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### **CURRY LOUNGE WINS TOPTABLE ACCOLADE**

Nottingham's popular Indian restaurant The Curry Lounge has scooped another award in recognition for its food, service, and above all, its fantastic value.

The toptable Top 100 Dining Awards 2009 has praised The Curry Lounge as one of the top 10 restaurants in the UK that offer the best meals for under £25 per head.

Toptable diners who visit the restaurant claim that the restaurant is "by far the best Indian restaurant in Nottingham, offering authentic Indian and Punjabi food in a relaxed 21<sup>st</sup> century setting."

With Indian food accounting for around two thirds of eating out in the UK, it's no wonder that it has also been voted the toptable diner's favourite cuisine (followed by Italian and Halal).

Proving that restaurants can survive in the current economic climate, where it appears staying in is the new going out; The Curry Lounge has come on leaps and bounds since its visit from Gordon Ramsay and Channel 4's Kitchen Nightmares programme in 2007.

Restaurant entrepreneur and owner of The Curry Lounge Nottingham, Arfan Razak (known as Raz) comments on his success: "In such a competitive market, there are more Indian restaurants per square mile in Nottingham than in any other city, so the award is a real boost to the Curry Lounge team, especially at this time of year.

He added: "Our new menu has been hotly anticipated, so we're looking forward to receiving our customers' feedback once it's been launched for Valentine's Day."

To celebrate the toptable accolade, anyone dining in the restaurant between January and March will be entered into a prize draw to win £500 cash. For more information or to book a table reservation, call 0115 941 8844 or visit [www.currylounge.co.uk](http://www.currylounge.co.uk).

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To read over 100 real diner reviews for The Curry Lounge, visit [www.toptable.co.uk](http://www.toptable.co.uk).

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### **Notes to editors:**

Promising traditional Indian and Punjabi cuisine freshly cooked to order, The Curry Lounge has been praised by the toptable Top 100 Dining Awards 2009 as one of the top 10 restaurants that offers the best value meals when dining out in the UK.

Having opened the first Curry Lounge restaurant in Nottingham in 2007, the brand has gone from strength-to-strength since its appearance on Gordon Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares series.

Restaurant owner Arfan Razak (better known as Raz) is the brainchild behind Curry Lounge Ltd, and has set up a franchise venture that reaches as far as North America and the Middle East, with a London venue opening in Spring 2009. It's this entrepreneurship that got Raz noticed when he came in the top five of the Midlands Business Awards' Entrepreneur of the Year category in 2008.

The Curry Lounge has also been voted Best Indian Restaurant East Midlands 2008 by the Customer Excellence Awards in recognition for the quality of the food, service and authenticity.

Located in Nottingham's city centre, The Curry Lounge caters for dinner, corporate events and special occasions. Visit [www.currylounge.co.uk](http://www.currylounge.co.uk) for more information.

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