

# Indian national wins Dubai Duty Free Millennium Millionaire Promotion



Mr. John Varghese took home US\$1M in Dubai Duty Free Millennium Millionaire promotion; four other winners drove away with their own luxury vehicle

An Indian national based in Oman was announced as the latest US\$1 million winner in the Dubai Duty Free Millennium Millionaire, held at Concourse D of Dubai International Airport.

Mr. John Varghese won in Millennium Millionaire Series no. 391, with the ticket number 0892, which he purchased online on May 29. A regular participant in the promotion, he is the father of two and works as a general manager at Fast Moving Consumer Goods in Muscat.

A frequent traveler who has spent 35 years in the Middle East traveling between Dubai and Muscat, Mr. Varghese used to purchase tickets at the Dubai Duty Free Finest Surprise counters in Dubai Airport pre-pandemic.

“A big chunk will be saved for my retirement, while a portion will go toward some charities, specifically those aimed at benefitting women and children.

“This is my first time win in any draw, so I am really thankful for this great luck. Dubai Duty Free will going to be part of my life now,” says Mr. Varghese.

The 62-year-old who hails from Kerala, India, is the 192<sup>nd</sup> Indian national to win the US\$1 million, since the start of the Millennium Millionaire promotion in 1999. Indian nationals make up the highest number of Dubai Duty Free Millennium Millionaire ticket buyers.

This Millennium Millionaire draw was conducted by Dubai Duty Free's Chief Operating Officer, Ramesh Cidambi, Salah Tahlak, Joint Chief Operating Officer, Mona Al Ali, SVP - HR, Michael Schmidt, SVP - Retail and Zayed Al Shebli, SVP - Loss Prevention and Corporate Security.

Following the Millennium Millionaire draw, the Finest Surprise draw was conducted for four luxury vehicles.

Mr. Nawaf Saad, 62-year-old Saudi Arabian national based in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, won a BMW X6 M50i (Mineral White Metallic) car, with ticket number 0644 in Finest Surprise Series 1807, which he purchased online on May 26.

Mr. Thimmaiah Nanjappa, 40-year-old Indian national based in Dubai, won a Mercedes Benz CLS 53 4M AMG (Obsidian Black Metallic) car, with ticket number 0108 in Finest Surprise Series 1808, which he purchased on June 3, on his way to Bengaluru for a vacation.

Mr. Shaik Abid Hussain Ansari, 36-year-old Indian national based in Sharjah, won a BMW R 1250 R (HP Edition White/Blue/Red) motorbike, with ticket number 0091 in Finest Surprise Series 501, which he purchased online on May 30.

Lastly, Mr. Jameil Fonseca, 40-year-old Indian national based in Dubai, won a BMW R nineT (Night Black Matt/ Aluminum) motorbike, with ticket number 0238 in Finest Surprise Series 502, which he purchased online on June 2.