



## **Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards**

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## **Three's a Golden Charm for Jaipur Group**

### **Ananda Wins Top Restaurant Award**

ANANDA, the cosmopolitan Indian restaurant in Dundrum Town Centre, has triumphed once again, winning the prestigious *Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Award for Ethnic Restaurants*, sponsored by *Cobra*, for the second successive year.

Located at Dublin's shopping mecca, this multi-award winning eatery beat off stiff competition from peers in Ireland's ethnic dining sector to scoop the coveted award at the *23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Awards* on Monday night. Its achievement marks the third-straight win for Ananda's parent, the Jaipur Group, which also topped the category in 2009 with its Greystones restaurant, Chakra.

Run by restaurateur Asheesh Dewan, and led by restaurant manager Benny Jacob and executive chef Sunil Ghai, Ananda has wowed Irish foodies since its launch in 2008 with its dazzling Indian cuisine. It has been described as a 'standard-bearer for ethnic restaurants in Ireland' by members of the *Gold Medal Awards Jury* who together travelled close to 20,000 kilometres across the island this summer to search for Ireland's greatest restaurants, hotels and catering operations.

'It's not hard to see why Ananda has wowed diners, reviewers, and *Gold Medal Awards* judges since its launch four years ago. It is a worthy ambassador for Indian cuisine, raising the bar with its innovative food, slick service and sleek surroundings,' commented Sarah Grennan, editor of *Hotel & Catering Review* and chair of the *Gold Medal Awards Jury*.

Organised by *Hotel & Catering Review*, the leading magazine for the Irish hospitality industry, the *Gold Medal Awards* are recognised as the industry's most rigorous and competitive independent awards programme. Now in their 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the *Gold Medal Awards* are judged by a panel of experienced independent industry practitioners who travelled thousands of kilometres across the island of Ireland over a period of four months this year to assess hundreds of hotel, restaurant and catering entrants in the 2011 Awards.

A total of 15 category awards were presented at this year's gala black tie ceremony at Dublin's Burlington Hotel on 24 October, which was attended by over 480 leading hoteliers, restaurateurs and caterers from across the country. (See *Editor's Note* for full list of award winners.) As well as the category awards, the supreme *Hotel & Catering Review Gold Medal Award for Excellence 2011* was bestowed on one outstanding business which was judged by the Jury to be the 'best of the very best'. This year's supreme winner, Hayfield Manor Hotel in Cork, triumphed after scooping the award in the Five Star Hotels category, sponsored by Edward Dillon & Co, earlier in the evening.

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