

## Press Release

### Vote now for your favourite hidden culinary gems in Dubai

- *Hidden Gems returns as part of Dubai Food Festival 2018 to highlight the city's lesser-known culinary treasures*
- *35 beloved eateries from across the city in the running to become one of the Top 10 hidden gems during the festival*
- *Residents can register on the DFF website and vote for their favourite restaurants by January 31, and 10 voters stand a chance to win AED 1,000 each*



Dubai, UAE; XX January 2018: Dubai's unsung culinary heroes are back in the spotlight with the return of Dubai Hidden Gems, as part of the 2018 Dubai Food Festival. Residents and visitors once again have the chance to vote online for their favourites among 35 shortlisted low-key restaurants and cafes in the city, with 10 voters standing a chance to each win AED 1,000.





**From traditional Emirati restaurants and innovative home-grown concepts to authentic ethnic eateries tucked away in locations all over the city – the shortlist reflects the diversity of Dubai’s ever-evolving dining scene, boosting the city’s reputation as a true melting pot of cultures. The hidden gems were also selected due to their ability to offer big flavours at small prices.**



Voting is now open to the public on [visitdubai.com/en/dff/hidden-gems](http://visitdubai.com/en/dff/hidden-gems) until 31 January 2018. Users can log in or register with an existing account to cast their votes. Although votes can only be submitted once per restaurant, voters can revisit the Hidden Gems page multiple times during the voting period to vote for other shortlisted restaurants.

The list of top 10 Hidden Gems will be announced on 6 February 2018.

**The complete Hidden Gems shortlist is below:**

Restaurant name	Cuisine	Address
Al Khettar	Emirati	Hor Al Anz
Chai and Co.	Emirati	Al Warqa
Karak and Rigag	Emirati	Umm Suqueim
Smat Café & Restaurant	Emirati	Mirdif
Lazfan Café	Emirati	Satwa
Nafh Al Worood	Emirati; Iranian	Al Fahidi District
Abou Rabie	Egyptian	Al Nahda
Al Afadhil	Indian	Al Karama
Al Tawasol Restaurant	Middle Eastern	Al Rigga
Ayubowan	Sri Lankan	JLT
Bodrum	Turkish	JLT
Cafe Funkie Town	Indian	JLT
Chalco's Mexican Grill	Mexican	JLT
Dao Xiang	Chinese	Trade Center Area



Darjeeling Cafe	Indian	Karama
Fish Hut	Asian seafood	Karama
Grub Shack	Indian	Umm Hurair
Haji Sahab	Indian	Discovery Gardens
Hanoi Naturally	Vietnamese	JLT
Hot Palayok	Filipino	Al Karama
Jebel Al Atlas	Moroccan	Al Barsha
Lakeside Spice	North Indian	Business Bay
Memory Lane	Indo-Chinese	Dubai Marina
Omidivan Restaurant	Goanese	Karama
Rasoi Ghar	Indian	Al Karama
Shiraz Nights	Iranian	Baniyas, Deira
Status Kitchens	Fusion	Mirdif
Thai Time	Thai	Safa
That Place Café	Fusion	Jumeirah 2
The Meating Room	Indo-Chinese	Karama
Treat	Indian	Karama
Tum Tum Asia	Asian	Karama
Wok n Roll	Pan Asian	Al Barsha
Wooden Cellar	Greek	Sports City
Zagol	Ethiopian	Karama

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#### **About Dubai's Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (Dubai Tourism)**

With the ultimate vision of positioning Dubai as the world's leading tourism destination and commercial hub, Dubai Tourism's mission is to increase the awareness of Dubai among global audiences and to attract tourists and inward investment into the emirate.

Dubai Tourism is the principal authority for the planning, supervision, development and marketing of Dubai's tourism sector. It markets and promotes the Emirate's commerce sector, and is responsible for the licensing and classification of all tourism services, including hotels, tour operators and travel agents. Brands and departments within the Dubai Tourism portfolio include Dubai Business Events, Dubai Calendar, and Dubai Festivals and Retail Establishment.

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