

In photos: APEX/IFSA Awards ceremony recognizes industry excellence in Long Beach



Akbar Al Baker, Group CEO Qatar Airways, (second from left) accepts award from APEX CEO Dr. Joe Leader (second from right) on September 20 in Long Beach, California. Photo credit: APEX

The second floor of the Long Beach Convention Center was abuzz with excitement last night as delegates and attendees gathered to celebrate winners of this year's APEX/IFSA Awards. The evening was sponsored by Boeing, CineSend, gategroup, SMiZE Cream, Spafax, Thales and Warner Bros. Discovery.

Presented by APEX/IFSA CEO Dr. Joe Leader, the awards ceremony covered the CEO Lifetime Achievement award, Best In Airline Awards, APEX Five Star & APEX Four Star Airline Awards, and the APEX/IFSA Awards. Find list of winners below, with photos at the bottom:

CEO Lifetime Achievement award

- Qatar Airways Group CEO Akbar Al Baker

2024 APEX BEST IN AIRLINE AWARD Recipients

- **Best Cabin Service:** EVA Air
- **Best Entertainment:** Singapore Airlines
- **Best Food & Beverage:** Qatar Airways
- **Best Seat Comfort:** Cathay Pacific
- **Best Wi-Fi:** Delta Air Lines
- *Qatar Airways Group CEO H.E. Akbar Al Baker also accepted Best in Entertainment Award in the Middle East for Qatar Airways*

APEX World Class Airlines

- Japan Airlines
- KLM Royal Dutch Airlines
- SAUDIA
- Turkish Airlines
- Singapore Airlines
- Emirates
- Qatar Airways
- Xiamen Airlines

2024 APEX AWARD WINNERS

Best Inflight Connectivity

- Delta Air Lines: Bringing the Living Room to the Air

Best Inflight Entertainment

- FlightPath3D: FlightPath3D & Southwest grab 1/3 of Passenger Time Spent Inflight with Flight Tracking and Destination Exploration

Best Cabin Innovation

- Delta Flight Products: New Seat Prototype for Passenger Mobility

2024 IFSA AWARD WINNERS

Best Inflight Food or Beverage

- SriLankan Airlines: SriLankan Flavours

Best Onboard Amenity

- Emirates: Sustainable Economy Class Amenity Kit

2024 APEX FOUR STAR AND FIVE STAR RECIPIENTS

(Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Five Star Global

- Aeromexico
- Air Canada
- Air France
- Air New Zealand
- American Airlines
- ANA
- Austrian
- Cathay Pacific
- Delta Air Lines
- EL AL
- Etihad
- Eva Air
- Finnair
- LATAM Airlines
- Lufthansa
- Korean Air
- SAS
- Swiss
- United Airlines
- Vietnam Airlines
- Virgin Atlantic

Five Star Major Airlines

- Aer Lingus
- Air Astana
- Air Tahiti Nui
- Alaska Airlines
- Copa Airlines
- Fiji Airways
- Hawaiian Airlines
- Icelandair
- Oman Air
- Royal Brunei Airlines

Five Star Regional Airline

- JSX

Four Star Global Airlines

- British Airways
- Ethiopian
- Polish Airlines
- Malaysia Airlines
- Pakistan International Airlines
- South African Airways
- Thai Airways International

Four Star Major Airlines

- Aegean Airlines

- AirEuropa
- Avianca
- flydubai
- Royal Jordanian
- SriLankan Airlines

Four Star Low-cost Carriers

- Allegiant
- Breeze
- GOL
- Southwest
- Spirit
- Sun Country Airlines
- WestJet

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