

British Chamber of Commerce Abu Dhabi

Annual Gala Ball & Recognition Awards Ceremony 2024

Celebrating our 3rd anniversary of the British Chamber of Commerce Abu Dhabi, we will be recognizing our members who have excelled over the last 12 months at our British Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala Ball & Recognition Award Ceremony on Friday 13th December 2024.

The Chamber Recognition Awards have been designed to ensure that our members receive the acknowledgement that they deserve for their hard work over the previous year.

Award for Digital Innovation

Recognizing organizations with a focus on digital innovation, this award has been designed for businesses that can demonstrate that they have embraced digitization and have used technology to increase their profitability.

The company must demonstrate:

- Clear demonstration of embracing digitalization
- Use of technology to increase profitability
- Measurable increase in the output of services or products

New Business of the Year Award (trading less than 3 yrs)

This award is open to businesses that have been trading for less than 3 years and seeks to recognize the determination and hard work of entrepreneurs across the UAE.

The company must demonstrate:

- Passion, vision and capacity for realising this vision.
- Sound research and planning, with a focus on future growth
- Creative thinking and problem-solving

Young Person/Apprentice Award

This award is to highlight the exceptional contribution of a young person or an apprentice, aged 30 or under, to the success and growth of a business based in Abu Dhabi.

The nominated person should demonstrate:

- They have developed and grown their skill set
- Made a significant contribution to the business

- Enthusiasm, dedication and a positive attitude

Business Growth Award

This award is open to businesses of all sizes and recognizes those that have experienced exceptional growth in sales, profit, market share, jobs, or international trade. Judges will be looking for an organization that can demonstrate the highest levels of growth with a strong plan for sustainable financial performance.

The company must demonstrate:

- Significant growth and/or expansion
- Innovative products, services, applications and/or operations
- Financial performance
- Plans for further growth and/or expansion

Made a Difference Award

This award recognizes a business, or one of their employees, that have made a difference to the social well-being of their local community. This could be through volunteer work or by any means where the business or employee has gone above and beyond to support their community.

The company or individual must demonstrate:

- The aims of the project or initiative that they have been involved in
- Rationale or reasons for doing it
- Activities undertaken
- The impact that you or your company's activities have had on your local community

Eligibility

In order to be eligible to enter the Annual Recognition Awards you need to be:

ALL CATEGORIES

1. You can self-nominate if you are: A member of the British Chamber of Commerce Abu Dhabi
2. If you are a member of the British Chamber of Commerce Abu Dhabi you can nominate a company and/or an individual who fits the Awards criteria.

What do I have to do to nominate?

Choose Award Category – select an award category that is most relevant to you and your company's achievements.

Review Judging Criteria – carefully review judging criteria. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Complete Nomination Form online – we encourage creativity and the use of bullet points. Concise and highlight only the achievements of the last 12 months. No more than 500 words.

All nominees are expected to allow details to be publicised and shared (e.g. announcements on shortlisted nominations etc)

Who decides the shortlist? Who decides the winner?

The Annual Recognition Awards are organised and run by the British Chamber of Commerce Abu Dhabi. A committee oversees the nomination process under the Chairmanship of a Chamber Board member. The committee is responsible for making the decision which submissions are put forward as a finalist in each category. The committee is made up of members of the British Chamber Board and the British Embassy. If a committee member has a connection with or represents a nominated company/individual then he/she is excluded from discussions on submissions for the relevant categories.

Judging Process

Each category has 1 judge. This judge scores each submission & the highest scored submission is the winner. Each nomination will be judged using the following matrix. Each category has 3-4 judging criteria. The judges wish to see each of these points addressed in your submission. Each point will be scored using the following matrix:

0 point – No Evidence

2 points – Minimal Evidence

5 points – Clear Strong Evidence

All nominations are reviewed by the Business Awards Committee. Based on the scoring matrix, a shortlist is drawn up. These short listed entries will be passed on to the Judges for final scoring and the entry with the highest total will be declared the winner. In the event of two companies

receiving the same final score, a separate judge from another industry will be asked to score the submission with the highest score from this judge will be declared the winner.

The Judges then return the score sheets and the results are tabulated confidentially. The results remain confidential until the Awards Ceremony Gala Dinner which will take place on 13th December 2024 at The Club.

Can I enter more than one category?

You can enter as many categories as you wish, providing you meet the set category criteria and provide a unique entry relevant to each one.

What is the deadline to submit a nomination?

All nominations must be submitted online by 21st November 2024.