

Best bartender finalists announced

The 55 finalists in the Global Final Competition in South Africa to be crowned 'the best bartender of the world' have been announced. More than 6,000 bartenders, from more than 50 countries competed at the local contests to conquer the title of the best bartender of their countries...



Domenico De Lorenzo

The 55 finalists in the World Class Bartender of the Year competition represent some of the most exceptional venues on Earth. These bars and restaurants are spread across 53 countries as well as two venues on the open seas. More than 3,500 bars and restaurants around the globe have been a part of World Class this year, with their bartenders competing to be the champions of their respective countries.

Domenico de Lorenzo, from Molecular Bars in Joburg, clinched the victory in the World Class national finals with his original creations the 'Curious Case of the Malted Man' and 'Lady in Red', and will now go on to represent South Africa in the global finals from 31 August to 4 September.

Country	Bar	Bartender
Australia	Boilermaker House	Jack Sotti
Austria	Barracuda Barcatering	Philipp Ernst
Belgium	Diageo	Jurgen Nobels
Brazil	Grupo Vegas	Kennedy Nascimento
Bulgaria	By The Way	Dimitar Dimitrov
Canada	UVA Wine and Cocktail Bar	Lauren Mote
Colombia	Mai Tai Bar	Cesar Acero Sanchez
Costa Rica	Hotel Andaz Papagayo	Clark Jimenez Alvarado
Czech Republic	L'Fleur Bar	Vitezslav Cirok
Denmark	Open/Closes	Karl-Martin Edin
France	Le Florian	Paul Silvers
Germany	Shakekings	Marian Krause
Greece	Theory Bar and More	Emmanouil Lykiardopoulos
GTME	Celebrity Cruises	Santos Mercedes
Guatemala	Independiente "Nomada Cocktail"	Marvin Martinez
Hong Kong	Quinary	Antonio Lai
India	Drinks on MG	Alfonso del Portillo
Indian OceanApoteek	Tristan Petit	
Indonesia	Sofitel Nusa Dua Bali	Ayip Muhammad Dzuhri
Ireland	MMP	Anna Walsh
Israel	Bellboy	Ariel Leizgold
Italy	Replay the Stage	Francesco Cione
Japan	Lamp Bar	Mchito Kaneko
Kenya	Royal Orchid Hotel	Akash Tomar

Lebanon	Central Station	Refaat Ghostine
Malaysia	Omakase & Appreciate	Yi Shawn Chong
Mexico	Licoreria Limantour	Fernanda Tejada
Morocco	Sofitel Royal Bay Agadir (Accor Group)	Brahim Hamouali
Netherlands	Door 74	Tess Posthumus
New Zealand	Racket Bar	Phillip Spector
Norway	Raus	Jørgen Dons
Panama	Taberna Rasputin	Felix Cuevas
Peru	Bottega Dasso	David Romero
Philippines	ABV	Kenneth Bandivas
Poland	El Koktel	Mateusz Szuchnik
Portugal	Cinco Lounge	Jose Maria Robertson
Puerto Rico	Santaella	Michael Norat
Romania	PPD	Paul Sfirlea
Russia	Mendeleev Bar	Evgeny Shashin
Singapore	Tess Bar	Steve Leong
Slovakia	Gastronomy Group	Filip Navratil
South Africa	Molecular Bars	Domenico de Lorenzo
South Korea	Speakeasy Mortar	Byungjim Lim
Spain	Varsovia Bar	Borja Cortina
Sweden	Bar25	Ted Filip Dako
Switzerland	Intercontinental Geneva	Olivia Hairay
Taiwan	Mandarin Oriental Taipei	Jacko Chang
Thailand	Why97	Pongpak Sudthipongse
Turkey	Nopa	Kevin Patnode
United Arab Emirates	Zuma Restaurants	Mehmet N. Sur
United Kingdom	Hawksmoor	Alistair Reynolds
United States	Death & Co	Tyson Buhler
Vietnam	Urban Kitchen Bar	Duy Tu
Western Europe Central Team/Yachting (SS)	Sailing Yacht Marie	Jasmin Rutter

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