

Cork Pubs do our county proud as they take home a whopping EIGHTEEN awards from the Bar of the Year Awards 2024.

Paladar was named Bar of the Year for the second time at this year's prestigious **Bar of The Year Awards** ceremony which took place in the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Dublin on Monday night, 19th of August.



Amongst the galaxy of contenders, the most exceptional bars have been recognized and celebrated for their extraordinary contributions to the hospitality industry. These establishments have elevated the art of mixology, ambiance, and service, captivating patrons with unforgettable experiences.

After rigorous evaluation and deliberation by an esteemed panel of industry experts only the best in the industry were crowned winners. The bars of Cork scooped up an incredible seventeen awards on the night, six of these being overall winners in their categories.

Paladar scooped up an outstanding three awards, retaining the coveted overall title of **Bar of the Year**, along with taking home awards for **Outstanding Customer Service** and **Cocktail Bar of the Year**.



The Cork bars and hotels taking home awards on the night include Paladar, the Woolshed Baa & Grill, Costigan's Pub, NV, The Mutton Lane Inn, Seventy Seven, The Shelbourne Bar, Franciscan Well Brewpub, Crane Lane, The Castle Glanmire, Moody Cafe Vin, Inchydoney Island Lodge & Spa and Sophie's Rooftop.

Colm O'Connor of **Costigan's Pub**, winners of the **Traditional Bar of the Year**, said of their win, *"We are truly delighted and really appreciative of the recognition, especially winning Traditional Bar of the Year. It's something that we've always attained over the last almost decade, we committed to creating a pub in the traditional sense of the word. In the old school days a pub was always a place for people to meet, it was the centre of the community and to be recognised for that on a national scale is absolutely fantastic for us. It's something we've always strived to maintain by having live music five nights a week, showing live sport, having a great array of drinks, we have a meeting room for clubs and all different types of groups who come in every week throughout the year to support us and we try our best to support them back through sponsorships of teams and local events.*

In a time when things have been ever changing in society, Costigan's remains traditional, doing the simple things and doing them well - it's a motto we had a very long time ago and

it's a motto we still have today.”



Darren O'Donovan of **Seventy Seven** was awarded with the prestigious **Gail Cotter Special Recognition Award**. This award is a judges choice award which recognises an individual for outstanding service and dedication within the Irish industry - which in Darren's case, no one could dispute. Darren, more commonly known in the industry as Chubbs, is a staple face in the Cork pub scene having worked in Rearden's, Conway's Yard, JJ Walsh's and now as the GM of Seventy Seven. He has committed his years to achieving excellence, shining within his position and always looking for ways to improve the customer experience.



The pubs of Cork are sure to be bustling with celebrations following last night's awards ceremony and we hope this will give the trade a very welcome boost and encourage people to continue to visit our great city and county in their droves.