

## Awards and Accolades: Financial Year 2022 – 2023

Aitken Spence PLC and its companies strive towards achieving excellence in all our activities, to establish high growth businesses in Sri Lanka and across new frontiers, and to become a globally competitive market leader in the region. In that effort, recognition we receive in our journey is an encouragement and testament to the success of our management approach.

### **Recognition received at Group level;**

- Aitken Spence PLC was the most awarded corporate entity at the Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Award 2022 organised by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. The company won a total of 9 awards and the highest number of certificate awards for ‘Consistent Commitment and Continuous Improvement’. Recognition received at this programme includes the following.
  - Only corporate in Sri Lanka to have been consistently ranked among the Top 10 Corporate Citizen for the 17th consecutive year.
  - Ranked among the top three Best Corporate Citizens of Sri Lanka for 8 years
  - Main awards categories – 4 awards
    - Diversified Holdings Sector Award winner
    - Winner of Demonstrated Resilient Practices for covid-19 context
    - Top 10 Corporate Citizen
    - Category award for Customer Relations
  - Consistent Commitment and Continuous Improvement in the last 5 years– 5 award certificates
    - Environmental integration
    - Environment commitment
    - Employee relations
    - Customer relations
    - Community relations
  
- Aitken Spence PLC’s annual report of 2021-2022 received a Merit award at the CMA Excellence in Integrated Reporting Awards 2022.
  
- Aitken Spence PLC won Bronze under the diversified sector category at the 57th Annual Report Awards, organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka -CA Sri Lanka’s TAGS Awards 2022 (Transparency, Accountability, Governance and Sustainability).
  
- For the third consecutive years, Aitken Spence PLC was among the top companies in Sri Lanka for responsible corporate conduct. The company was recognised in the 11<sup>th</sup> place for transparency in corporate reporting, as per the reviews conducted by Transparency International Sri Lanka (TISL). The company received a high score in the ‘Significantly Transparent’ category.
  
- Aitken Spence ranked in 16<sup>th</sup> place in the Business Today – Top 40 for 2021-2022 organised by BT Options.
  
- Aitken Spence PLC was ranked amongst the Top 10 Most Respected of the nation’s most admired corporations for 2022. The annual ranking is by LMD through an exclusive survey conducted by NielsenIQ’s to gauge peer perceptions based on a weighted ranking system.

- Recognised in the LMD 100 with an improved ranking of moving up 9 spots to the 29<sup>th</sup> place for the year 2021-2022 that was based on Revenue. The company's ranking stood at 19<sup>th</sup> place based on Profit-After-Tax.

***Recognition received by the Tourism Sector;***

- Aitken Spence Hotel Holdings PLC was overall ranked in the fourth place in the LMD Most Awarded companies ranking for 2022.
- Aitken Spence Hotel Holdings PLC won Gold under the hotel sector category at the 57th Annual Report Awards, organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka -CA Sri Lanka's TAGS Awards 2022 (Transparency, Accountability, Governance and Sustainability).
- Aitken Spence Hotels showcased their prowess in the culinary sphere at the prestigious Villeroy & Boch Culinary World Cup. Heritance Aarah collectively took home 13 medals. winning five (05) Gold, four (04) Silver and four (04) Bronze.
- Aitken Spence Hotel Holdings became the Runner-up in the Leisure and Connected Services category at the ACCA Sustainability Reporting Awards 2022.
- Aitken Spence Hotel Holdings PLC was recognised among the top 35 companies for Transparency International Sri Lanka assessment.
- Aitken Spence Hotels, Adaaran Prestige Vadoo Maldives clinched the champion award at Food and Hospitality Asia Maldives (FHAM) Culinary Awards 2022, with the coveted titled of 'Most Outstanding Culinary Organization 2022'.
- Heritance Aarah Winner in Best Luxury Water Villa Resorts in Maldives 2022, Luxury Lifestyle Award.
- Heritance Aarah Global winners (Best of the Best) in the 'Best All Inclusive Hotels' category year 2022 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Awards.
- Heritance Aarah Winner in Leading All-Inclusive Resort 2022, SATA - South Asia Travel Awards 2022.
- Heritance Aarah Winner in Leading Wellness and Spa Resort 2022, SATA - South Asia Travel Awards.
- Heritance Aarah Recognition in Contribution towards the development of Tourism 2022 at the Raa Tourism Expo 2022.
- Heritance Aarah Country Winner in Luxury Villa Resort 2022, World Luxury Hotel Awards 2022
- Heritance Aarah Country Winner in Indigenous/Heritage Cuisine 2022, World Luxury Restaurant Awards 2022.
- Heritance Aarah Travelife Gold 2022
- Adaaran Select Hudhuran Fushi Winner in Leading Surf Hotel / Resort 2022, SATA - South Asia Travel Awards.
- Adaaran Select Hudhuran Fushi Travelife Gold 2022
- Adaaran Select Meedhupparu Winner in Best CSR Hotel 2022, Raa Tourism Expo 2022
- Adaaran Select Meedhupparu Winner on Leading Dive Hotel / Resort 2022, SATA - South Asia Travel Awards
- Adaaran Select Meedhupparu Travelife Gold 2022
- Adaaran Select Meedhupparu Top Hotel Partner, Schausinsland Reisen
- Adaaran Prestige Vadoo Winner in Agoda's Customer Review Award 2022, Agoda
- Adaaran Prestige Vadoo Travelife Gold 2022

- Adaaran Club Rannalhi Top Hotel Partner, Schauinsland Reisen
- Adaaran Club Rannalhi Travelife Gold 2022
- Travelers' Choice 2022 Recognition from Trip Advisor - Adaaran Select Meedhupparu, Adaaran Select Hudhuran Fushi, Adaaran Prestige Vadoo and Adaaran Prestige Water Villas
- Traveller Review Awards 2023 – Booking.com - Heritance Aarah, Adaaran Select Meedhupparu, Adaaran Select Hudhuran Fushi, Adaaran Prestige Vadoo, Adaaran Club Rannalhi, Adaaran Prestige Water Villas
- Jetan Travel Services Company Pvt Ltd - (Adaaran Club Rannalhi) Gold 100 companies in Maldives 2022, Top 100 companies in Maldives Corporate Maldives, 'GOLD 100 GALA'
- Cowrie Investments Pvt Ltd - (Adaaran Select Meedhupparu) Gold 100 companies in Maldives 2022, Top 100 companies in Maldives Corporate Maldives, "GOLD 100 GALA"
- Aitken Spence Maldives Resorts Award of Appreciation 2022, Recognition Ministry of Tourism – Maldives
- Travelers' Choice 2022 Recognition from Trip Advisor – Heritance Kandalama, Heritance Negombo, Heritance Ahungalla, Heritance Tea Factory, Heritance Ayurveda Mahagedara and Earls Regency
- Heritance Ahungalla Top Hotel Partner, Schauinsland Reisen
- SATA - South Asia Travel Awards
  - Heritance Kandalama - Leading Eco-Friendly Resort 2022
  - Heritance Kandalama - Leading Designer Hotel/Resort 2022
  - Heritance Negombo - Leading Wedding Hotel/Resort 2022
  - Heritance Tea Factory - Leading Theme Resort 2022
  - Heritance Ayurveda Mahagedara - Leading Wellness and Spa Resort 2022
  - Heritance Ayurveda Mahagedara - Leading Ayurveda Resort 2022
- Traveller Review Awards 2023 – Booking.com - Heritance Ahungalla, Heritance Kandalama, Heritance Negombo, Heritance Tea Factory, Heritance Ayurveda Mahagedara, Turyaa Kalutara, Earls Regency
- Browns Beach Hotels PLC - (Heritance Negombo) Silver Award in Hotel Sector, CA Sri Lanka.
- Desert Nights Camp, Traveller Review Awards 2023 – Booking.com
- Desert Nights Camp, Studiosus Quality Award – Studiosus
- Sur Plaza Hotel, Certificate for Recognitions and Appreciations by Ministry of Tourism, Oman Film Festivals, Ministry of Labor & Royal Court of Diwan
- Turyaa Chennai received the Customer Choice Award – Star Partner Award 2022 by Make My Trip
  
- Aitken Spence Travels (Pvt) Ltd emerged as the most sustainable Destination Management Company (DMC) and the role model of sustainability in the tourism industry at the recently held Sustainability Awards 2022, organised by the AHK (Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka) together with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation held in December 2022.
  
- Singapore Airlines Sri Lanka received the 'GRIT' Award for Passenger and Cargo for the financial year 2021/22 at the Marketing Warrior Awards.

### ***Recognition received by the Maritime & Freight Logistics Sector***

- Hapag-Lloyd Lanka won two Customer Service Awards for the Europe Trade, for the third consecutive year and Mediterranean Trade, for the second consecutive year at the award ceremony by the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (UK) - Sri Lanka Branch.
- Aitken Spence Cargo (Pvt) Ltd representing the Freight Sector was awarded as the Category Winner in 'Transport, Logistics, Shipping and Shipping -Related Services' and recognised among the overall 'Top 10 Companies' at the Best Management Practices Company Awards 2023 organised by the Institute of Chartered Professional Managers of Sri Lanka.
- Aitken Spence Cargo received an award for 'Outstanding Revenue Contribution 2022' by a global network at an awards ceremony held in Singapore in February 2023
- Certificate of Appreciation from American Airlines in March 2023.

### ***Recognition received by the Strategic Investments Sector***

- Elpitiya Plantations PLC (EPP) was recognised at the Best Corporate Citizen Sustainability Award 2022 organised by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.
  - Top 10 Corporate Citizen
  - Triple bottom line winner- Environment category
  - Best sustainability award 02, runner up in below 15 billion category
  - Best sustainability project award winner Environment sustainability - 'Living green soil'
  - Best sustainability project award winner social sustainability - 'Ready to be ready'
- Elpitiya Plantations was adjudged Silver (joint winner) in the overall category and the sector winner in Agriculture and Plantations. The company was also recognised among the Top 5 Excellence Awards for their Best Management Practices by CPM (The Institute of Chartered Professional Managers of Sri Lanka).
- Elpitiya Plantations PLC was adjudged the winner of the sustainability award in Agriculture sector (large category)- German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka (AHK Sri Lanka) and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation.
- Elpitiya Plantations became the Runner-up in the Retail & Trading category at the ACCA Sustainability Reporting Awards 2022.
- Elpitiya Plantations PLC wins Gold at the Green Productivity Awards organised by Sri Association for the advancement of Quality and productivity-(SLAAQP).
- Aitken Spence Printing was awarded the Platinum Trophy 2022 for Overall Winner with the most number of awards, four Gold and two Silver at the Sri Lanka Packaging Awards 'Lanka Star 2022' organised by the Sri Lanka Institute of Packaging.
- Aitken Spence Apparel segment received a Merit Award in the Manufacturing sector – Extra Large category National level at the Ceylon National Chamber of Industries (CNCI) Awards 2022.



- Aitken Spence Apparel segment were among the Top 10 Companies and received a Certificate of Recognition in Best Management Practices Company Award 2023 by CPM (The Institute of Chartered Professional Managers of Sri Lanka).