

FIRST ANNUAL

Ottawa Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards

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**Ottawa Immigrant
Entrepreneurs Awards** 
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About the Ottawa Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards

The Ottawa Immigrant Entrepreneur Awards celebrate the valuable contributions of immigrant business people in Ottawa and seek to inspire and encourage other immigrants to consider starting or operating businesses in the city.

Nominations for local immigrant entrepreneurs were submitted to the Department of Economic Development and Innovation at the City of Ottawa, and evaluated by a panel of eight business and community leaders on the following criteria:

- Contribution to the local economy;
- Contribution to the entrepreneur community;
- Contribution to the broader Ottawa community; and
- Overall impression.

Awards are given to the winners of the following entrepreneur business categories:

- Youth business entrepreneurs (under 35 years old)
- Women entrepreneurs
- Innovation-oriented enterprises
- Social enterprises (with a social, environmental or cultural mandate)
- Fast-growth enterprises

(Nominees)

Obaid AHMED OAK Computing	John MAIORINO Barbershop & Hairstyling
Abdul Haseeb AWAN Efani	Diego MACRINI Proximify
Aali ALIZADEH Giatec Scientific	Antonio MAURIELLO Divino Wine Studio
Claudia ARIZMENDI The Cupcake Lounge Inc.	Hassan MELHIM Abraj International
Mehdi Mahdavi ARDEKANI Zodiac Light Waves	Deepti MENON Zighra
Muhammad AZAM Radical Software	Samsu MIA Mia's Indian Cuisine
Andriy AZAOY Canafloa	Supriya MISHRA visionTech4u
Kent BAKER Baker's Bean Village Café	Alcides Muñoz G. fave Magazine
Sanjit K. BIRGI Kumon (Kanata North)	Jean NAIM Glow Beauty Spa
Karla BRIONES Global Pet Foods	Raj NARULA Taraspan Inc.
Pierfrancesco CERVellini Torre Management	Gustavo NATOTSCHIEV GNIM Media
Dewan CHOWDHURY Moni Mahal & Taj Mahal	Marlon ONEID YouAchieve.com Inc.
Jack CHUNG Sawa Sushi	Rosa PINO Simply Biscotti Inc.
Tuhin DAS MET Technologies	Vinod RAJASEKARAN HUB Ottawa
Sonia DEL ROSARIO del Rosario Financial Services	Ralph RAMKERRYSINGH Alcea Technologies Inc.
Ahmed M. DIRIE Pick Yours Up	Dipak ROY D-TA Systems Inc.
Amanda EMMANUEL Amanda Emmanuel	Jeri RODRIGS Rumidifier Home Comforts Inc.
Alia EL BANNA Kiwi Choice	Alifiya SADIKALI Dermis Advanced Skin Care
Simin FOSTER EngageWorks	Omur SEZERMAN OZ Optics Ltd.
Mikhail GOLUBEV Bust Mold Inc.	Jaideep SINGH Amrit Media Management Inc.
Pouria GHODS Giatic Scientific	Inderpreet SINGH South Asian Connection Ltd.
A.K.M. Iqbal HOSSAIN MK Foodmart	Peter SO So Good Restaurant
Kostyantyn KHOMUTOV Smart Rotor Systems	Mehran TALEBINEJAD NeuroQore Inc.
Katrin KOSK Blumenstudio	Valery TOLSTIKHIN OneChip Photonics Inc.
Ashima KUDAISYA Beyond Boundaries	Jack UPPAL Royal LePage Team Realty