

**50 TOP PIZZA ASIA - PACIFIC 2024:**

**THE PIZZA BAR ON 38TH IN TOKYO HAS BEEN CONFIRMED AS THE BEST PIZZERIA IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC AREA**

**In second position is Crosta Pizzeria from Makati, in the Philippines. Third position has gone to RistoPizza in Tokyo.**

**The Pizza Maker of the Year is Yuichi Ito from Crosta Pizzeria, in the Philippines. The Pizza of the Year is the *Provola e Pepe* at Fiata by Salvatore Fiata in Hong Kong.**

**Fresca, in the Jordan Valley, has captured the One to Watch award.**

*Tokyo, March 4th2024 -* **The Pizza Bar on 38th** has been confirmed as the best pizzeria for **50 Top Pizza Asia - Pacific 2024**. It is actually the smallest pizzeria in the world, with seating only for 8. It is directed by **Daniele Cason**, the executive chef at the Mandarin Oriental in Tokyo. During the awards ceremony presented by **Imma Romano** at the **Istituto Italiano di Cultura** in **Tokyo**, Japan, **50 Top Pizza**, the most influential guide in the pizza sector, revealed the ranking for the **50 best pizzerias in the Asia-Pacific area for 2024.**

In second position is **Crosta Pizzeria** in Makati, in the Philippines, directed by **Yuichi Ito**, who has also captured the special award **Pizza Maker of the Year 2024 – Ferrarelle Award**. Completing the podium is **RistoPizza** in Tokyo, a newly-opened venue by **Giuseppe Errichiello**.

In fourth place is **Fiata by Salvatore Fiata** in Hong Kong, who also took home the **Pizza of the Year 2024 – Latteria Sorrentina Award**, with his ***Provola e Pepe***; occupying the fifth place is a dead heat between **Al Taglio** by **Silvio Groppelli** in Sydney, and **48h Pizza e Gnocchi Bar** by **Michele Circhirillo** and **Fabio Biscaldi** in Melbourne. The latter also took home the **Best Beer Service 2024 – Peroni Nastro Azzurro Award**; for the sixth position we travel over to Auckland, New Zealand, with **Dante's Pizzeria Napoletana** under the direction of **Enis Baçova**; seventh position has gone to **Massilia** in Bangkok, Thailand, led by **Luca Appino** and **Michele Fernando**, who have also taken home the **Best Fried Food 2024 - Il Fritturista - Oleificio Zucchi Award**; we go back to Japan for eighth position which has gone to **Pizzeria Braceria CESARI!!** in Nagoya, by **Pasquale Makishima**, who has also won the **Best Dessert List 2024 – Cremoso - La Dispensa Award**; in ninth position is **Bottega**, owned by brothers **Paolo e Daniele Salvo** in Beijing, China. Closing the top ten is **Pizzeria Mazzie** in Bangkok, Thailand, owned by the American **Jon Spearman**.

The special award **Performance of the Year 2024 – Robo Award** has gone to **Spacca Napoli** in Seoul, in South Korea, directed by **Giulio Lee,** that also is in eleventh position; the **Best Pasta Proposal 2024 – Pastificio Di Martino Award** has gone to the pizzeria **a mano** in Makati, in the Philippines by **Amado Forés**, who is also in twelfth position; the **New Entry of the Year 2024 – Solania Award** has gone to **Le Parùle Baku** in Baku, Azerbaijan, led by **Giuseppe Pignalosa**; finally, the **One to Watch 2024 - Monte Bussan Award**, has been conferred on **Fresca** by **Yoni Avraham** in the Jordan Valley, in Israel.

The **Green Oven 2024 – Goeldlin** award is a recognition that is assigned to pizzerias who give particular attention to environmentally sustainable practices. This year it has been given to **Al Taglio** in Sydney, Australia.

The **Pizza Community 2024 – Stefano Ferrara Forni** recognition has also been conferred on ten pizzerias in Australia and New Zealand who in the month of September 2023 gave life to the **50 Top September Pizza Extravaganza,** a festival which showcased the sense of community to which 50 Top Pizza is particularly committed: **Al Taglio** in Sydney, **Shop225** in Melbourne, **Lil Franky Pizzeria** in Sydney, **Maestro Sourdough Pizza** in Perth, **Il Caminetto** in Melbourne, **+39 Pizzeria** in Melbourne, **Gigi’s** in Sydney, **Queen Margherita of Savoy** in Sydney, **Dante’s Pizzeria Napoletana** in Auckland and **48h Pizza e Gnocchi Bar** in Melbourne.

There are 17 different countries represented in the Asia-Pacific area. The country with the highest number of venues is Japan with 13 locations. It is followed by Australia with 10 and Thailand with 5. It is the first time for Azerbaijan and Vietnam, with one pizzeria each. Tokyo has been confirmed as the capital of quality pizza in the Asia-Pacific area with 9 pizzerias present in the guide this year.

“*It is a great honor for us to have had such a warm welcome in Tokyo”* underscore the curators **Barbara Guerra**, **Luciano Pignataro** and **Albert Sapere**. “*We wish to thank the Italian Ambassador to Japan, Gianluigi Benedetti, and the entire staff of the Embassy. We would also like to recognize Professor Silvana De Maio – the director of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura in Tokyo – and the entire staff at the Institute. We are honored to have Minister Francesco Lollobrigda here with us today who was able to greet the best pizza makers in the Asia-Pacific area in Tokyo for the event. The precious hospitality from the Italian institutes in Japan have always made us feel at home, comprehending the great importance that pizza has for the quality Italian agribusiness. The Asia-Pacific guide, now in its third edition, always gives us so much insight and we have also witnessed a significant rise in the overall level of quality. In fact, we estimate that next year the guide will be even larger, with at least one hundred pizzerias reviewed in this area.”*

The first 13 positions in the 50 Top Pizza Asia - Pacific 2024 ranking will enter by right into the top **100 Best Pizzerias in the World**, who will meet at the **Teatro Mercadante** in **Naples** on **September 10th**.

The next event for 50 Top Pizza is scheduled for April 17th live from Rio de Janeiro, to celebrate, for the first time, the best pizzerias in Latin America 2024.

**Project Partners:**

**Pastificio Di Martino, Ferrarelle, Latteria Sorrentina, Oleificio Zucchi, Solania, Robo 1938, Peroni Nastro Azzurro, Cremoso - La Dispensa, Goeldlin, Fedegroup, Monte Bussan, Stefano Ferrara Forni.**

**The following is the Complete Ranking for 50 Top Pizza Asia - Pacific 2024**

1 The Pizza Bar on 38th – Tokyo, Japan

2 Crosta Pizzeria – Makati, Philippines

3 RistoPizza – Tokyo, Japan

4 Fiata by Salvatore Fiata - Hong Kong, China

5 48h Pizza e Gnocchi Bar – Melbourne, Australia

5 Al Taglio – Sydney, Australia

6 Dante's Pizzeria Napoletana – Auckland, New Zealand

7 Massilia – Bangkok, Thailand

8 Pizzeria Braceria CESARI!! – Nagoya, Japan

9 Bottega – Beijing, China

10 Pizzeria Mazzie – Bangkok, Thailand

11 Spacca Napoli – Seoul, South Korea

12 a mano – Makati, Philippines

13 Da Susy – Gurugram, India

14 Pizza Strada – Tokyo, Japan

15 La Bottega Enoteca – Singapore, Singapore

16 Il Caffè – Dubai, United Arab Emirates

17 BACI – Hong Kong, China

18 PST - Pizza Studio Tamaki – Tokyo, Japan

19 Pizzeria da Tigre – Osaka, Japan

20 Le Parùle Baku – Baku, Azerbaijan

21 L’OLIVA – Bangkok, Thailand

22 Andrea Style – Taipei City, Taiwan

23 Queen Margherita of Savoy – Sydney, Australia

24 Little Napoli – Hong Kong, China

25 MASSIMOTTAVIO – Tokyo, Japan

26 Pizzeria Peppe – Napoli sta’ ca” – Tokyo, Japan

27 Lil Franky Pizzeria – Sydney, Australia

28 L'INSIEME – Tokyo, Japan

29 La Tripletta – Tokyo, Japan

30 Gigi's – Sydney, Australia

31 Il Caminetto – Melbourne, Australia

32 Shop225 – Melbourne, Australia

33 +39 Pizzeria – Melbourne, Australia

34 Five Olives – Phuket, Thailand

35 Pizzeria e trattoria da ISA – Tokyo, Japan

36 Pizzeria da CIRO – Kyoto, Japan

37 Fresca – Jordan Valley, Israel

38 Marni – Phuket, Thailand

39 La Piedra – Jerusalem, Israel

40 Pizzeria Cavalese – Jakarta, Indonesia

41 Lilian – Auckland, New Zealand

42 Beintema's – Bandung, Indonesia

43 Maestro Sourdough Pizza – Perth, Australia

44 Leo’s – New Delhi, India

45 SOLO Pizza Napulitana – Kuwait City, Kuwait

46 Proof Pizza and Wine – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

47 Wild Flour Italian – Taguig, Philippines

48 Margherí – Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

49 A16 – Yokohama, Japan

50 Pizza Madre – Sydney, Australia

50 Ben's Pizzeria – Jakarta, Indonesia

**Special Awards – 50 Top Pizza Asia - Pacific 2024**

**• One to Watch 2024 - Monte Bussan Award**

Fresca – Jordan Valley, Israel

• **Pizza Maker of the Year 2024 - Ferrarelle Award**

Yuichi Ito by Crosta Pizzeria – Makati, Philippines

• **New Entry of the Year 2024 - Solania Award**

Le Parùle Baku – Baku, Azerbaijan

• **Best Fried Food 2024 - Il Fritturista - Oleificio Zucchi Award**

Massilia – Bangkok, Thailand

• **Pizza of the Year 2024 - Latteria Sorrentina Award**

Provola e Pepe by Fiata by Salvatore Fiata – Hong Kong, China

• **Performance of the Year 2024 - Robo Award**

Spacca Napoli – Seoul, South Korea

• **Best Pasta Proposal 2024 - Pastificio Di Martino Award**

a mano – Makati, Philippines

• **Best Dessert List 2024 - Cremoso - La Dispensa Award**

Pizzeria Braceria CESARI!! – Nagoya, Japan

• **Best Beer Service 2024 - Peroni Nastro Azzurro Award**

48h Pizza e Gnocchi Bar – Melbourne, Australia

• **Pizza Community 2024 - Stefano Ferrara Forni**

Al Taglio – Sydney, Australia

Shop225 – Melbourne, Australia

Lil Franky Pizzeria – Sydney, Australia

Maestro Sourdough Pizza – Perth, Australia

Il Caminetto – Melbourne, Australia

+39 Pizzeria – Melbourne, Australia

Gigi's - Sydney , Australia

Queen Margherita of Savoy – Sydney, Australia

Dante's Pizzeria Napoletana – Auckland, New Zealand

48h Pizza e Gnocchi Bar – Melbourne, Australia

**50 Top Pizza Asia - Pacific – Green Oven 2024 – Goeldlin**

• Al Taglio – Sydney, Australia

**50 Top Pizza Asia - Pacific - Top in Country 2024**

**Top Pizzeria in Japan 2024** - The Pizza Bar on 38th – Tokyo, Japan

**Top Pizzeria in the Philippines 2024** - Crosta Pizzeria – Makati, Philippines

**Top Pizzeria in Hong Kong 2024** - Fiata by Salvatore Fiata – Hong Kong, China

**Top Pizzeria in Australia 2024** - 48h Pizza e Gnocchi Bar – Melbourne, Australia

**Top Pizzeria in Australia 2024** - Al Taglio – Sydney, Australia

**Top Pizzeria in New Zealand 2024** - Dante's Pizzeria Napoletana - Auckland, New Zealand

**Top Pizzeria in Thailand 2024** - Massilia - Bangkok, Thailand

**Top Pizzeria in Mainland China 2024** - Bottega – Beijing, China

**Top Pizzeria in South Korea 2024** - Spacca Napoli – Seoul, South Korea

**Top Pizzeria in India 2024** - Da Susy – Gurugram, India

**Top Pizzeria in Singapore 2024** - La Bottega Enoteca – Singapore, Singapore

**Top Pizzeria in the United Arab Emirates 2024** - Il Caffè – Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**Top Pizzeria in Azerbaijan 2024** - Le Parùle Baku – Baku, Azerbaijan

**Top Pizzeria in Taiwan 2024** - Andrea Style – Taipei City, Taiwan

**Top Pizzeria in Israel 2024** – Fresca – Jordan Valley, Israel

**Top Pizzeria in Indonesia 2024** - Pizzeria Cavalese – Jakarta, Indonesia

 **Top Pizzeria in Kuwait 2024** - SOLO Pizza Napulitana - Kuwait City, Kuwait

**Top Pizzeria in Malaysia 2024** - Proof Pizza and Wine - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Top Pizzeria in Vietnam 2024** - Margherí - Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

**Next event dates for 50 Top Pizza 2024**

**• 50 Top Pizza Latin America 2024** – April 17th, Rio de Janeiro

**• 50 Top Pizza Europa 2024** – May 13th, Madrid

**• 50 Top Pizza USA 2024** – June 25th, New York

**• 50 Top Pizza Italia 2024** – July 10th, Milan

**• 50 Top Pizza World 2024** – September 10th, Naples

**• 50 Top World Artisan Pizza Chains 2024** and **World Pizza Summit 2024** – November 26th-27th, London

*As with all of the rankings under the 50 Top brand, 50 Top Pizza Asia - Pacific 2024 is also the result of the annual work of our inspectors that collaborate with this project and who have examined an enormous number of pizzerias dispersed throughout the entire Continent. Visits are always carried out anonymously, as per guide policy. The criteria for assessment include the attention given, on the whole, to customer satisfaction, beginning of course with the quality of the products.*