

# كنوز المدينة URBAN TREASURES

Recipients of the Urban Treasures 2021 Accolade:

## 1) Al Ibrahimi Restaurant:

Launched in 1993, Al Ibrahimi Restaurant serves Pakistani and Arabian food based in a stunning architectural landmark on Sheikh Zayed the First Street (Electra Street). It maintains its position as one of the best-known restaurants in Abu Dhabi for the quality of its cuisine.

## 2) Al Sultan Bakeries and Markets:

Al Sultan Bakeries was established in 1990 and now has 13 branches across the country. It is one of the most reputable bakeries in the city, which is much loved by its regular customers. Its oldest branch, located in the Baniyas area, is still operating and continues to serve the local community.

## 3) Lebanon Flower Bakery:

Since launching in 1972, Lebanon Flower Bakery has been a place for customers to enjoy authentic, traditional and high-quality baked goods. Now with branches in Al Zahiyah (Salam Street), Khalidiya, Musaffah and Hazza Bin Zayed Street (Defence Road), it remains one of the most popular bakeries in the city.

## 4) Bu Tafish Sea Food & Grills Restaurant:

First opened in 1968, Bu Tafish restaurant is one of the oldest dining establishments in Abu Dhabi. It is a famous part of Abu Dhabi's history after being named by the UAE's Founding Father, the late Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, himself when it was launched as a floating boat kiosk. Bu Tafish has continued to this day to become one of the most reputable seafood establishments with four branches across the country.

## 5) Corniche Automatic Bakeries and Markets:

This business opened its first outlet on Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Street (Airport Road) in 1988 to serve freshly baked goods to its customers. Its reputation for quality, as well as for providing rare-to-find products, means Corniche Automatic Bakeries has secured its place as a part of Abu Dhabi city's history.

### **6) India Palace Restaurant:**

One of the most popular restaurants in Abu Dhabi, celebrated for its traditional Indian fine dining experience. From its first branch in Salam Street in the Al Zahiyah area, India Palace has been serving authentic Indian food to its customers since 1997.

### **7) Al Safa Carpet:**

Established in the Mina Zayed Port area in 1996, Al Safa Carpet Shop offers a wide range of rugs, from traditional Emirati ones to modern varieties. Al Safa Carpet Shop continues to provide its high-quality carpets to the residents of the UAE in its branch in Souq Al Mina.

### **8) Tripoli Sweets:**

Tripoli Sweets is one of the city's most-loved establishments, offering traditional Lebanese sweets and kunafa. First established in 1987 on Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Street (Airport Road), Tripoli Sweets moved to Khalidiya in 2000, where it continues to serve its specialty goods to its customers.

### **9) Zahrat Lebnan Cafeteria & Restaurant:**

Since its opening in 1983, Zahrat Lebnan has gained a worthy reputation for serving the finest traditional Arabian cuisine. Based in the Khalidiya area, it is a firm favourite among the older generations for its quality and authentic dishes.

### **10) Al Aqsa Sweets:**

With its delicious confectionery, Al Aqsa Sweets delivers an authentic Palestinian experience. First opened in 1980, it now operates out of two popular branches in the Al Zahiyah and Khalidiya areas. It is renowned among long-term residents of Abu Dhabi as one of the best kunafa and sweet shops.

### **11) Al Raiqa Date Fruit Trading:**

Al Raiqa Date Fruit Trading has continued to sell an extensive variety of dates since it was founded in 1982. Based in the Mina Fruit and Vegetable Market, the business continues with its aim to promote dates, an invaluable part of Arabian hospitality, to a wider audience.

### **12) All Prints:**

All Prints is one of the most notable establishments in the UAE, selling books, stationery and various printing supplies since 1968. Operating from its main branch in Khalidiya, All Prints represents a crucial part of Abu Dhabi's retail history.

### **13) Jashanmal National Company:**

Since its establishment in 1964, Jashanmal has been selling high-quality world-class products for the home including tableware, cookware, appliances, linen, gifts, luggage and more. Offering more than 100 brands, 30 of which are exclusive to the region, Jashanmal has been unwavering in providing innovation and value to UAE consumers.

#### 14) Malik and Shaheed Stores:

Located in the Madinat Zayed area, Malik and Shaheed Stores has been one of the main suppliers of tailoring equipment and textiles for the local community since 1992. Malik and Shaheed remains a key player in the textile industry in the UAE with its highly sought-after services.

#### 15) Al Dhafra Restaurant:

In 1993, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the UAE's Founding Father, directed Abdullah Hareb Al Falahi to launch a restaurant in the Mina Zayed area. Al Dhafra Restaurant continues to represent authentic Emirati heritage to this day by serving local and international cuisine, seafood, Mediterranean and Asian dishes, all with an Emirati touch. The restaurant has moved to a new location in the Heritage Park on the Corniche, however the uniqueness and spirit of the original restaurant is still preserved.