

Company: Lemonica

Company Description: Lemonica is a bold, Ukrainian-founded Italian restaurant brand redefining hospitality in Florida. At the helm is Anna Cherednyk — a powerhouse restaurateur with 15+ years of experience. Known for vibrant design, handmade pasta, and community-driven values, Lemonica is more than a restaurant — it's a rising lifestyle brand with global ambitions

Nomination Category: Individual Awards Categories

Nomination Sub Category: Female Executive of the Year – Consumer Services –11 to 2,500 Employees

Nomination Title: Anna Cherednyk – Visionary Restaurateur Bridging Cultures Through Hospitality



1. Reference any attachments of supporting materials throughout this nomination and how they provide evidence of the claims you have made in this nomination (up to 250 words):

Total 99 words used.

This link provides a comprehensive overview of Anna Cherednyk's achievements and contributions to the hospitality industry. The document includes:

- o Jury credentials and award certificates (including the Boryspil 2025 Award for International Contribution to Gastronomy)
- o Media coverage: Miami Living Magazine feature on her cultural culinary initiatives
- o Lemonica restaurant profile and visual presence
- o Book extract highlighting the legacy and leadership behind Kyiv's historic Praha restaurant
- o Certificate of participation as a judge for international hospitality awards
- o Academic and professional credentials

These materials offer verifiable and visual evidence of Anna's leadership impact, cultural relevance, and cross-border professional excellence.

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2. Which will you submit for your nomination in this category, a video of up to five (5) minutes, explaining the achievements since July 1, 2023 of the nominated woman, OR written answers to the questions? (Choose one):

Written answers to the questions

3. If you are submitting a video of up to five (5) minutes in length, provide the URL of the video here, OR attach it to your entry via the "Add Attachments, Videos, or Links to This Entry" link above, through which you may also upload a copy of your video. If you are submitting written answers to the questions for this category, provide them in the spaces below:

3. Briefly describe the nominated individual: history and past performance (up to 200 words):

Anna Cherednyk is a hospitality executive with over 15 years of experience building and leading successful restaurant operations in Ukraine and the U.S. She led Kyiv's most iconic restaurant, Praha - a 500-seat landmark venue with 200 employees - turning it into a symbol of culinary excellence and cultural tradition. After the full-scale war began, Anna was forced to flee Ukraine with her two young children, rebuilding her life and career from scratch in the United States.

Despite the trauma of displacement, Anna quickly rose through the U.S. hospitality ranks. She contributed to the operations of Pura Vida (20+ locations), then launched **Lemonica**, a Ukrainian-founded Italian concept in Florida. As Managing Partner, she increased profitability by 30% in the first months and built a thriving, multicultural team of 20.

Anna is also a **jury member** for prestigious international business awards (Globee, American Business Expo) and a frequent **speaker** at industry leadership forums. Her resilience, vision, and cross-cultural leadership have made her a role model for immigrant women and a transformative figure in modern hospitality.

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4. Since July 2023, Anna Cherednyk has demonstrated extraordinary leadership by launching **Lemonica**, a boutique Italian restaurant in South Florida. As a war refugee who relocated to the U.S. with her two young children, Anna turned personal tragedy into a professional mission — building not just a business, but a symbol of cultural resilience.

She personally oversaw licensing, construction, team formation, and brand creation. Within three months of opening, Lemonica increased profitability by 30% through operational efficiencies and a strong team culture. The restaurant now employs 20 staff and is positioning itself as a scalable brand rooted in soulful cuisine, immigrant strength, and inclusive leadership.

Anna was awarded the **Boryspil Magazine Award 2025** in the category "International Contribution to the Gastronomy Industry." She serves as a **jury member** for prestigious programs such as the **Globee Awards** and **American Business Expo Awards**, and regularly speaks at conferences focused on women's leadership and hospitality.

Her journey — from managing Ukraine's largest restaurant (500 seats, 200 staff) to reinventing herself in the U.S. — is a testament to vision, grit, and grace. Anna continues to champion women in business and uses hospitality as a force for community and connection.

5. Outline the nominee's achievements since July 1 2023 that you wish to bring to the judges' attention (up to 250 words):

Total 232 words used.

5. What makes Anna Cherednyk's achievements truly unique is the combination of extreme adversity, entrepreneurial excellence, and industry-level influence — accomplished in less than 12 months.

While most restaurateurs require years to stabilize a new concept, Anna opened **Lemonica** during an economic downturn, in a highly competitive South Florida market, all while navigating immigration challenges as a war refugee and single mother of two. Within three months, she achieved a **30% increase in profitability** through cost optimization, strategic hiring, and process design — results well above industry benchmarks for new restaurant ventures, where 60% fail in the first year.

Compared to her own past performance, where she led Kyiv's iconic 500-seat restaurant *Praha*, Lemonica represents an evolution: a more agile, brand-driven concept tailored to U.S. demographics, with scalable potential. While *Praha* was a legacy institution, **Lemonica** is a dynamic, founder-built brand inspired by heritage and modern American values.

Unlike many competitors who rely on investor teams or franchise systems, Anna acts as both visionary and operator. She also contributes to the broader industry as a **jury member** for the Globee and American Business Expo Awards and as a **recognized speaker** on hospitality and female leadership.

Her recent **Boryspil Magazine Award 2025** (International Contribution to the Gastronomy Industry) further cements her as a cross-continental force in hospitality. In a saturated industry, her story stands out for its authenticity, resilience, and measurable impact.

6. Explain why the achievements you have highlighted are unique or significant. If possible compare the achievements to the performance of other players in your industry and/or to the nominee's past performance (up to 250 words):

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Attachments/Videos/Links:

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