

Vote Now: Bellingham, Mbappe, Haaland, and Kane Among Nominees for First KAFD Globe Soccer European Awards in Sardinia

Ceremony at Hotel Cala di Volpe, Sardinia, on May 28 will feature more than 10 Globe Soccer Awards and six official LA LIGA Awards

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, May 10, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- UEFA Champions League finalists Jude Bellingham of Real Madrid and Mats Hummels of Borussia Dortmund are among the 20 nominations for Best Men's Player at the inaugural KAFD Globe Soccer European Awards 2024, set to take place on May 28 at the prestigious Hotel Cala di Volpe in Costa Smeralda, Italy.



Globe Soccer Awards Europe Edition 2024

The high-flying duo are joined by, among others, PSG's Kylian Mbappe, Bayern Munich's Harry Kane, Manchester City quartet Erling Haaland, Phil Foden, Bernardo Silva, and Rodri, Bayer Leverkusen's free-scoring full-back Álex Grimaldo, and Inter Milan trio Alessandro Bastoni, Lautaro Martinez and Hakan Çalhanoğlu.

The final shortlist will be decided online by fans, with a six-day voting period opening today and running until May 15. Votes can be cast by visiting vote.globesoccer.com or on the Globe Soccer smartphone app. Once short-listed, the ultimate winners will be decided by a star-studded jury made up of ex-players such as Iker Casillas and Luis Figo, former and active coaches including Marcello Lippi and Antonio Conte, club presidents and CEOs, referees, agents, and other football stakeholders.

The organisers of the annual Dubai Globe Soccer Awards, which have recognised the football industry's top on- and off-field performers worldwide for more than 14 years, announced in August that 2024 would see the launch of a new continental Globe Soccer series. Under the umbrella of "Road to Dubai" and organised in partnership with Dubai Sports Council, select

winners from this continental edition will be automatically shortlisted for the Dubai Globe Soccer Awards, which is held each winter in the United Arab Emirates and traditionally attracts football royalty ranging from Lionel Messi to Cristiano Ronaldo, Pep Guardiola to Zinedine Zidane.

The KAFD Globe Soccer European Awards will be held alongside the first in-person end-of-season LALIGA Awards on what promises to be a special night for European football.

Fifteen clubs from five of Europe's top leagues are up for the inaugural Best Men's Club (Europe), with Bundesliga champions Leverkusen joined by the likes of Serie A winners Inter Milan, English trio Arsenal, Liverpool, and Manchester City, and all four Champions League semi-finalists in Real Madrid, PSG, Bayern Munich, and Borussia Dortmund.

Bayer Leverkusen manager Xabi Alonso is unsurprisingly included in the 15-man list for Best Coach after leading his side to a first Bundesliga title in what has been an unprecedented season. The Spaniard is joined by, among others, Real Madrid's Carlo Ancelotti, PSG's Luis Enrique, Bayern's Thomas Tuchel, and Manchester City's Guardiola.

The Emerging Player Award meanwhile includes 15 top talents born after 2002. Inevitably, 20-year-old Bellingham is among the nominees, alongside Madrid teammate Eduardo Camavinga (21), Bayern's Jamal Musiala (21) and Mathys Tel (18), Leverkusen's Florian Wirtz (20), Manchester United's Kobbie Mainoo (18), and Barcelona's 16-year-old phenom Lamine Yamal.

The highly anticipated evening will see Best Goalscorer presented to the top goalscorer playing in Europe. A series of Career Awards will also be presented to players and coaches, along with specific recognitions for major European leagues.

As part of a landmark agreement signed last year, the inaugural KAFD Globe Soccer European Awards will be held in conjunction with Spanish football's official LALIGA Awards. There will be four categories presented at the ceremony: Best Goal, Best Player, Best Coach, and Best U23 Player, as well as special awards for Team of the Season and LALIGA Champion, which will be presented to Real Madrid.

Through the agreement, LALIGA confirmed its commitment to putting fans at the heart of its New Era and, as such, the winners will be chosen through a voting system by fans, club captains, and an expert committee from a list of nominees set to be published next week. The awards will mark the culmination of another exciting season for the LALIGA EA SPORTS.

Meanwhile, the Globe Soccer Forum will be held the following day at the same venue. Hosted in partnership with Smeralda Holding, owner of Hotel Cala di Volpe, the Forum will be divided into three sessions focusing on financial sustainability, player welfare, and multi-club ownership.

Earlier this week, Globe Soccer announced King Abdullah Financial District (KAFD) as title sponsor of its inaugural European edition. A major financial hub located in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia,

KAFD is designed to be a world-class financial centre with modern infrastructure, office spaces, hotels, restaurants, and residential areas. Additionally, Italpreziosi has joined as Platinum sponsor, alongside Gold sponsors Silversands, Azimut Yachts, Socios.com, and Azura, while Moët Hennessy is onboard as official technical partner.

The KAFD Globe Soccer European Awards 2024 will take place on May 28 at Cala di Volpe in Sardinia and broadcast live worldwide. Further announcements and updates ahead of the ceremony, the co-located LALIGA Awards, and the Globe Soccer Forum will be shared on Globe Soccer's social media channels. The Globe Soccer app is available for download from the iOS App Store and Google Play.

* For a list of nominees for the five main KAFD Globe Soccer European Awards nominees, please see below.

** For a press kit including images, videos, and art, visit: <https://bit.ly/EGSA24PressKit>

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About Globe Soccer

Founded by Tommaso Bendoni and co-owned by Riccardo Silva, Globe Soccer is a Dubai-based football organisation that since 2010 has coordinated one of the most eagerly awaited and coveted awards ceremonies on the footballing calendar: The Dubai Globe Soccer Awards. Attracting high-profile attendees each year, the international event is unique in that it recognises and rewards all stakeholders in the game, from players to chairmen, fans to agents, directors to referees. Global reach has grown year-on-year, with the 2022 event proving no exception, surpassing all previous records with the number of awards increasing to 21, fan votes exceeding 47 million, and social media followers passing 6.5 million.

About Smeralda Holding

Smeralda Holding S.r.l. is an Italian company whose sole shareholder is Qatar Holding Smeralda Investment S.r.l., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Qatar Investment Authority ("QIA"). QIA is one of the world's largest sovereign wealth funds which in 2012 acquired ownership of the real estate assets consisting of four hotels (Cala Di Volpe, Romazzino, Pitrizza and Cervo), the Marina in Porto Cervo (one of the most important ports in the Mediterranean), a shipyard, the Pevero Golf Club, plus other ancillary assets such as shops, offices, apartments, bars, restaurants, and 2,300 hectares of land in Costa Smeralda.

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KAFD GLOBE SOCCER AWARDS

EUROPE EDITION

Nominees 2024

Best Men's Player

Alessandro Bastoni

Jude Bellingham

Hakan Çalhanoglu

Phil Foden

Antoine Griezmann

Álex Grimaldo

Serhou Guirassy

Erling Haaland

Mats Hummels

Harry Kane

Joshua Kimmich

Toni Kroos

Lautaro Martínez

Kylian Mbappé

Cole Palmer

Rodrigo

Bukayo Saka

Mohamed Salah

Bernardo Silva

Vinícius Jr.

Best Men's Club

Arsenal

Atalanta

Barcelona

Bayer Leverkusen

Bayern Munich

Borussia Dortmund

Brest

Girona

Inter Milan

Liverpool
Manchester City
Monaco
PSG
Real Madrid
Sporting

Best Women's Club

AS Roma
Barcelona
Bayern Munich
Chelsea
Juventus
Lyon
Manchester City
PSG
Real Madrid
Wolfsburg
Best Coach

Xabi Alonso
Rúben Amorim
Carlo Ancelotti
Mikel Arteta
Unai Emery
Luis Enrique
Gian Piero Gasperini
Josep Guardiola
Sebastian Hoeness
Simone Inzaghi
Míchel
Thiago Motta
Edin Terzić
Thomas Tuchel
Xavi

Emerging Player

Jude Bellingham
Eduardo Camavinga

Pau Cubarsí
Evan Ferguson
Rico Lewis
Fermín López
Kobbie Mainoo
Jamal Musiala
João Neves
Cole Palmer
Xavi Simons
Mathys Tel
Florian Wirtz
Lamine Yamal
Warren Zaire-Emery

Player and Coach Career Awards

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