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Association

Welcome to the

*CBA President's Dinner
& Cork Business of the Year Awards*

Saturday, 28th March 2026
Cork's Vienna Woods Hotel, Tivoli, Cork

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WELCOME



Welcome to the 69th Cork Business Association President's Dinner and Cork Business of the Year Awards!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Vienna Woods Hotel for an evening of fine dining, networking, and celebration as we recognise the achievements of Cork's vibrant business community. These awards, now in their 69th year, have become a strong and honoured fixture in the Cork business calendar, and CBA is proud to bring them to you.

We are honoured to be joined this evening by An Taoiseach Micheál Martin, European Commissioner Michael McGrath, and our MC, Marty Morrissey, along with many other distinguished guests.

Tonight we celebrate the businesses that shape the commercial, cultural, and community spirit of our city. These awards recognise excellence in innovation, customer service, employee engagement, community involvement, sustainability, and growth. Congratulations to all of our finalists - your dedication and achievements are an inspiration.

We are also delighted to host a special charity raffle this evening in aid of St Paul's Special School, Montenotte.

My sincere thanks to Michael Magner, Seamus Healy, and the entire Vienna Woods team for their warm hospitality. Thank you also to TS Events & Flowers by To Have & To Hold for transforming the venue, and to Margaret O'Regan of O'Regan Events, our CBA Events Chair, for her outstanding work in bringing tonight together.

Finally, thank you to our sponsors for their generous support – Headline sponsor PTSB; our media partners The Irish Examiner, and Heineken and Coca-Cola for supporting this evening's entertainment, along with all businesses sponsoring tonight's award categories.

Enjoy a wonderful evening of celebration.

Dave O'Brien

Dave O'Brien,
President, Cork Business Association

THE AGENDA

- *Drinks Reception compliments of Heineken, Coca-Cola, Maharani Gin with Rebel City Distillery, Irish Distillers and Enowine, with Canapes by Vienna Woods.*
- *Entertainment throughout the evening is brought to you by Heineken & Coca-Cola*
- *Music - BMG Entertainment with KC of Red FM*
- *Master of Ceremonies Marty Morrissey*
- *Welcome Address by An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin*
- *Address by President of the Cork Business Association, Dave O'Brien*
- *Address by European Commissioner, Michael McGrath*
- *CBA Cork Business of the Year Awards will be presented throughout the evening*
- *Charity Raffle in aid of St Paul's Special School*
- *All while you enjoy Dinner by Vienna Woods with Wines by Enowine.ie*
- *To finish, Cabaret DJ into the early hours*

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WINE

Thank you to EnoWine.ie for their support with the wines being served with dinner.

Our wines this evening are:

WHITE WINE

Terre de Chieti Trebbiano, Abruzzo (Italy) ORGANIC

A light, crisp and fresh wine from the Trebbiano grape with a tropical fruit flavour and a clear floral character.

RED WINE

Voz Malbec, Mendoza (Argentina)

Deep violet in colour, with a rich, ripe blackberry fruit aroma. There's no wood, just intense, jammy, chocolatey flavours.

SPARKLING

Layla Non Alcoholic Sparkling (Austria)

A typical varietal aroma of lemon balm and tangerine peel. Fresh, clear and very balanced on the palate. Very animating thanks to a beautiful combination of minerality, lively acidity, fine perlage and sweet fruitiness.

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The Irish Examiner is a proud media partner to Munster Rugby, and are delighted to offer one lucky guest a pair of tickets to Munster V United Emirates Lions in Thomond Park on Saturday, May 16, plus an overnight stay that evening in a Limerick Hotel.



The winner of the 'Best Social Media' post of the evening with #CBA Awards will receive an exceptional hamper of produce from The Roughy Foodie at The English Market



Michel Jewellers have left small pouches on all guest's plates. One pouch contains a Green Emerald Heart, and the lucky person to find this wins a Diamond Pendant of their choosing from Michel Jewellers on Patrick Street.

RAFFLE PRIZES

Maharani Gin

Gin Hamper

Castlemartyr Resort

1 Overnight stay with lunch

The Kingsley

1 Overnight stay with Bed & Breakfast

Clayton Hotels

1 Overnight stay with Bed & Breakfast

Michel Jewellers

€250 voucher

Maryborough Hotel

Dinner, Bed & Breakfast Escape for 2

Cork International Hotel

1 Overnight stay, with Bed, Breakfast and dinner

The Metropole Hotel

1 Overnight stay with Bed & Breakfast

Moxy Hotel

1 Overnight stay with Bed & Breakfast

Vienna Woods

1 Overnight stay with Bed & Breakfast

Imperial Hotel

Spa Treatment and an Elemis Gift

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€200 voucher

A FINAL THANK YOU

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