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Panama's 12 best coffee shops for 2026 named; Kotowa third

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Summary

The first national ranking The Best Coffee Shops Panamá 2026 was announced on 23 October at World of Coffee Panamá in Panama City. Kotowa Coffee House took third place and Kotowa (Panama and Boquete) also won Best Sustainability Practices.

Details (summary of the article)

Mi Diario reports that Coffee Geeks Panamá unveiled the first national coffee-shop ranking at a gala on 23 October during World of Coffee Panamá 2026 at the Panama Convention Center. Toño's Factory in Corozal came first, Sisu Coffee Studio on Calle Uruguay second and Kotowa Coffee House — familiar to Boquete residents — third. The rest of the twelve are Leto Coffee Roasters, Café Unido, Siete Granos, Cabrera Brew House, Janson Coffee House, Mendo Coffee, MOMO Coffee House, Hotel La Compañía and Raza Restaurante. More than 85 nominations were received and 58 venues competed; scores were 70% professional jury and 30% public vote, judging coffee quality, barista skill, service, innovation, sustainability and food. Special awards went to Kotowa Panamá and Boquete for Best Sustainability Practices, Geisha Terroir for coffee education, and Nativo Lab and Leto for roasting. Organisers say the list is a step towards Panamanian shops appearing in The World's 100 Best Coffee Shops, though inclusion is not automatic.

Original (es)

Las 12 mejores cafeterías de Panamá en 2026

Toño's Factory, Sisu Coffee Studio y Kotowa Coffee House ocupan los tres primeros lugares del ranking The Best Coffee Shops Panamá 2026, que evaluó la calidad del café, el servicio y la experiencia de los consumidores.