

## Unique Hotel CEO Shakawath dubbed region's tourism face at SATA 2024

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Dhaka : Md Shakawath Hossain, Chief Executive Officer of Unique Hotel and Resorts PLC-the parent group of The Westin Dhaka, Sheraton Dhaka and HANSA-has been honoured with the Tourism Face of South Asia Award at the eighth edition of South Asian Travel Awards 2024.

The award ceremony took place on September 20, 2024 at Aloft Kathmandu in Nepal.

The Award was handed over to Shakawath by Badri Prasad Pandey, Nepal's Minister of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation.

With a career spanning over 20 years, Shakawath Hossain has been a driving force in shaping the hospitality industry of Bangladesh, said a release.

He is the only Bangladeshi hotelier who is an industry practitioner,

academician and a researcher pursuing a PhD in Tourism and Hospitality Management at the University of Dhaka, added the release.

He is also one of the few hoteliers in Bangladesh starting career from scratch and made way to leadership roles across Starwood International and Marriott International.

Currently, as the CEO of Unique Hotel and Resorts PLC, Shakawath looks after The Westin Dhaka, Sheraton Dhaka and HANSA Premium Residence.