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Travel Writers  
Association



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PATWA WORLD TOURISM AND  
AVIATION LEADERS SUMMIT ON  
AI AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

# PATWA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARDS 2025





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PATWA®

## Pacific Area Travel Writers Association

### ABOUT PATWA

The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) is a non-profit, non-government, professional, international media organisation founded in 1999. Our founding philosophy is to support the sustainable development and growth of destinations, travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation (airlines and airports), transportation (cruise liners and rail), online travel platforms, travel technology, and allied service providers, worldwide. PATWA works with governments, organisations, and companies in both the public and private sectors. PATWA adheres to the fundamental principles of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations (UN), and UN Tourism.

PATWA is an Affiliate Member of UN Tourism.

### OUR MISSION AND INSPIRATION

Our goal is to promote tourism by developing and encouraging travel writing, reporting, and communication across both print and electronic platforms. Through our seminars, roundtables, and discussions with travel trade professionals from around the world, we help find solutions to the issues and problems the travel industry is facing.

**We aim to:**

- Encourage sustainable and environmentally friendly practices
- Nurture a finer appreciation and understanding of people – their culture, habits, customs, and history
- Promote tolerance, co-operation, and peace
- Raise social and living standards by developing and processing travel communication
- Establish standards and guidelines for the travel industry



## OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES



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## OUR BOARD



### **YATAN AHLUWALIA, Secretary General**

A global nomad who manages and oversees all our operations. He heads our awards jury and International awards council. Yatan lives out of a suitcase and functions on his laptop through most of the year. Besides being an authority on luxury and sustainable travel, he is a leading columnist, grooming and style consultant, trainer, lifestyle futurist, CEO of multiple companies, organic farmer, pet parent, and lover of all things sustainable and natural.



### **PREM AHLUWALIA, Deputy Secretary General**

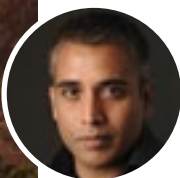
Our Co-Founder and pillar of guidance, she has helped build our organisation, and taken it across geographic boundaries. A world traveller and internationally recognised women's activist, author, editor, and lifetime travel journalist, she loves farming and her plants as much as writing.



### **PULKIT SHARMA, Director - Operations & Features Editor**

He helps plan, organise, manage, and coordinate our events, and is the youngest member of our awards jury. A trained dancer, he has curated Dance Wellness. A young entrepreneur who understands how millennials think, he is always full of bright ideas, and loves everything related to travel and wellbeing.

## OUR CONTRIBUTORS



### **JOSEPH EDWARD MENDONCA, Consultant - Travel & Awards**

The 'silent' member of the team – seldom seen, but always heard. A jury member and seasoned traveller who has lived in multiple countries. A leading makeup artist, hair stylist, and trainer, and pet parent, he has a very spiritual side, and lives at his hilltop organic farm in the lower Himalayas.



### **DIYA KOSHY GEORGE, Director - Content & Group Editor**

She is a content consultant with over 20 years' industry experience. When not working on our handbooks and website, she likes to spend her time reading, journaling, and daydreaming about travelling.



### **MONIKA JONES, International Broadcast Journalist and Moderator**

Monika Jones is one of Germany's leading bilingual journalists and presenters at Deutsche Welle. In addition to the PATWA International Travel Awards, Monika anchors leading international conferences.



### **RANJIT JOSEPH, Design Consultant**

A person with varied skills, Ranjit has been in the design industry for nearly 3 decades and managing his solo design studio for more than 15 years. He is also a professional Scuba Instructor teaching recreational diving for enthusiasts.

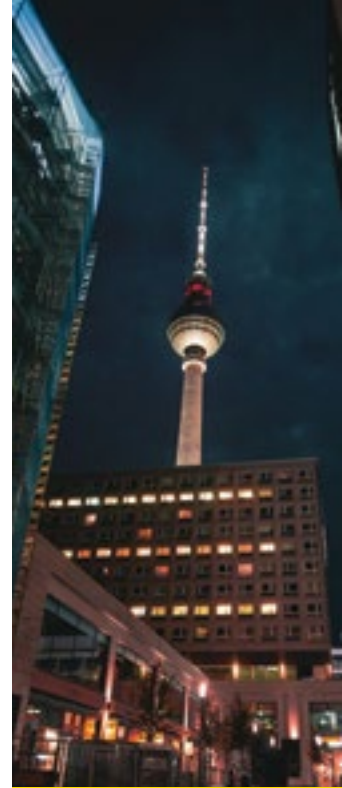
## ABOUT THE AWARDS

The PATWA International Travel Award winners have been felicitated at an annual ceremony, during ITB (Internationale Tourismus Börse) Berlin, since 1999. Awardees are recognised for having achieved the highest standards of excellence in their field. The PATWA International Travel Awards are among the most coveted awards in the travel industry.

The awards recognise governments, organisations, brands, ministers, and individuals who have excelled in the promotion of tourism. This includes airlines, hotels, travel agencies, tour operators, destinations, government bodies, tourism ministries, and other service provider(s) related directly or indirectly with the trade.

The selection process is transparent and stringent. A jury comprising the PATWA International Awards Council, our worldwide media members, and Board collects, shortlists, and finalises nominations. The nominees are evaluated on various standards with an extensive internal evaluation/ audit within pre-set parameters for each category, as necessary.

The shortlisted nominations are finalised at the PATWA International Awards Council meeting each year. Award confirmations are then communicated to the winners.



THE AWARDS

## AWARD CATEGORIES

The PATWA International Travel Awards recognise:

- Airlines, Airports and Aviation
- Cargo, Catering and Service Providers
- Destinations, Countries, Districts, Provinces and Cities
- Hotels and Hospitality
- Individual Excellence
- Ministers and Governments
- Restaurants, Bars and Dining
- Shipping, Trains, Ground Handling and Transportation
- Travel Agencies and Tour Operators
- Travel Media
- Travel Websites
- Travel Tech

### **Excellence in Governance**

This exclusive award category recognises the work done by countries, states, provinces, regions, districts, and cities through and by their elected representatives to promote sustainable travel with policies, guidelines, and incentives for their destinations and the hospitality, aviation, and tourism sectors.

The awards are given to governments including, but not limited to, ministers, governors, parliamentarians, and mayors. PATWA is the first organisation to have awards dedicated to Excellence in Governance on a regional, national, and international level.

### **Selection Process**

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- The shortlisted nominations are finalised at the annual PATWA International Council meeting .
- Award confirmations are then communicated to respective winners.
- Winners must accept the award, apply for our membership, and then confirm participation within 10 days of our communication.
- Failing to adhere to the guidelines and timelines results in the award being handed over to the runner-up in the particular award category.



## GUIDELINES

### For organisations

Winners across all categories must:

- Publish and carry their award title on their website, all print, television, and online advertisements, and media releases for a minimum period of 12 months following the receipt of the award.
- Carry the PATWA logo, which will be provided by the PATWA Secretariat, on all publicity material during this 12-month period.
- Display the plaque, trophy, and certificate prominently at their premises.
- Appoint a senior official to receive the award in person at the ceremony in Berlin. Travel costs and all expenses to be borne by the winner.
- Provide the photographs, logos, and publicity material for use in the PATWA handbook.
- Issue a media release about winning the award within 15 days of its receipt of the award.

### For individuals

Individuals must:

- Receive the award in person at the ceremony. Travel costs and expenses will be borne by the awardee.
- Display the plaque, trophy, and certificate prominently in their office.
- Provide the photographs, logos, and publicity material for use in the PATWA handbook.
- Issue a media release about winning the award within 15 days of receipt of the award.





## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

### **MEDIA MEMBERSHIP**

Media membership is free and available to all journalists (print or electronic media). This includes, but is not limited to media companies, publishers, editors, writers, columnists, photographers, producers, anchors, reporters, content creators, bloggers, vloggers and other media professionals.

#### **SPECIAL BENEFITS**

- Invitations for FAM tours, openings/launches, press meets, and networking events. This includes passes and vouchers from our partner hotels, airlines, and destinations. Please note these will be sent out to select members based on our guidelines.

### **INDIVIDUALS**

Individual membership is available at a very nominal annual membership fee and is open to all professionals from the travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation, and non-trade specific sectors.

#### **SPECIAL BENEFITS**

- Self-nomination with a fast track to various categories of our annual awards.

### **COMPANIES**

Corporate membership is available to companies directly or indirectly related to the travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation, and non-trade specific sectors. Companies can nominate five members.

#### **SPECIAL BENEFITS**

- Can use branding provided by us with the prefix to our logo stating: Member of Pacific Area Travel Writers Association.
- Self-nomination with a fast track to various categories of our annual awards.

### **INSTITUTIONS/GOVERNMENTS**

Institutional membership is available to governments, agencies, and organisations directly or indirectly related to the travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation and non-trade specific sectors. This category allows the nomination of 10 people as members.

#### **SPECIAL BENEFITS**

- Can use branding provided by us with the prefix to our logo stating: Member of Pacific Area Travel Writers Association.
- Self-nomination with a fast track to various categories of our annual awards.
- Pre-reserved seating for 10 delegates at the PATWA World Tourism and Aviation Leader's Summit and PATWA International Travel Awards.

## ANNUAL BENEFITS

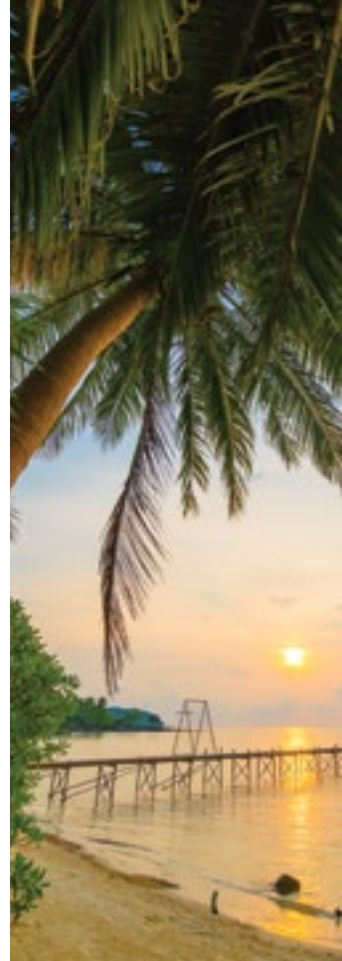
Members get complimentary access to all our annual events with special pre-reserved seating for the media and VIPs.

- Members of the media and individuals will get one event pass.
- Companies will get five passes.
- Institutional members or governments will get 10 passes.

Members will be able to download and access the PATWA handbook launched annually at the PATWA World Tourism & Aviation leaders Meet and the PATWA International Travel Awards at 1TB, Berlin, and our coffee table books and publications.

## MEMBERSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Membership will be granted to any applicant at the discretion of the PATWA Board.
- Members must pay annual and other subscription fees as the PATWA Board prescribes from time to time.
- We will advise all members of the annual fees for the upcoming year at the time of renewal.
- Your membership does not make you a part of the Board or the PATWA International Awards Council and jury or give you the right to nominate or vote.
- You have no claims to the organisation or any of its events and activities.
- Your membership does not guarantee a shortlist or selection by the PATWA International Awards Council.
- Media and individual members may not use our name, logo, content, or collateral in any form whatsoever.
- Membership approval, renewals, and cancellations for all categories is at the sole discretion of the PATWA International Council.
- Reminders for renewals will be auto-generated and sent to your registered email four weeks, two weeks, and finally three days before the expiry date. Renewals not made on or before the expiry date shall be terminated automatically.





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## SPEAKERS

### **HARRY THEOHARIS**

FORMER MINISTER OF TOURISM, GREECE  
CANDIDATE FOR THE POST OF SECRETARY  
GENERAL OF UN TOURISM

Harry Theoharis has made tremendous contribution to travel and tourism, not just in Greece but in the entire EU region. From 2019 to 2021, he served as Minister of Tourism, where he focused on rejuvenating Greece's tourism sector, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, promoting sustainable practices and digital transformation. He pioneered innovative strategies to safely reopen Greece to the world, including launching dynamic marketing campaigns to rebrand Greece as a premier destination. He has delivered growth before in a pivotal role in advocating for the EU's adoption of the Green Pass, a measure that facilitated safe travel across Europe. These initiatives allowed the European travel and tourism industry to recover quicker than all other regions.



### **H.E. PATRICIA DE LILLE**

MINISTER OF TOURISM  
SOUTH AFRICA

Patricia de Lille is the only South African female politician to start her own political parties and win seats in all three spheres of government. She has focussed efforts on destination marketing, increasing air access, and visitor numbers to South Africa, and increasing the number of jobs created by the tourism sector.

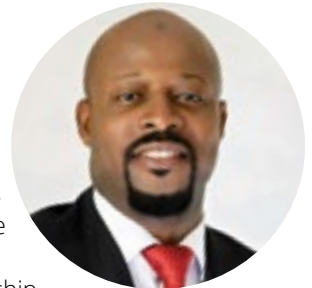
De Lille has highlighted the tourism sector's significant contribution to the economy, pointing out that South Africa welcomed more than 5.8 million tourists in the first eight months of 2024. Her deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the tourism industry, coupled with her proactive approach, has been instrumental in navigating the sector through difficult times.



### **H.E. CARLOS JAMES**

MINISTER OF TOURISM, CIVIL AVIATION,  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND  
CULTURE  
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

Carlos James has championed innovative strategies promoting sustainable tourism while preserving the natural environment and cultural heritage of Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Under his stewardship, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has attained consistent record levels of success in travel and tourism, including the Award for the Caribbean's Leading Nature Destination in 2024. He is a strong advocate for innovative policies that promote sustainable developmental initiatives and is an international advocate for climate change and the sustainable development goals (SDGs).



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### **H.E. MARSHA T. HENDERSON**

MINISTER OF TOURISM, CIVIL AVIATION,  
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT, EMPLOYMENT  
AND LABOUR AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS

Marsha Tamika Henderson is a St. Kitts and Nevis politician from the St. Kitts and Nevis Labour Party. In her career as a lawyer, she has dedicated her life to fighting for others who are unable to effectively fight for themselves. She continues to advocate for vulnerable boys and girls throughout the Federation, and single working mothers on a regular basis.



### **DR. ISTVÁN UJHELYI**

FORMER MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT, UN TOURISM AMBASSADOR TO  
THE EU, AND PRESIDENT OF CEA AND BVIS

Dr. István Ujhelyi is a jurist, former Member of the European Parliament, and currently the ambassador of UN Tourism, responsible for the cooperation with the EU institutions. Ujhelyi is a senior advisor at the APCO Worldwide consulting group and a global advisor supporting the HiSeas International Tourism Group. He initiated the 'European Capital of Smart Tourism' programme and supported the DiscoverEU initiative as a mentor.



### **H.E. BADRI PRASAD PANDEY**

MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM,  
AND CIVIL AVIATION  
NEPAL

Badri Prasad Pandey is a Nepali politician and leader of the Nepali Congress party. He has had a long and distinguished career in Nepalese politics. He is the Minister for Culture, Tourism, and Civil Aviation. Apart from his political work, he is an accomplished journalist and editor, contributing articles to national newspapers and serving as the editor of several publications.



### **DR. ALAIN ST. ANGE**

HEAD OF SAINT ANGE TOURISM  
CONSULTANCY

Dr. Alain St. Ange, of Saint Ange Tourism Consultancy, is the former Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Ports & Marine of Seychelles. He was named the "most 'tourified' Tourism Minister in and outside Seychelles by Ozordi Dimans of Seychelles. Dr. Ange was an elected member of the Seychelles Legislative in 1979 and 2002 and was a Presidential Candidate in the 2020 Elections.



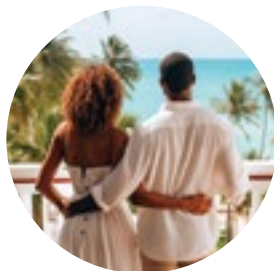


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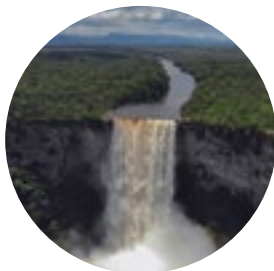
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## DESTINATIONS



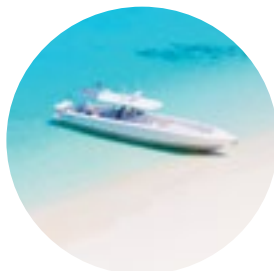
DESTINATION OF THE YEAR  
**ROMANCE**  
**JAMAICA**



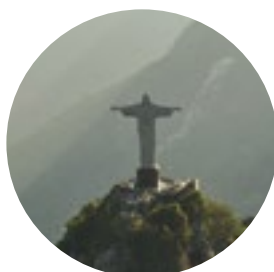
DESTINATION OF THE YEAR  
**NATURAL ATTRACTIONS**  
**CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA**



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR  
**SCENIC BEAUTY & HISTORIC SITES**  
**ITALY**



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR  
**MARINE TOURISM**  
**NASSAU AND PARADISE ISLAND**



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR  
**EXPERIENCES**  
**FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRASIL**



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR  
**ECO ADVENTURES**  
**SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**



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## DESTINATIONS



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR  
HIDDEN TREASURES  
**ST. KITTS AND NEVIS**



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR  
ROYAL EXPERIENCES  
**RAJASTHAN**



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR  
ADVENTURE TOURISM  
**REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA**



DESTINATION OF THE YEAR  
INDIA  
**GOA**

## AIRLINES



BEST REGIONAL AIRLINE  
ITALY  
**AEROITALIA**



AIRLINE OF THE YEAR  
INDIAN OCEAN REGION  
**AIR SEYCHELLES**

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## HOTELS

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NEW DELHI

BEST HOTEL  
BUSINESS – NEW DELHI  
**LE MERIDIEN, NEW DELHI**



BEST NATURE RESORTS  
INDIA  
**AYATANA RESORTS**



BEST EMERGING HOTEL CHAIN  
INDIA  
**GRT HOTELS & RESORTS**



BEST VENUE  
MEETINGS & CONFERENCES  
– CARIBBEAN  
**MONTEGO BAY CONVENTION  
CENTRE, JAMAICA**



BEST HOTEL CHAIN  
LUXURY EXPERIENCES  
**TAJ HOTELS**

## ORGANISATIONAL EXCELLENCE



BEST ORGANISATION  
REGIONAL TOURISM – CARIBBEAN  
**CARIBBEAN TOURISM ORGANISATION**



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## INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE



BEST PROFESSIONAL  
HOSPITALITY – INDIA  
**ABINASH MANGHANI**



BEST PROFESSIONAL  
HOSPITALITY GROWTH – INDIA  
**VIKRAM COTA**



BEST PROFESSIONAL  
HOSPITALITY OPERATIONS – INDIA  
**ASHOK RATHORE**



BEST PROFESSIONAL  
HOSPITALITY OPERATIONS – DUBAI  
**SAURABH TIWARI**



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
HOSPITALITY INNOVATION – INDIA  
**VISHAL VINCENT TONY**



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
WOMEN IN HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT  
– INDIA  
**MEENA BHATIA**



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## INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT – INDIA  
**ROHIT KHOSLA**



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
HOSPITALITY DEVELOPMENT – INDIA  
**PRABHAT VERMA**



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
MICE & DESTINATION MANAGEMENT  
– SOUTHEAST ASIA  
**NORED AH OTHMAN**



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
HOSPITALITY OPERATIONS  
– CARIBBEAN  
**MUREEN JAMES**



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
DESTINATION MANAGEMENT  
– CARIBBEAN  
**JOY JIBRILU**



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT  
– CARIBBEAN  
**DONA REGIS – PROSPER**

**WINNERS**

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## INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
EXCELLENCE IN AVIATION LEADERSHIP  
– EUROPE

**GAETANO INTRIERI**



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
EXCELLENCE IN AVIATION LEADERSHIP  
– INDIAN OCEAN REGION

**SANDY BENOITON**



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
TOURISM

**DR. ISTVÁN UJHELYI**



PATWA GOLD AWARD  
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT – TOURISM

**DR. ALAIN ST. ANGE**



PERSON OF THE YEAR  
TOURISM

**HARRY THEOHARIS**



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## EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR  
**H.E. CELSO SABINO DE OLIVEIRA**  
FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRASIL



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR  
– HIMALAYAN REGION  
**H.E. BADRI PRASAD PANDEY**  
NEPAL



WOMAN TOURISM MINISTER  
OF THE YEAR – CARIBBEAN  
**H.E. MARSHA T. HENDERSON**  
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS



WOMAN TOURISM MINISTER  
OF THE YEAR – INDIA  
**H.E. DIYA KUMARI**  
RAJASTHAN



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR  
INDIA  
**H.E. ROHAN KHAUNTE**  
GOA



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## EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR  
– INNOVATION

**H.E. EDMUND BARTLETT**  
JAMAICA



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR  
– ECOLOGICAL TOURISM

**H.E. ONEIDGE WALROND**  
CO-OPERATIVE REPUBLIC  
OF GUYANA



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR  
– SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

**H.E. CARLOS JAMES**  
SAINT VINCENT AND  
THE GRENADINES



TOURISM MINISTER OF THE YEAR  
– INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

**H.E. PATRICIA DE LILLE**  
SOUTH AFRICA

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"Honoured to receive the Best Professional - Hospitality Operations (India) award. This recognition celebrates IHCL's excellence and our team's commitment to exceptional hospitality. Grateful for this achievement and inspired for the journey ahead."

**Mr. Ashok Rathore, Area Director of Rajasthan,  
General Manager, Taj Rambagh Palace, Jaipur**



"I am honoured to receive this award. Today's luxury hospitality is about creating memorable experiences through innovation, dining destinations and enablers like digitalisation. Our hotels in Middle East represent Taj's values, Tajness and the global IHCL strategy."

**Mr. Saurabh Tiwari, Area Director,  
Middle East and CIS**



"The dream of crafting authentic experiences around India has always been my passion and this being recognised globally fills me with emotion. This fuels my desire to elevate Ayatana to even greater heights."

**Mr. Vishal Vincent Tony, Founder & Managing Director,  
Ayatana Hospitality**



"These awards celebrate GRT Hotels' bold vision and relentless pursuit of excellence. Being recognised personally inspires me to continue driving growth, innovation, and sustainability in redefining the future of Indian hospitality."

**Mr. Vikram Cotah, CEO,  
GRT Hotels & Resorts**



"I am delighted, humbled, and pleased on receiving the PATWA International Travel Award for Best Hospitality Professional – India for 2025. This honour is not just a personal milestone but a reflection of the incredible teams, leaders & mentors I have had the privilege to work with throughout my career at ITC Hotels. Hospitality is an evolving industry driven by passion, innovation, and a commitment to excellence, and I am grateful to have contributed to its growth. This recognition reaffirms my belief that true leadership extends beyond tenure — it is about the lasting impact we create."

**Mr. Abinash Manghani,  
Hospitality Leadership Professional**



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"I am honoured to receive this prestigious award and would like to express my gratitude to my entire team for their valuable work."

**Mr. Gaetano Francesco Intriери, CEO,  
Aeroitalia S.R.L.**



"As a boutique carrier in the Indian Ocean, we're honoured to be recognised amongst the best for the outstanding service our airline gives. This recognition motivates us to strive even harder to deliver the best to our valued passengers."

**Mr. Charles Johnson, Chief Commercial Officer,  
Air Seychelles**



"Honoured to receive the PATWA award for Italy at ITB Berlin. This recognition celebrates our commitment to sustainable, innovative tourism, showcasing Italy's timeless beauty and hidden gems to the world."

**Prof. Alessandra Priante,  
President of ENIT SpA**



"Being recognised by PATWA is a testament to our unwavering commitment to excellence in the MICE industry. At the Montego Bay Convention Centre, we are dedicated to elevating Jamaica's position as a premiere business and event destination, offering world-class facilities and unmatched service. This honour fuels our passion to continue delivering outstanding experiences for our clients and attendees."

**Ms. Mureen James, Executive Director,  
Montego Bay Convention Centre**



"First of all, I would like to extend my thanks to PATWA for this acknowledgement. I am very humbled by this recognition. In over 3 decades of service to the tourism industry, I have been very fortunate to work with very special people in my state. The support given to me by the industry has been very valuable in my journey."

**Ms. Nordeah Othman, CEO,  
Sabah Convention Bureau**



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"We are truly honoured to receive the PATWA Award for Best Hotel Chain in Luxury Experiences. This recognition is a testimony of IHCL's commitment to excellence, innovation, and shaping the future of global hospitality."

**Mr. Puneet Chhatwal, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer,  
Indian Hotels Company Limited**



"I am truly honoured by this award which reflects not only the incredible support of my team, but also the unique charm of Nassau and Paradise Island. Promoting these islands is more than a job—it's a passion and a privilege."

**Ms. Joy Jibrilu, CEO,  
Nassau Paradise Island Promotion Board**



"Bridge-building has always been my mission - whether in politics or the tourism industry. This award reaffirms my commitment to advancing the creation of a Global Pact for Tourism."

**Mr. István Ujhelyi, Jurist, former Member of the European  
Parliament, Ambassador of UN Tourism**



"I feel extremely honoured and proud to win the PATWA International Award, validating our sincere efforts. This recognition further motivates me to work harder to establish Nepal as a premiere holiday destination."

**H.E. Badri Prasad Pandey, Minister for Culture,  
Tourism and Civil Aviation, Nepal**



"It is an honour for Rajasthan to be recognised as the 'Destination of the Year – Royal Experiences' at the prestigious PATWA International Travel Awards 2025. This award reaffirms our commitment to preserving Rajasthan's rich heritage while creating world-class tourism experiences. I am deeply humbled to receive the 'Woman Tourism Minister of the Year – India' recognition, and I dedicate this to the people of Rajasthan who keep our traditions alive and to all stakeholders driving the state's tourism industry forward. We remain steadfast in our vision to position Rajasthan as a global leader in responsible and immersive tourism."

**H.E. Diya Kumari, Honorable Deputy Chief Minister (Tourism),  
Government of Rajasthan**

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"I am truly honoured to receive this award and to be a representative for South Africa demonstrating the power of tourism to change lives and make a meaningful impact on socio-economic development. Infrastructure development is of strategic importance in growing our tourism offerings, empowering communities and investing in quality tourism products."

**H.E. Patricia de Lille, Minister of Tourism,  
South Africa**



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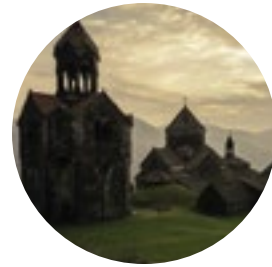
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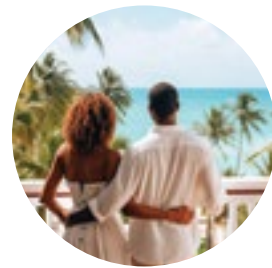
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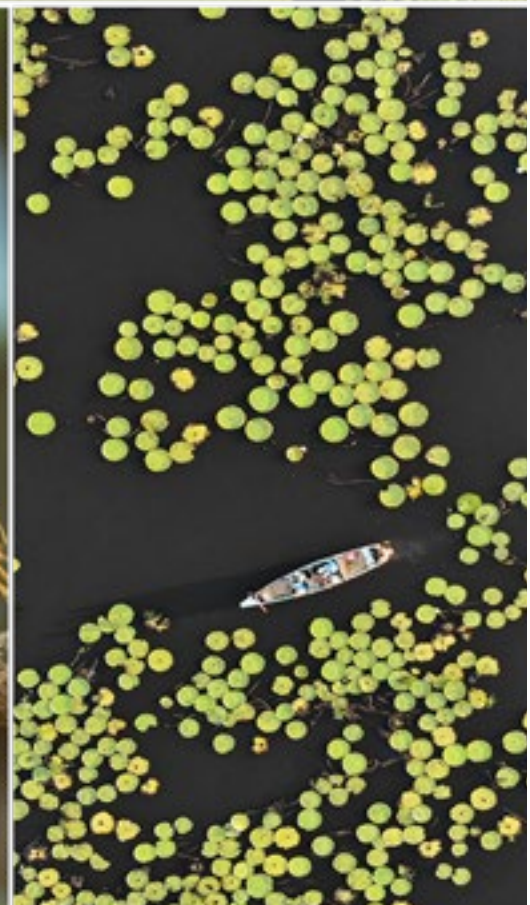
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