

Yas Viceroy Wins Two Gourmet Abu Dhabi Awards





Atayeb awarded Regional Cuisine Restaurant of the Year Rika Yusmita awarded Restaurant Host of the Year

06 March 2012. Yas Viceroy, Abu Dhabi's most iconic address, is delighted to announce that it has won two prestigious Gourmet Abu Dhabi Awards.

Rika Yusmita was awarded the celebrated **Restaurant Host of the Year** honour for her intuitive service at Kazu, the hotel's Japanese restaurant. Rika, an Indonesian national, has spent the last 15 years working across leading hospitality companies such as Jakarta Borobudur Intercontinental, Jumeirah Emirates Towers Hotel and Yas Viceroy. It was at the latter two properties that her love for Japanese cuisine blossomed. Not resting on her laurels and award, Rika holds big plans for the restaurant "I see a great deal of potential in Kazu to become the finest Japanese restaurant in the UAE, this is why I joined the hotel 3 years ago".

Regional Cuisine Restaurant of the Year was awarded to <u>Atayeb</u>, Yas Viceroy's signature regional Mediterranean and Arabian restaurant where your palate is treated to a delectable marriage of old world taste and modern flair. **Chef Wafaei**, has created an award winning menu combining classic and contemporary Middle Eastern dishes and flavours including Tajines and couscous dishes from Tunisia, Lebanon and Syria, all of which are cooked over



custom made charcoal stoves and grills. On receiving the Award, Chef Wafaei commented: "Atayeb is committed to redefining the traditional concept of Middle Eastern food through innovative dishes and exemplarily service. We are delighted to have been awarded Regional Cuisine Restaurant of the Year by Gourmet Abu Dhabi."

Reflecting on the awards, Julide Nuss, Executive Assistant Manager in charge of Food & Beverage commented: "It is a fantastic honour for Yas Viceroy to be awarded two prestigious awards from the public and leading industry peers. Our Food and Beverage offerings founded on quality and creativity have long been the cornerstones of our hotel. Likewise the intuitive service and innovative culinary experiences that Rika has brought to Kazu are a benchmark for all Abu Dhabi and UAE restaurants."

About Viceroy Hotel Group

<u>Viceroy Hotel Group</u> delivers one-of-a-kind lifestyle experiences that bring together provocative design and intuitive service in sought-after locations. Signature brand amenities and services created for the diverse business and leisure guests include dynamic dining venues featuring world-class culinary talents and destination spas specializing in health, fitness and beauty. Current properties include hotels and resorts in **Abu Dhabi**, **Anguilla**, **Beverly Hills**, **Miami**, **New York**, **Palm Springs**, **Riviera Maya**, **Santa Monica**, **Snowmass**, **St. Lucia** and **Zihuatanejo** with forthcoming openings in the Maldives and Bodrum, Turkey.

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