governments and customers.

— Atul Marwah, Head-Middle East & North Africa, VFS Global

*The award was received by **Monaz Billimoria**, Deputy Regional Head, UAE & Qatar and **Atul Marwah**, Head-Middle East & North Africa*



## Best Travel Management Company – ME

### KANOO TRAVEL

I am delighted about the recognitions received by Kanoo Travel as it reflects the immense efforts exemplified by our team. The continued strength demonstrated by Kanoo Travel, of course, would not be possible without the continued trust of our clients. Thank you for believing in our devotion to bring the best travel services in the region.

— Zaeem Gama, CEO

*The award was received by **Aubrey Heldt**, GM Operations, Kanoo Travel; **Amit Gupta**, Head - MICE & Holidays and **Nayem Syed**, Head Client - Management*



# Industrious efforts of experts lauded

The fourth edition of the Arabian Travel Awards honoured all industry heroes. This year's awards were a culmination of their struggles and obstacles, which they triumphed over to the best of their abilities. It was a night of celebration for everyone who worked tirelessly during the pandemic while still making a difference in the New Normal.







## Most Trusted Travel Partner in the ME

### COZMO TRAVEL

Arabian Travel awards serves to acknowledge, reward and celebrate excellent sectors of travel and tourism industry in the region. We are proud winning this prestigious award once again as the most trusted travel partner. During the year of the pandemic and the most difficult times, trust is an important factor and it proved to be very critical for business during the pandemic years from the point of view in terms of the airline or agency as they struggled to keep their business going. I dedicate this prestigious award to every staff member of Cozmo and I thank the ATA for organizing this event continuously for the past three years.

— Jamal Abdunazar, CEO, Cozmo Travel

The award was received by **Malik Naseer**, Head of Operations; **Vijay GB**, CTO; **Jamal Abdunazar**, CEO and **Deepa Rajesh**, Director of Sales & Business Development



## Best City Hotel Apartments

### CITY PREMIERE HOTEL APARTMENTS

After 20 months of challenges in hospitality we are thrilled to be recognized as "Best City Hotel Apartments" of the year. Our pride and award goes to the dedication of City Premiere Hotel Apartments team who work hard to constantly exceed guests' expectations. In the presence of H.E. Mohd Tarid Sufian Ambassador for Malaysia in UAE, H.E. Hjayceelyn Quintana Ambassador for Philippines in UAE and Mr. Sanjeet from DDP Publications. Thank you to the entire team of Arabian Travel Awards for recognition and for this significant event!

The award was received by **Nabeel Bayoun**, General Manager, City Premiere Hotel Apartments



## Best Luxury Hotel

### MAKKAH HOTELS AND TOWERS

We are proud to receive the prestigious Best Luxury Hotel in KSA award for Makkah Hotel and Towers. This accolade demonstrates the hotel and Towers' strength in the market and its position as the regional and global leading hotel brand for pilgrims and visitors from around the Islamic world. The testament goes to the dedication of Makkah Hotel and Towers team who work hard to constantly exceed guests' expectations.

The award was received by **Saad Khayat**, Cluster General Manager, Makkah Hotel & Towers

## Most Exemplary Tourism Authority

### TOURISM MALAYSIA - DUBAI OFFICE

Tourism Malaysia is delighted to receive such a recognition from ATA. This is a great achievement for our office during a very challenging year. Even when Malaysia was close for tourists due to the pandemic, we still continued to engage with the travel & tourism industry and update them about new tourism products in Malaysia. Since 15 Nov 2021, Malaysia has already opened the beautiful island of Langkawi for tourists.

— Mirza Ghalib, Deputy Director - Tourism Malaysia, Dubai

The award was received by **Mirza Ghalib**, Deputy Director - Tourism Malaysia, Dubai; **Felisa Faisal**, Marketing Executive - Tourism Malaysia, Dubai and **Amir Muhammad Hanif**, Marketing Manager - Tourism Malaysia, Dubai



## Best African Airline

### RWANDAIR

This year's awards have been diverse and we were able to witness different categories of service providers within the travel and tourism industry. The occasion itself was such a great opportunity to bring together industry players to share the spirit of what can be termed as "revival" from a tough period characterized by the pandemic. There was a true sense of inspiration from the event especially considering that not so long ago, the industry had cast in very uncertain times. The event served as a true reflection of the resilience from industry players.

— Reuben Mbonye, Country Manager U.A.E, RwandaAir

The award was received by **Reuben Mbonye**, Country Manager U.A.E and **Arnold Anthony**, Sales Manager







## Best GSA

### AL NABOODAH TRAVEL

We are absolutely thrilled to win 'The Best GSA Award' at the Arabian Travel Awards 2021 for the third year in a row. Al Naboodah Travel began its journey in 1973 as a travel agency along with GSA, representing some of the world's most renowned international airlines. Since inception, we have worked bilaterally with our partner airlines towards common goals of growth and success, continuously expanding our portfolio throughout the journey. This award ensures that we continue striving towards success in the future.

The award was received by **Nasir Jamal Khan**, CEO, Al Naboodah Travel



## Best Travel Technology Provider

### TRAVELPORT

Well before the pandemic began, we started to work on our next generation platform, Travelport. We have been laser-focused on simplifying how brands connect, upgrading how travel is sold, and enabling modern digital retailing, and to win Best Technology Provider is such an achievement to everyone at the company who has worked tirelessly on this mission.

The award was received by **Kathryn Wallington**, Head Middle East and Africa, Travelport



## Best 5 Star Family Hotel, Makkah

### MILLENNIUM MAKKAH AL NASEEM HOTEL

The award was received by **Sathis M Aravinda**, Regional Director of Revenue, Sales, Distribution & Digital, Middle East & Africa and **Haitham Assem**, Regional Director of Marketing & Communications, Middle East & Africa

## Best Family Friendly Hotel

### SWISSOTEL AL GHURAIR

It is an honor to be recognized with a regional award of a family-friendly hotel in the Middle East, Africa and India, and we are truly humbled by it. Swissotel Al Ghurair will continue its efforts to make this premium luxury hotel a family-friendly destination in the city with thoughtful amenities, features, and offers. Right from the stunning ceremony to the beautifully sculpted award, it was absolute pleasure to be a part of the event and we look forward to participating next year.

— Dominic Arel, General Manager

The award was received by **Dominic Arel**, General Manager and **Tunde Nagy**, Director of Sales & Marketing



## Best DMC, UAE

### BTB TOURS

Winning a second recognition award as the best DMC is truly a great honour for myself and my team for their tireless efforts to take us to the next level weathering the storm during the dark days. Our dreams are slowly but steadily coming into reality and to be recognized for our efforts by the Arabian travel awards is truly an amazing experience. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the organisers behind the awards for hosting an impressive night.

The award was received by **Anastasiya Gozcu**, General Manager, BTB Tours





# A gathering of industry professionals







## Fastest Growing Holiday Homes Company

### EVERLUXE HOLIDAY HOMES

We are grateful to our families, our team and most of all to this great country for the exemplary vision. We are so honored to have our work recognized in this way by the ATA this year. We will continue our efforts to create an even better experience for our guests and we look forward to creating innovative solutions for many years to come.

— Sandeep K Sahni, Founder

The award was received by **Sandeep K Sahni**, Founder and **Asfand Yar Khan**, General Manager, Everluxe Holiday Homes

## Best Desert Resort

### TILAL LIWA HOTEL

The award highlights the positive atmosphere for the entire team to continue providing the best experience to every guest. We continue to level up our products, services, offers and strengthen our commitment towards delivering the mix of Arabian hospitality, culture, and unique desert stay to all our valued guests and travellers visiting the region.

— Andre Struckmeier, General Manager

The award was received by **Andre Struckmeier**, General Manager and **Imane Aadjou**, Cluster Assistant Director of Sales, Tilal Liwa Hotel



## Best MICE Hotel

### LE MERIDIEN DUBAI HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

We are very thankful to ATA for recognizing Le Meridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre as the Best Mice Hotel. We are proud of this achievement, and it is indeed a reflection of the efforts put in by our team to ensure that our guests are taken care of and are provided with Le Meridien Dubai's finest services consistently. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our guests who have supported us throughout the years. Moving forward we strive to consistently enhance the services we offer and to exceed all expectations of our valued guests and partners.

The award was received by **Saskia Evraert**, Complex Hotel Manager, Le Meridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre



## Best 4 Star Business Hotel

### COPTHORNE HOTEL DUBAI

I would like to share this recognition of being the best 4-star Business Hotel to the whole team of Copthorne Hotel Dubai whose dedication significantly contributed to delivering bespoke service to our guests. We are grateful to receive this award and it inspires us to uplift our practices to deliver better guest experience.

— Shady Dawad, GM

The award was received by **Shady Dawad**, General Manager and **Noushad Abdulrahim**, Director of Sales & Marketing



## Most Virtually Active Tourism Board

### SINGAPORE TOURISM BOARD, MIDDLE EAST

It is a proud moment for Singapore Tourism Board to be recognized by Arabian Travel Awards as the Most Virtually Active Tourism Board for the virtual initiatives, webinars and events done during the pandemic to keep our valued travel trade partners engaged and updated about the destination. Singapore Tourism Board is grateful to its partners for their resilience and support, through these challenging times. We will continue to explore initiatives that will help strengthen our trade relationships while we chart our pathways to tourism recovery.

The award was received by **Beverly Au Yong**, Area Director, Singapore Tourism Board, Middle East





# A swanky affair on glitzy night







## Best DMC, Oman

### BAHWAN TOURISM

**B**ahwan Tourism LLC, a flagship company of Suhail Bahwan Group has recently won the ATA as “Best Destination Management Company-Oman”. The award was conferred in recognition of Bahwan Tourism’s outstanding performance as a Destination Management Company. Bahwan Tourism is a pioneer in Oman with over 45 years of experience in every aspect of travel industry. The General Manager of Bahwan Tourism, S.A. Gururaj appreciates this award as it carries a lot of value especially during post-pandemic scenario to promote Tourism in Oman.

— S A Gururaj, GM, Bahwan Tourism

The award was received by **Abdullah Mansoor Al Jabri**, Manager, Holidays, Bahwan Tourism



## Most Active in Information Dissemination Campaign

### GERMAN NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE, GULF COUNTRIES

**W**ith the Arabian Travel Awards viewed as a longstanding linchpin for the regional travel sector, GNTTO being recognised as the ‘Most Active Tourism Board in Information Dissemination Campaign’ is a tremendous honour for the organization. Throughout the pandemic, we have endeavored to keep travellers across the GCC informed of both relevant developments in Germany and the recovery of the domestic tourism sector. This award acknowledges our efforts thus far, and simultaneously fuels our desire to continue keeping the region informed of all ongoing developments and advancements in the sector.

— Yamina Sofo, Director, Sales and Marketing

The award was received by **Nicole Zaspel**, Senior Manager, Sales and Marketing, German National Tourist Office, Gulf Countries



## Best Contemporary Hotel Apartments

### CITY PREMIERE MARINA HOTEL APARTMENTS

**W**e are humbled to be recognized as the “Best Contemporary Hotel Apartments” of the year. Thank you to the ATA team for making us the part of this event. After almost 20 months of challenges, the event acknowledged and awarded the stalwarts of the industry along with other hard working tourism and hospitality partners in the region. I am earnestly grateful to the entire team of City Premiere Marina Hotel Apartments for their hard work and dedication.

The award was received by **Mohamed Dessouky**, Resident Manager, City Premiere Marina Hotel Apartments

## Outstanding Showcase of Resilience

### EXPO 2020

**E**xpo 2020 Dubai’s premise has always been to provide a platform for global collaboration and optimism. Our resilience reflects a collective global optimism, from the vision and leadership of Dubai and the UAE, to a steadfast commitment from over 200 participants, including 192 nations and our partners, and millions of visitors from around the world who have come together with a shared purpose to help build a better future for all. We are grateful for the support of the UAE tourism industry – airlines, hotels, tourism boards and destination management companies – in making Expo 2020 a reality. We celebrate and share this award with them.

The award was received by **Sumathi Ramanathan**, Vice President, Market Strategy, Sales and Sales & Analytics, Expo 2020



## Best Luxury & MICE Hotel

### GRAND MILLENNIUM TABUK

**W**e Applauding this achievement, **Jalal Nasser**, Cluster General Manager, Grand Millennium Tabuk, Giza and Millennium Hail, commented, “We are proud of this recognition as it reflects the dedication of our team to provide our guests with an exceptional luxury experience. We are honoured to dedicate this award to the city of Tabuk and our owner, The Higher Education Fund. From the very beginning of Grand Millennium Tabuk, two years ago, we have been the hotel of choice for our partners to host all key events in Tabuk city. Although Grand Millennium Tabuk has become a landmark, we will continue to elevate our services setting a brand new level of hospitality.”

The award was received by **Jalal Nasser**, Cluster General Manager, Grand Millennium Tabuk, Giza and Millennium Hail







## Leading Travel Agency for restarting Covid recovery

### KANOO TRAVEL

**T**he division has contributed to lifting the travel and leisure industry in the region and strengthening the Kanoo name. This is testimony to our commitment to garner success despite the challenges posed by coronavirus. I am happy to be part of the team. — Zaeem Gama, CEO

The award was received by **Aubrey Heldt**, GM Operations, Kanoo Travel



## Most Engaging Tourism Board

### TOURISM IRELAND, MIDDLE EAST & ASIA

**T**ourism Ireland is thrilled and honoured to win The Most Engaging Tourism Board 2021 at the Arabian Travel Awards. We've worked really hard to keep the island of Ireland front of mind and to keep inspiring visitors as to why the island of Ireland is an exceptional holiday destination for families, friends, couples and solo travellers. We have unique experiences to suit all visitors. Thanks to everyone at TravTalk and the travel trade for your ongoing support for Tourism Ireland.

The award was received by **Siobhan McManamy**, Director of Markets – Tourism Ireland; **Aisling McDermott**, Manager Middle East & Asia - Tourism Ireland and **Siobhán Naughton**, Marketing & Trade Executive Middle East & Asia - Tourism Ireland



## Best City Hotel

### GOLDEN TULIP MEDIA HOTEL

**W**e are pleased to be selected for the award. My respect to all the members of the jury for choosing our Hotel as the Best City Hotel of the year. We are humbled to receive the ATA award. The recognition goes to the team and hotel owners for the support to the company during its success for the past years. I want to give my appreciation to Travtalk and Arabian Travel award for giving us the opportunity to be part of the prestigious awards ceremony. Words cannot express my sincere appreciation to the organizers of this event. — Issam Salimi, GM

The award was received by **Victoria Naydenova**, Front Office Manager and **Issam Slaimi**, General Manager and **Ajith De Alwis**, Financial Controller

## Best 5 Star Luxury Hotel, Ajman

### BAHI AJMAN PALACE HOTEL

**O**n behalf of the entire staff of Bahi Ajman Palace Hotel, I would like to thank Arabian Travel Awards 2021 for this recognition, especially my team for their continuous hard work and extraordinary dedication to always go beyond the guest's expectations. The award crowns our distinctive hospitality, top-notch service standards and impeccable service offerings. The property beams with pride as we accept the awards.

The award was received by **Iftikhar Hamdani**, Area General Manager - Bahi Ajman Palace Hotel/Coral Beach Resort Sharjah



## Best Business Hotel

### MEDIA ROTANA DUBAI

**D**espite the unprecedented challenging year, we are proud to have continued to innovate, surprise and impress our guests with exceptional experiences. Our loyal guests recognized and applauded our efforts to introduce fresh new concepts and deliver safe and memorable experiences. It is our commitment to our guests that has culminated in this prestigious award. We are proud of our team whose world-class service standard led to winning this award. I am confident this award will be a great motivation for all of us to continue to deliver the highest standards to all our guests. — Sherif Madkour, GM

The award was received on behalf of Media Rotana Dubai







## Chief Guest

### HIS EXCELLENCY, MOHAMMAD TARID BIN SUFIAN

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## Hospitality Partner

### LE MERIDIEN DUBAI HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE

We are delighted to be the Hospitality Partner of the ATA 2021. Having been established in the industry for over 50 years, we understand the importance of those who are engaged in the hospitality, travel and tourism sectors but also to the many others who support every aspect of the industry. Having this opportunity to support these major players in the market is an absolute pleasure.

*The award was given to Saskia Evraert, Complex Hotel Manager, Le Meridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre*







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