

FAB 2025 award winners revealed in Barcelona; Bengaluru to host 2026 event

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SPAIN/INTERNATIONAL. Incheon International Airport has been recognised with the top honour at the 2025 Airport Food & Beverage (FAB) + Hospitality Awards.

The Korean airport won the ultimate Airport Food & Beverage Offer of the Year accolade, presented today (26 June) during a memorable gala dinner at the magnificent Maritime Museum of Barcelona.

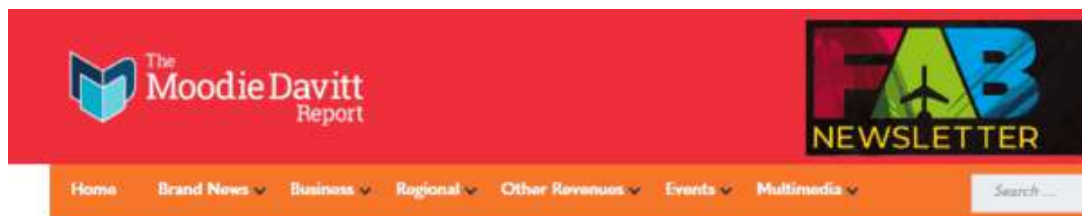
The Incheon International Airport Corporation-operated travel hub was also awarded the Asia Pacific title in the same category.

The other regional winners were Denver International Airport for the DEN Concourse Marketplace (Americas); Areas for its F&B programme at Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport (Europe); and two-time overall winner Qatar Duty Free for its renowned F&B offer at Hamad International Airport (Middle East & Africa).



Our FABulous 2025 winners pose for a commemorative photo at the end of the awards ceremony

Meanwhile, the impressive F&B offers from Beijing Daxing International, Singapore Changi and Heathrow airports achieved Highly Commended status.



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Bangalore International Airport Limited to host FAB Conference and Awards in 2026

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INDIA. Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) will host the 2026 edition of the Airport Food & Beverage (FAB) + Hospitality Conference and Awards in Bengaluru.

The news was announced at last night's FAB Awards in Barcelona, with dates for next year to be confirmed soon.

A special handover ceremony took place at the close of the FAB Awards, with an exchange of gifts by this year's host airport company Aena and 2026 host BIAL.



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It was revealed that the overall winner, Incheon International Airport Corporation, just edged it in an intensely close contest against the six other finalists named above.



Bottega President Sandro Bottega with Martin Moodie and Dermot Davitt after receiving his special Outstanding Contribution to the Airport Food & Beverage Industry Award

One of the judges had noted: "This entry exemplifies the value of constantly keeping improving. The Incheon F&B offer has transformed and become an absolute powerhouse for the airport commercially and a highly respected and loved part of the guest experience.

"This journey has not been an easy one for the airport and so this makes it so much more impressive for what they have achieved. The scale and diversity of the offer is incredible.



Incheon International Airport Corporation Manager (F&B Management Team) Seungpil Lim proudly collected the Airport Food & Beverage Offer of the Year Award

“This entry shows that human touches and a curated focus on the guest and their experiences will deliver huge commercial success and that makes it a standout submission.”

These airport submissions were among a record 430 fiercely competitive entries received for the FAB Awards and FAB Superstars Awards (see our story [here](#)) categories this year, all of which recognise excellence across the travel F&B and hospitality sector.

The winners of the 23 categories were revealed at the superb gala dinner courtesy of hosts Spanish airports operator Aena, with food service provided by Areas and support from Avolta for the cocktail reception.

There were also two special judges' awards presented. The first, the FAB Award For Daring Innovation, went to Avolta's Hungry Club, which features the culinary genius of Michelin-starred Spanish Chef Dabiz Muñoz.



The Avolta Hungry Club team line up on stage with Martin Moodie and Dermot Davitt after winning the special judges' award for Daring Innovation

The concept has proved so successful since its debut that five locations are already open in Spain and three new ones are planned. Foreign expansion is also now on the agenda.

Bottega President Sandro Bottega was honoured with a special award for his Outstanding Contribution to the Airport F&B industry. In announcing the award, The Moodie Davitt Report Founder & Chairman Martin Moodie described the Italian entrepreneur as a “globetrotting business genius”.

Sandro Bottega created the Prosecco Bar concept and has to date developed with partners almost 30 expressions of the concept across Europe and Asia, “serving and delighting and putting a smile on the face and a bubble or two into the step of some 1.5 million customers a year”, Moodie said.

The outstanding performers this year were selected by our distinguished panel of judges, led by The Moodie Davitt Report Founder & Chairman Martin Moodie.

Other judges included Nick Inkster, a highly respected consultant who spent 25 years in senior roles with SSP; Concession Planning International Managing Partner Susan Gray; Marketplaces Project Director – Leasing Services Jonathan Doughty; Hunter Palmer – Global Retail Solutions Co-Founder Nick Goddard-Palmer; The Hayward

Partnership Airport and Airline F&B and M&A Specialist Robert Shepherd; and Trippas White Group CEO Kevin Zajax.

Here is the full roll of honour (in category alphabetical order):

Airport Bar or Pub of the Year – Airport ≤20M passengers

Category Joint Winner: Shelby & Co Bar + Kitchen – SSP UK & Ireland, Birmingham Airport, UK

Category Joint Winner: Vin Room – Calgary International Airport, Canada

Americas Regional Winner: Vin Room – Calgary International Airport, Canada

Asia Pacific Regional Winner: Tickerdaze – BTA, Almaty International Airport, Kazakhstan

Europe Regional Winner: Shelby & Co Bar + Kitchen – SSP UK & Ireland, Birmingham Airport, UK

Airport Bar or Pub of the Year – Airport ≥20M passengers

Winner: Lokal +48 – Lagardère Travel Retail, Warsaw Chopin Airport, Poland

Americas: UrbanCrave – SSP America, Washington Dulles International Airport, USA

Asia Pacific: Intervals Bar – Plaza Premium Group, Hong Kong International Airport, Hong Kong SAR

Europe: Lokal +48 – Lagardère Travel Retail, Warsaw Chopin Airport, Poland

Middle East & Africa: O'Regan's Irish Bar & Restaurant – Dubai International Hotel, Dubai International Airport, UAE

Airport Casual Dining Restaurant of the Year – Airport ≤20M passengers

Winner: The BBQ Experience – Outstanding Hospitality Management, Kansas City International Airport, USA

Americas: The BBQ Experience – Outstanding Hospitality Management, Kansas City International Airport, USA

Asia Pacific: Irish House – Travel Food Services, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, India

Europe: Monty's Diner – SSP UK & Ireland, Liverpool John Lennon Airport, UK

Middle East & Africa: Cravings Restaurant and Bar – Sunshine Retail, Bole Addis Ababa International Airport, Ethiopia

Airport Casual Dining Restaurant of the Year – Airport ≥20M passengers

Joint Winner (International Segment): Asian Street Kitchen – Emirates Leisure Retail, Dubai International Airport, UAE

Joint Winner (Domestic Segment): Luke Mangan – Airport Retail Enterprises (SSP Asia Pacific), Sydney Airport, Australia

Americas: Sunday's Best – SSP America, Salt Lake City International Airport, USA

Asia Pacific: Luke Mangan – Airport Retail Enterprises (SSP Asia Pacific), Sydney Airport, Australia

Europe: Falconi's – Kuffler Group & Fraport, Frankfurt Airport, Germany

Middle East & Africa: Asian Street Kitchen – Emirates Leisure Retail, Dubai International Airport, UAE

Airport Chef of the Year

Winner: Chef Subhash Chander – Plaza Premium Group, Multiple airports

In addition, the following ten chefs have been **Highly Commended** in this category:

Chef Aman Dev – Bengaluru Airport Services, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, India

Chef Aniruddha Limaye – Travel Food Services, Multiple airports, India, Hong Kong, Malaysia

Chef Dabiz Muñoz – Hungry Club (Avolta), Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport, Spain

Chef Daniel Young – Sunset Loop Bar & Grill, Denver International Airport, USA

Chef Sebastien Crouzat – Qatar Duty Free, Hamad International Airport, Qatar

Chef Daniel Lewis – Lagardère Travel Retail, King Khalid International Airport, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Chef Javier Plascencia – Areas, Tijuana International Airport, Mexico

Chef John Paul – The Draft House, Emirates Leisure Retail, Dubai International Airport, UAE

Chef Kyriacos Alexiou – SSP Eastern Europe and Middle East, Larnaca and Paphos International Airports, Cyprus

Chef Vibhooti Pokharel – Asian Street Kitchen, Emirates Leisure Retail, Dubai International Airport, UAE

Airport Coffee or Tea Shop of the Year

Joint winner (Coffee Shop Segment): Peet's At Night – SSP America, Boston Logan International Airport, USA

Joint winner (Tea Shop Segment): T9 Premium Tea – Avolta, Shanghai Pudong Airport, China

Americas: Peet's At Night – SSP America, Boston Logan International Airport, USA

Asia Pacific: Premium Tea – Avolta, Shanghai Pudong Airport, China

Europe: Gateau – SSP, Stockholm Arlanda Airport, Sweden

Middle East & Africa (Joint Winner): Aida Café – SSP Eastern Europe and Middle East, King Abdulaziz International Airport, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Middle East & Africa (Joint Winner): FIX – Lagardère Travel Retail, Dubai International Airport, UAE

Highly Commended: Paragon Tea Room – Avolta, Vancouver International Airport, Canada

Airport Customer/Hospitality Initiative of the Year

Winner: iCoupon – multiple airports

Highly Commended: Capital One Landing – Capital One, Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, USA

Highly Commended: Plaza Premium Lounge – Plaza Premium Group, Multiple airports

Highly Commended: SSP America's Service From The Heart – SSP America, Multiple airports

Airport Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Initiative of the Year

Winner: Cafe Yanımda – TUM, İGA İstanbul Airport, Türkiye

Highly Commended: 'Mothers of Pride' – Travel Food Services, multiple airports, India

Airport Food & Beverage Digital Initiative of the Year

Winner: Club Avolta – Avolta, multiple airports

Airport Food & Beverage Marketing Campaign of the Year

Winner: Domestic Terminal Southern Retail Launch – Brisbane Airport Corporation, Australia

Americas: DEN Perks Depart Inspired – Denver International Airport, USA

Asia Pacific: Domestic Terminal Southern Retail Launch – Brisbane Airport Corporation, Australia

Europe: Airbräu Anniversary – Allresto Flughafen München Hotel & Gaststätte, Munich Airport, Germany

Middle East & Africa: Fred's Coffee Party at Jones the Grocer – Avolta, Dubai International Airport, UAE

Highly Commended: Airbräu Anniversary – Allresto Flughafen München Hotel & Gaststätte, Munich Airport, Germany

Highly Commended: Incheon An-Nyung Sand – Paris Croissant, Incheon International Airport, Republic of Korea

Highly Commended: The Crossover Effect – BTA, Almaty International Airport, Kazakhstan

Airport Food & Beverage Offer Best Representing Sense of Place

Winner (Lounge segment): 080 International Lounge – Bengaluru Airport Services, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, India

Winner (Restaurant segment): Central Tiffin Room – CTR VTP Hospitality Private Limited, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, India

Americas: Oven and Shaker – SSP America, Portland International Airport, USA

Asia Pacific (Joint Winner): 080 International Lounge – Bengaluru Airport Services, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, India

Asia Pacific (Joint Winner): Central Tiffin Room – CTR VTP Hospitality Private Limited, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, India

Europe: Café Iruña Berria – Lagardère Travel Retail, Bilbao Airport, Spain

Middle East & Africa: Eastern Europe and Middle East, Bahrain International Airport, Bahrain

Airport Food & Beverage Offer of the Year

Winner: Incheon International Airport – Incheon International Airport Corporation, Republic of Korea

Americas: Denver International Airport – DEN Concourse Marketplace, Denver International Airport, USA

Asia Pacific: Incheon International Airport – Incheon International Airport Corporation, Republic of Korea

Europe: Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport – Areas, Spain

Middle East & Africa: Hamad International Airport – Qatar Duty Free, Qatar

Highly Commended: Beijing Daxing International Airport – Beijing Capital Airport Food Management Co, China

Highly Commended: Changi Airport – Changi Airport Group, Singapore

Highly Commended: Heathrow Airport, UK

Airport Food & Beverage Opening of the Year

Winner: Le Café Cyril Lignac at Louis Vuitton – London Heathrow Airport Terminal 2, UK

Americas: Food Hall – OTG Management, LaGuardia Airport, USA

Asia Pacific: Joshh – Travel Food Services/Adani Airport Holdings, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport Terminal 2, India

Europe: Le Café Cyril Lignac at Louis Vuitton – London Heathrow Airport Terminal 2, UK

Middle East & Africa: Infin'eat – Lagardère Travel Retail, King Khalid International Airport, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Highly Commended: Hungry Club – Avolta, Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport, Spain

Highly Commended: Marché Bistro – Lagardère Travel Retail, Hamburg Airport, Germany

Airport Food Hall of the Year – Airport ≤ 20 M passengers

Winner: Food Court – Aeropuertos Uruguay, Carrasco International Airport, Uruguay



Asia Pacific: Gox Village (MOPA Landside) – Travel Food Services, Manohar International Airport, India

Europe: Aðalstræti – Lagardère Travel Retail, Keflavik Airport, Iceland

Airport Food Hall of the Year – Airport ≥ 20 M passengers

Winner: Food Hall Satellit – Allresto Flughafen München Hotel & Gaststätten, Munich Airport, Germany

Americas: DEN Food Hall – Marczyk Fine Foods, ChoLon Modern Asian, and Teatulia Tea & Coffee, Denver International Airport, USA

Europe: Food Hall Satellit – Allresto Flughafen München Hotel & Gaststätten, Munich Airport, Germany

Middle East & Africa: Food Garden – SSP Eastern Europe and Middle East, King Khalid International Airport, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Airport Food to Go Offer of the Year

Winner: Aïda – Allresto Flughafen München Hotel & Gaststätten,
Munich Airport, Germany

Americas: R.J. Grunts – SSP America, Chicago Midway International
Airport, USA

Asia Pacific: Mishta Cart – Travel Food Services, Chhatrapati Shivaji
Maharaj International Airport, India

Europe: Aïda – Allresto Flughafen München Hotel & Gaststätten,
Munich Airport, Germany

Middle East & Africa: SSP Eastern Europe and Middle East, King
Abdulaziz International Airport, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Airport Health-Centred Offer of the Year

Winner: Flax & Kale – Areas, Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport,
Spain

Americas: Natoo – Lagardère Travel Retail, Arturo Merino Benítez
International Airport, Chile

Asia Pacific: FRESH – Avolta, Gold Coast Airport, Australia

Europe: Flax & Kale – Areas, Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport,
Spain

Highly Commended: Fruitality – The Wright Group, Dublin Airport,
Ireland

Airport Instagrammable Location of the Year

Winner: Kitchen by Open House – Avolta, Kuala Lumpur International
Airport Terminal 1, Malaysia

Airport Lounge Food & Beverage Offer of the Year

Winner: Plaza Premium First Hong Kong – Infinity Room – Plaza
Premium Group, Hong Kong International Airport, Hong Kong SAR

Americas: Sky The Lounge – Before Boarding, Las Américas
International Airport, Dominican Republic

Asia Pacific: Plaza Premium First Hong Kong – Infinity Room – Plaza
Premium Group, Hong Kong International Airport, Hong Kong SAR

Europe: TRU Hospitality Services & Retail Group – İGA İstanbul Airport, Türkiye

Middle East & Africa: Louis Vuitton Lounge by Yannick Alléno – Qatar Duty Free, Hamad International Airport, Qatar

Highly Commended: 080 International Lounge, Terminal 2 – Bengaluru Airport Services, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, India

Airport Lounge of the Year

Winner: 080 International Lounge – Bengaluru Airport Services, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru Terminal 2, India

Americas (Joint Winner): Delta One Lounge – Delta Air Lines, New York John F. Kennedy International Airport, USA

Americas (Joint Winner): SKY The Lounge – Before Boarding, Las Américas International Airport, Dominican Republic

Asia Pacific: 080 International Lounge – Bengaluru Airport Services, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru Terminal 2, India

Middle East & Africa: Louis Vuitton Lounge by Yannick Alléno – Qatar Duty Free, Hamad International Airport, Qatar

Airport Lounge Opening of the Year

Joint Winner: 080 Lounge by TFSL – Phase 2 – Travel Food Services, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, India

Joint Winner: Capital One Lounge – Capital One, Harry Reid International Airport, USA

Americas: Capital One Lounge – Capital One, Harry Reid International Airport, USA

Asia Pacific: 080 Lounge by TFSL – Phase 2 – Travel Food Services, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru, India

Europe: Skala Lounge – SSP Eastern Europe and Middle East, Larnaca International Airport, Cyprus

Highly Commended: Plaza Premium Group's Dual Concept Lounge – Plaza Premium Group & Vancouver Airport Authority, Vancouver International Airport, Canada

Airport Restaurant Design of the Year

Winner: Soleil Brasserie – OTG Management, LaGuardia International Airport, USA

Americas: Soleil Brasserie – OTG Management, LaGuardia International Airport, USA

Asia Pacific (Joint Winner): Qila – Bengaluru Airport Services, Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru Terminal 2, India

Asia Pacific (Joint Winner): The Independent – Airport Retail Enterprises (SSP) Brisbane Airport, Australia

Europe: Sanfords American Diner & Loft Bar – TRG Concessions, Luton Airport, UK

Middle East & Africa: Eric Kayser – SSP Eastern Europe & Middle East, King Khalid International Airport, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Airport Sustainability & Environmental Initiative of the Year

Winner: Sustainable Unit Design and Build – SSP Group, multiple airports, UK

Americas: Waste Wars – Vancouver Airport Authority, Vancouver International Airport, Canada

Asia Pacific: Chefs for Good – Travel Food Services, Indian and other Asian airports

Europe: Sustainable Unit Design and Build – SSP Group, multiple airports, UK

Middle East & Africa: Sustainability – Driving Impact – SSP Eastern Europe & Middle East, Zayed International Airport, UAE

FAB Award For Daring Innovation

Winner: Hungry Club by Dabiz Muñoz – Avolta, Adolfo Suárez Madrid-Barajas Airport, Spain

Outstanding Contribution in the Airport Food & Beverage Industry

Sandro Bottega. 🍳



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