

Hilton South Asia hosts inaugural Academy of F&B Artists at Conrad Pune

The Academy of F&B Artists – Hilton South Asia brought together food and beverage professionals at [Conrad](#) Pune from 3 to 5 September 2026 for a three-day programme focused on learning, collaboration, industry dialogue and recognition. The gathering brought together established and emerging professionals across culinary, F&B service, marketing, commercial strategy and other disciplines.

The programme featured chefs, hospitality leaders, restaurateurs, entrepreneurs, culinary experts, F&B strategists, marketers and creative professionals. Sessions explored culinary innovation, service, leadership, sustainability, technology, brand building, commercial strategy and evolving guest expectations, highlighting the growing role of cross-functional collaboration in F&B.

The programme concluded with the inaugural Academy Awards, recognising contributions across Culinary, F&B Service, Marketing & PR and other areas of F&B operations and guest experience. The event also introduced the Goldie, the Academy's trophy. Prashant Kulkarni, Director – Food & Beverage Operations, South Asia, said the Academy aims to provide Hilton's teams with a platform to learn from one another, recognise excellence and contribute to the future of F&B. Conrad Pune hosted the gathering as part of Hilton South Asia's wider F&B programme, with its own portfolio spanning Italian, Pan-Asian, Indian and contemporary dining experiences.

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