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Mission Statement

Our mission is to celebrate, connect, and empower Persian-owned businesses worldwide by providing a trusted, comprehensive directory that fosters economic growth, cultural pride, and community resilience.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to be the definitive global resource for Persian commerce, inspiring collaboration and innovation across industries, generations, and borders.

Business Category Acronyms

The businesses listed in this compendium are categorized by their primary industry type, indicated by the following acronyms:

- **FDBV** – Food & Beverage
- **RTSG** – Retail & Specialty Goods
- **HLMD** – Health & Medical Services
- **PRSV** – Professional Services
- **RECN** – Real Estate & Construction
- **ATSV** – Automotive Services
- **BEWL** – Beauty & Wellness
- **EDCL** – Educational & Cultural
- **MISC** – Miscellaneous & Other Services

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Australia

Australia hosts a vibrant Iranian community, contributing to its multicultural tapestry. From Sydney to Melbourne, Persian-owned businesses have enriched local markets with cuisine, art, and commerce, strengthening ties between Iranian heritage and Australian innovation.



Canada

Canada is home to a thriving Iranian diaspora, especially in cities like Toronto and Vancouver. Iranian-owned enterprises here have flourished in various industries, from professional services to culinary arts, reflecting a deep connection to both cultural identity and Canadian opportunity.



France

In the heart of Europe, France has welcomed many Iranian immigrants who have contributed significantly to its cultural and business landscape. Persian flavors, art, and ideas have blended with French sophistication, creating a unique synergy in sectors ranging from gastronomy to design.



Germany

Germany's Iranian community has established itself in major cities like Berlin and Frankfurt. With strong contributions to academia, technology, and commerce, Iranian-owned businesses have played a vital role in bridging heritage and progress in Europe's largest economy.



Norway

Though smaller in size, Norway's Iranian community is rich in resilience and entrepreneurial spirit. Persian-owned businesses, from retail to consulting, contribute to the country's diverse economic fabric, reflecting adaptability and global connection.



Sweden

Sweden's Iranian diaspora has made remarkable strides in cultural and economic contributions. From Stockholm's Persian restaurants to entrepreneurial ventures across sectors, Iranians in Sweden exemplify integration and innovation in a Nordic context.



Turkey

As a historical neighbor to Iran, Turkey hosts a dynamic Iranian community engaged in trade, culture, and services. The long-standing ties between the two nations are reflected in Turkish cities where Persian enterprises thrive amid vibrant marketplaces.



United Arab Emirates

The United Arab Emirates, particularly Dubai, has become a significant hub for Iranian-UAE entrepreneurs, with estimated over 122,000 Iranian businesspersons actively contributing to sectors such as retail, trade, and hospitality, thereby enriching the UAE's cosmopolitan economy (Over 122,000 Iranian businesspersons active in UAE markets: envoy 2024).



Abu Dhabi

Dubai stands as a dynamic metropolis where Iranian entrepreneurs have significantly contributed to its cosmopolitan economy, particularly in sectors like retail, trade, and hospitality.

Anar – FDBV

Souk Madinat Jumeirah, Shop #147, Dubai, UAE
+971 4 368 6505

Anar is a Dubai institution, offering authentic Persian cuisine in a modern and relaxed setting. With over 15 years of history, it provides a sanctuary from the city's hustle, celebrating Persian culture and cuisine.

Enigma – FDBV

Palazzo Versace Dubai, Jaddaf Waterfront, Dubai, UAE
+971 4 556 8888

Enigma offers a fine dining experience that reflects the essence of Persian cuisine. Each dish is meticulously crafted with passion and precision, ensuring a harmonious symphony of flavors.

Rivas Restaurant – FDBV

Jumeirah Beach Road, Dubai, UAE
+971 4 380 9600

Rivas is known for serving authentic Persian cuisine, offering a variety of traditional dishes in a welcoming atmosphere.

Dubai

Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE, hosts a vibrant Iranian community that enriches the city's cultural and culinary landscape, particularly through contributions in the hospitality sector.

Shamshiry Restaurant – FDBV

Airport Road, Abu Dhabi, UAE

+971 56 117 2124

Shamshiry offers authentic Persian cuisine, focusing on the highest level of food quality. It's renowned for serving the best fresh kebabs in town, an absolute delight for all meat lovers.

Salar Iranian Restaurant – FDBV

Al Khalidiya, Abu Dhabi, UAE

+971 2 666 6444

Salar brings the authentic flavors of Iran to your plate, with dishes prepared by skilled Iranian chefs using the freshest ingredients to ensure an unforgettable dining experience.

Soraya Restaurant – FDBV

Al Bateen, Abu Dhabi, UAE

+971 2 666 6444

Soraya offers a culinary experience that celebrates the rich and vibrant flavors of Persian cuisine, enjoyed in an exquisite greenhouse setting.

United Kingdom

The Iranian community in the UK has grown notably since the 1979 Iranian Revolution, with many seeking refuge from political upheaval. Today, British-Iranians contribute significantly across various sectors, including academia, business, and the arts. While precise figures vary, estimates suggest a substantial Iranian-born population resides in the UK. Their presence enriches the UK's multicultural landscape, reflecting a blend of cultural heritage and integration into British society.



London

London, the UK's vibrant capital and primary metropolitan hub, is home to a dynamic Iranian community with businesses, cultural centers, and events that reflect the city's cosmopolitan character.

Hafez Restaurant – FDBV

5 Hereford Road, London W2 4AB

+44 20 7221 3167

Established in 1983, Hafez is a family-run Persian restaurant known for authentic dishes and quality service. It also offers professional catering for private and public events.

Iran Restaurant – FDBV

27 Shepherd Market, Mayfair, London W1J 7PR

+44 20 7409 3337

Iran Restaurant brings the rich flavors and culinary heritage of Iran to the streets of Mayfair, London. Established by Javad, the restaurant is a testament to his dedication to sharing authentic Persian cuisine with a global audience.

Berenjak Soho – FDBV

27 Romilly Street, London W1D 5AL

+44 20 3319 8120

Founded by Kian Samyani, Berenjak Soho reinterprets classic Persian dishes using seasonal British produce. Inspired by childhood memories around the Persian dinner table, Berenjak celebrates traditional flavors with shared plates, spices, dips, and herbs in a convivial setting.

BBC Persian

BBC Persian, part of the BBC World Service, has connected Iranians worldwide since 1940. Based at Broadcasting House, Portland Place, London W1A 1AA, it provides news and cultural programming to Persian speakers in Iran, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and the diaspora. Broadcasting through television, radio, and digital platforms, it offers balanced reporting and a vital voice for communities facing censorship.

Launched in 2009, its television channel covers political, economic, and cultural issues affecting Iranians globally. BBC Persian's presence in London, a hub for the Iranian diaspora, enhances its credibility, while correspondents in key cities ensure timely reporting.

As an influential medium, BBC Persian reflects the engagement of the Iranian diaspora with global issues, while maintaining cultural connections and providing a space for diverse voices. Its programming supports the diaspora's efforts to stay informed and connected, bridging the gap between Iranians at home and abroad (The Open University 2025).

England

Beyond London, England's Iranian community is spread across cities like Manchester, Birmingham, and Leeds, contributing to local economies through entrepreneurship and cultural engagement.

Diyar Restaurant – FDBV

266 Burley Road, Leeds LS4 2NY
+44 113 294 7943

Diyar offers authentic Persian cuisine in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Traditional dishes like Ash Doogh, Dizi, and kebabs highlight their menu, which also features hearty breakfasts and vegetarian options.

Soofi Persian Restaurant – FDBV

197A Hagley Road, Birmingham B16 9RD
+44 121 285 8085

Soofi Persian Restaurant brings the taste of Persia to Birmingham, with signature dishes like Ghormeh Sabzi, Koobideh Kebab, and saffron stews. Known for fresh ingredients and a cozy dining setting.

Walnut Persian Restaurant – FDBV

203 Wilmslow Road, Manchester M14 5AG
+44 161 248 6600

Walnut, located in Manchester's Rusholme area, serves a variety of traditional Persian dishes, including kebabs, stews, and rice-based meals. Renowned for authentic flavors and a welcoming atmosphere.

United States

The United States hosts the world's largest Iranian diaspora. The 2020 Census recorded 568,615 individuals identifying as Iranian, surpassing prior estimates and confirming substantial community growth. Iranian-owned businesses thrive in sectors like technology and retail, reflecting rich cultural heritage and economic impact. The Census also highlights ongoing challenges, including poverty among elders and female-headed households. (Maghbouleh 2023)



State of California

Body

Los Angeles–Long Beach–Anaheim Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

The whole metro

PBC: Tapes

Tapes TV, officially known as the Persian Broadcasting Company (PBC), is based in Los Angeles, California, within the heart of the Iranian-American community. Founded in 1989 by Alireza Amirghassemi and Masoud Jamali, it has become a prominent platform for Persian-language entertainment and cultural programming. Its official website, www.tapes.tv, offers global access to live broadcasts and on-demand content.

Operating 24/7, Tapes features a wide range of content including talk shows, music concerts, films, series, red carpet events, and cultural specials. The channel is well known for promoting Iranian pop culture and connecting artists, entertainers, and audiences across the diaspora.

With satellite offices in cities such as New York, Vancouver, London, Dubai, Kuala Lumpur, and Sydney, Tapes reaches viewers across North America, Europe, the Middle East, and Australia. Through its widespread presence and diverse programming, it plays a key role in maintaining cultural ties and fostering community among Iranians living abroad (Tapes n.d.).

State of Washington

Washington State hosts a vibrant Iranian community, centered in Seattle. Persian-owned businesses, such as restaurants and retail shops, contribute to the state's cultural diversity and economic vitality.

Farvahar Persian Cafe – *FDBV*

1530 Post Alley, Seattle, WA 98101

(206) 467-4892

Quick-service Persian cuisine offering kabobs, stewed meat and rice platters, sandwiches, soups, and salads. Known for affordable, richly spiced fresh dishes.

Persepolis Grill – *FDBV*

5517 University Way NE, Seattle, WA 98105

(206) 524-3434

Family-owned Persian restaurant offering high-quality, freshly prepared dishes with daily-made soups and desserts. Known for excellent customer service, consistent food quality, and private dining and catering services.

Zeitoon Grill House – *FDBV*

21 Central Way, Kirkland, WA 98033

(425) 803-8193

Persian grill offering a variety of traditional dishes with a focus on high-quality ingredients and excellent service. Known for its warm and inviting atmosphere and central location.

District of Columbia

Washington, D.C. is home to a growing Iranian community, where Persian-owned restaurants, cultural organizations, and legal professionals contribute to the area's vibrant and diverse cultural fabric.

Darvish Kitchen – FDBV

1141 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036
(202) 783 7777

Darvish Kitchen offers authentic Persian flavors in the heart of Washington, D.C. The restaurant provides a memorable dining experience with dishes rooted in Persian culinary traditions.

Kookoo – FDBV

3310 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20010
(202) 525 1520

Kookoo showcases Persian cuisine inspired by family recipes passed down through generations. The restaurant emphasizes home-cooked flavors and warm hospitality.

Iranian American Bar Association (IABA) – PRSV

Website: <https://iaba.us/>

Founded in 2000 in Washington, D.C., the Iranian American Bar Association (IABA) is a non-profit organization that educates and informs the Iranian American community on legal issues, while promoting the achievements of Iranian American legal professionals.

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