

## Yusuffali receives the Asian Business Leader of the Year Award



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Prominent Gulf-based Indian businessman Yusuffali has been chosen as the Asian Business Leader of the Year. The top award was presented to him in Abu Dhabi at a glittering ceremony by UAE Energy Minister HE Mohammed Bin Dha'en Al Hameli in the presence of top personalities from all walks of life.

Asian Business Award, which has been held annually in London for the last 12 years, was being held in the Middle East for the first time.

The awards were decided by votes polled throughout the Middle East and evaluated by world-renowned auditors Price Waterhouse Coopers.

Other winners are Lakshmi Mittal as Global Asian of the Year and Narayanamoorthy of Infosys for Lifetime achievements. Yusuffali, who is the first Asian to be elected to the Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has been in the business for 30 years and as Managing Director of EMKE Group, runs the successful retail chain of LULU across the region. His other business interests include manufacturing, importing and wholesale trading, IT, shipping, real estate etc. With more than 18,000 staff and presence in 18 countries, he is by far seen as the true leader of business community in the Middle East. Winner of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award by the President of India, Yusuffali is always in the forefront of any initiative to promote Indo-Gulf business ventures.

A founder director of first private airport in India, Cochin International Airport, Yusuffali was instrumental in bringing Smart City to Cochin and is actively pursuing many more such projects.