

IBBC RASMI AL JABRI ANNUAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

2026

In November 2020 the Iraq Britain Business Council proudly announced the creation of a new annual Award to honour the memory of Rasmi Al Jabri. Rasmi, the IBBC's Honorary Vice President in Iraq, died in 2020 after many years working tirelessly to support Iraqi businesses and foster Anglo-Iraqi relations.

The Award is administered by the IBBC with the winner selected by a panel of three independent judges under the non-voting chairmanship of Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne.

Eligibility for the Award

The Rasmi Al Jabri Annual Award for Excellence is open to any Iraqi-owned or managed business enterprise operating in Iraq, which can clearly demonstrate:

- Business growth over the preceding 12 months or a long term curve showing progressive growth
- Meeting World Bank standards of business integrity, work force and customer satisfaction, and good governance.
- Promotion of business partnerships between Iraqi and British registered companies.

Additional factors which may influence the judges' choice

- Inclusion of women in the workforce, preferably at all levels, and their eligibility for training and promotion.
- Commitment to corporate social responsibility through engagement with local communities.

- Evidence of apprenticeships, in-house training, graduate trainees and support for continuing education.

How to nominate for the Award

- Nominations may be made by any current Member of IBBC
- For corporate (large scale organisations) self nomination is allowed as long as the wider criteria is acceptable.
- Each IBBC Member may nominate up to three companies a year.
- Nominees do not need to be IBBC Members, but must be primarily Iraqi owned, controlled or managed businesses, preferably family owned, which are based and operating in Iraq.
- IBBC Members may be nominated provided they meet the criteria for Iraqi ownership, control or management.

Benefits of winning the Award

- International publicity and recognition.
- Invitations to attend the IBBC Spring Conference.
- A specially designed medallion to be held for one year. The medallion will be presented to the winner during the Spring Conference.
- Business introductions to senior managers of IBBC Members in Iraq and the United Kingdom.
- When possible, a UK based IBBC Member will provide work experience and mentoring to a promising employee of the winning company.

Timeline for the 2026 Award

- **July 1st 2026:** Deadline for nominations for the 2026 Award.

- **Friday 27th March:** Announcement of Judges.
- **Friday 24th April:** Initial scrutiny and due diligence of nominated companies completed.
- **August 1st:** Judges receive list of accepted nominated companies and begin the judging process.
- **9th October 2026 :** Presentation of Award during IBBC Cumberland Lodge Retreat

The Judging Panel

- Three judges will form the panel with high and varied experience of business and industry internationally. Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne will be the non-voting Chairman of the panel. Judges will be changed regularly with no judge serving more than five terms.
- The panel may consult, at its sole discretion, disinterested experts to advise on the relative merits of aspects of the nominations, but it is the panel's decision to select the award finalists and winner, and its decision is final.
- The owner of the Rasmi Al Jabri Annual Award for Excellence is IBBC, and its locus is the office of the Managing Director, Mr. Christophe Michels.

The volunteer administrator is Mr. Colin Findlay, an IBBC Advisor.