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Local chefs take the spotlight at World Gourmet Summit's Awards of Excellence 2017

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At the World Gourmet Summit's Awards of Excellence 2017 held on Monday, chef Petrina Loh snagged two accolades for

Morsels, while chef Eric Teo received a lifetime achievement award for his contributions to the local culinary scene.

On 27 March, the World Gourmet Summit's 17th Awards of Excellence 2017 honoured local and regional talents for excellence in the culinary and hospitality fields. Mr Peter Knipp, founder of the World Gourmet Summit Awards of Excellence, opened the ceremony by congratulating the National and Junior Culinary teams for their victories last year.

"For the first time ever, the charity dinner will be cooked solely by local talent, and we're very grateful for that," said Mr Knipp.



Mr Peter Knipp, founder of the Awards of Excellence

There are three new awards added to this year's award lineup: Restaurant of the Year (regional), Restaurateur of the Year and Baker of the Year. Local chef Petrina Loh was the biggest winner of the night, with two awards for her five-year-old fusion restaurant **Morsels**: Chef's choice (Western cuisine) and Huber's Restaurant of the Year.



Chef Petrina Loh of MORSELS

She was most certainly taken aback by the results. “I really didn’t expect it, looking at the other entrants in my categories—some of them are Michelin-starred. But it’s an encouragement to keep doing what I’m doing—focusing on quality ingredients, fermentation, strong flavours, not following trends—things that aren’t for everybody,” she said.



Chef Julien Royer of the award-winning **Odette** also brought home the trophy for **MKN Chef of the Year**. It may be his second time winning in this category, but he doesn’t take the win for granted. “It’s a lot more meaningful this time round, and I really have to thank my team for this. We’re going to continue doing better.”



Julien Royer of Odette

Chef Eric Teo of Singapore Chef's Association and Mr Lee Loong Sheng of Taiwan Formosa Chefs Association were also honoured with lifetime achievement awards for their contributions to the F&B industry.

Full list of Awards of Excellence 2017 winners:

Chef Awards

AT-SUNRICE GLOBALCHEF ACADEMY **Apprentice Chef of the Year**
SAMUEL QUAN XING LIANG, ELEMENT ON TRAS STREET

KÜHLBARRA **Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year**
JAVED AHAMAD, PUNJAB GRILL SINGAPORE

SCRIPPS NETWORK INTERACTIVE **Asian Cuisine Chef of the Year (Regional)**
TAN KIM WENG, SHANG PALACE, KUALA LUMPUR

REDMAN BY PHOON HUAT **Baker of the Year**
WOON THAI SUAN, THE FULLERTON HOTEL & THE FULLERTON BAY HOTEL

MKN **Chef of the Year**
JULIEN ROYER, ODETTE

HALTON GROUP Executive Chef of the Year
CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIE, MARINA BAY SANDS

ACADEMY OF PASTRY ARTS MALAYSIA Pastry Chef of the Year
KENNY KONG, RESORTS WORLD SENTOSA

KITCHENAID Pastry Chef of the Year (Regional)
YVES MATTHEY, MANDARIN ORIENTAL, HONG KONG

MEAT & LIVESTOCK AUSTRALIA Rising Chef of the Year
KENNETH OH, [GATTOPARDO RISTORANTE DI MARE](#)

Establishment & Hospitality Awards

CHOPE Asian Restaurant of the Year
BLUE LOTUS CHINESE EATING HOUSE

TUNGLOK Asian Restaurant of the Year (Regional)
MOZAIC, BALI

HENNESSY Bar of the Year
MANHATTAN

WINTERHALTER Caterer of the Year
LAVISH CATERING

LUZERNE Food & Beverage Manager of the Year
NICOLAS MERCIER, SWISSÔTEL THE STAMFORD

SICO ASIA MICE & Banquet Manager of the Year
JOSEPH PUA, SOFITEL SINGAPORE SENTOSA RESORT & SPA

HOBART New Restaurant of the Year
SALTED & HUNG

MEIKO Restaurant Manager of the Year
SALLY CHAN, [YAN TING, ST REGIS SINGAPORE](#)

HUBER'S Restaurant of the Year
[MORSELS](#)

Bangkok Ranch **Group Restaurant of the Year (Regional)**

FOOK LAM MOON, HONG KONG

Bangkok Ranch **Group Restaurateur of the Year**

WEE TENG WEN, THE LO & BEHOLD GROUP

WELBILT **Restaurateur of the Year (Regional)**

GAGGAN ANAND, GAGGAN, BANGKOK

Wine Awards

CULINA **New World Wine List of the Year**

SALT GRILL & SKY BAR BY LUKE MANGAN

CULINA **Old World Wine List of the Year**

JAAN

BOTAS DE BARRO **SOMMELIER MENTOR**

LIM HWEE PENG, WINECRAFT MARKETING & SERVICES

UNIQUE FOOD & WINE **Sommelier of the Year**

DAISUKE KAWAI, LA TERRE

EPIPURE **Wine Distributor of the Year**

ASIA WINE NETWORK

CUISINE AND WINE ASIA **Wine Retailer of the Year**

ARTISAN CELLARS PTE LTD

Industry Awards

Bangkok Ranch Group **Gourmet Distributor of the Year**

Classic Fine Foods

KÜHLBARRA **Gourmet Retailer of the Year**

HUBER'S BUTCHERY

MARRONE **Hospitality Institution of the Year**

THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

ELECTROLUX Hospitality Institution of the Year (Regional)

BERJAYA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY, MALAYSIA

Chef's Choice Awards

LEE KUM KEE **Chef's Choice (Asian Cuisine)**

MARTIN FOO, [VLV](#)

Chef's Choice (Western Cuisine)

PETRINA LOH, [MORSELS](#)

Recognition Awards

Everyday Best Table

Leong Khai Git, Owner of [ALATI](#)

Hospitality Stars

Mr Patrick Fiat

Lifetime Achievement

Chef Eric Teo, Mr Lee Loong Sheng

Modernist Cuisine Award

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