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## R Hotels' Wyndham properties bag BEST OF awards

Recognised for outstanding accomplishments in 2017

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman, Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman, Ramada Downtown Dubai, and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR received the BEST OF awards from Wyndham Hotel Group. The four properties were presented with the recognition for its outstanding accomplishments for the year 2017.

The BEST OF awards are bestowed annually to an elite group of hotels under Wyndham Hotel Group's brand, which are evaluated based on different criteria including hotel quality, guest feedback, and Wyndham Rewards compliance.

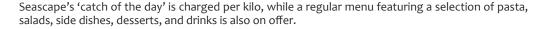
Sumair Tariq, managing director, commented: "R Hotels proudly congratulates the teams for this excellent feat and maintaining high standards and compliance with the brand in all aspects of their operations. The group continues to strengthen its ties with Wyndham Hotel Group, and we are confident that its latest franchise, Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche, will attain similar success in the future."



## Seascape Restaurant opens at Wyndham Garden Ajman

Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche unveils a new seafood dining destination in the emirate with the opening of Seascape Restaurant.

Seascape presents a unique dining experience for seafood lovers, with its freshly-cooked meals set amidst a chic and relaxing ambiance. The restaurant highlights a 'catch of the day' section where guests can pick from a variety of fish including salmon, hammour, and king fish; and shellfish like lobster, crabs and prawns. Guests are then given preferences on how they want their meals cooked with options ranging from grilled, fried, sautéed, oven-baked, steamed, tagine-style, and more. To provide a truly bespoke dining savoir-faire, an array of flavours from the finest herbs, spices, and sauces for the marinade and dips, are available to choose from.





## Hamdani and Arora join responsible tourism panels at ATM 2018



Iftikhar Hamdani and Samir Arora were chosen as panellists during the recent Arabian Travel Market. As responsible tourism took centre stage in ATM 2018, Hamdani and Arora spoke on separate panels which highlight sustainable and responsible business practices in the hospitality industry.



Hamdani, cluster general manager of Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman, Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman, and Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche, joined the panel on 'Taking Responsibility for Environmental Impacts - Water and Energy'. Samir Arora, general manager of The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery by Sofitel, shared the hotel's initiatives and insights on the topic 'Developing Tourism Skills and Employment Opportunities in Travel & Tourism'.

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## Arora awarded GM of the Year

The Retreat Palm Dubai general manager, Samir Arora, was recognised as GM of the Year by Tourism Secretary of India.

Arora was also nominated as GM of the Year in Hotel News Middle East's Leaders in Hospitality Awards 2018, while The Retreat Palm Dubai was shortlisted in the Leading New Hotel category.

## Ramada Ajman bags Green Globe certification for three years in a row



Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman secured its third consecutive Green Globe certification.

As part of its continuous commitment to sustainable tourism, the hotel was also granted a Climate Neutral Business Travel certification for 2016 and 2017. The recognition is issued by myclimate, a Swiss climate protection organisation, in partnership with Farnek Middle East. Ramada Ajman was awarded for its sustainable contribution to voluntary climate protection by offsetting 48.02 tonnes of carbon dioxide emission. myclimate's carbon offset projects aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on site by replacing energy sources with negative impact on the climate with clean and renewable alternatives.

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman is the first hotel in the Northern Emirates to receive the Green Globe certification. The hotel's initiatives include the zero landfill project, urban farm, reverse osmosis water plant, and biodiesel conversion from used cooking oil, to name a few. The hotel's general manager Iftikhar Hamdani has been an active figure in various talks on sustainability. He was invited to be part of a panel discussion on the topic Expo 2020: Opportunities, Mobility and Sustainability, organised by Top Hotels World Tour; and to be speaker at the Saudi Travel and Tourism Investment Market 2018.

#### Ramada Downtown Dubai receives second LTG award

Ramada Downtown Dubai was again recognised by Luxury Travel Guide (LTG) in its Africa and Middle East Awards 2018. The hotel was named as Luxury Business Apartments of the Year.







## Ramada Beach Ajman earns TopHotels Traveler's Choice laurels

Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman was presented with TopHotels Traveler's Choice award for being one of the 'Top 100 Resort Hotels in the World' for the year 2017. Rated by the Russian tourist market, the property was ranked 4th amongst the hotels in the UAE, and bagged the 41st spot worldwide. The merit-based recognition is determined by a hotel's success based on comprehensive analysis of its activity among the Russian tourist market.

The hotel was also selected as Best Tourism Facility in Ajman 2018 by Ajman Tourism Development Department.

# Ramada Ajman wins silver accolades at Chef Excellence Awards 2018

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman bagged two awards during Hozpitality.com's Middle East Chef Excellence Awards 2018, held at Five Palm Jumeirah. Ali Zaroual and Surendra Kunwar both received Silver Awards as Pastry Chef of the Year and Kitchen Steward of the Year, respectively.





# Hawthorn housekeeper gets the nod from Wyndham Hotel Group

Manoj Adhiyoden, a housekeeping associate from Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR was chosen as a runner-up for the 2016-2017 Heart of House Hall of Fame Award. He was picked amongst hundreds of nominees for the Wyndham Hall of Fame Awards, which demonstrate how hotel associates are dedicated to supporting the WHG mission of creating memorable travel experiences.

## CSR Corner //

## R Hotels supports Emirates Walk for Autism 2018

In line with its aim of strengthening its corporate social responsibility efforts, R Hotels took part in the 10th edition of Emirates Walk for Autism as the event's official hotel sponsor.

More than 150 participants from seven hotels – Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman, Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman, Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche, Ramada Downtown Dubai, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR, ibis Styles Jumeira Dubai, and The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery by Sofitel – joined the annual event held at Riverland, Dubai Parks and Resorts. R Hotels supplied the official shirts for the participants, gave away free hotel stay and dining vouchers, and organised yoga and zumba lessons for the participants.





### The Retreat Palm Dubai launches Little Picasso initiative

The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery, as part of AccorHotels Planet 21 initiatives and Ramadan 2018 activities, in collaboration with ZeeArts and Senses Residential and Day Care Centre for Special Needs, yesterday launched the Charity Art Project "Little Picasso".

18 artist-volunteers from ZeeArts gathered for an art session with 20 special needs children from Senses to work on inspiring paintings under the theme of Happiness, Kindness, Love and Generosity. In the bid to raise funds for the Senses Centre, over 50 masterpieces will be displayed throughout the Holy month and until 31st July at R Gallery, The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery.

## Ramada Ajman distributes iftar to Ajman residents

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman, in partnership with Ajman Tourism Development Department (ATDD), distributed 400 iftar boxes for the underprivileged residents of the emirate. Held at the historic Ajman Museum to mark the institution's anniversary, the hotel team gave away the packed meals with iftar essentials before the breaking of fast.







## Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham contribute to sharing fridges

Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR reached out to the community during the Holy Month by donating food, drinks and dates at select Ramadan sharing fridges.



## ibis Styles Jumeira hands out iftar to labourers

In observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan, ibis Styles Jumeira gave back to the community by handing out Iftar boxes to approximately 100 labourers. The meal includes Ramadan staples like dates, fruits, biryani and water.

## Wyndham Garden Ajman joins mangrove project

In line with its continuous support on environmental causes in and beyond the emirate, Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche's team participated in planting mangrove saplings at Al Zorah Nature Reserve. The activity was organised by Ajman Municipality.





## RDD and HSW mark Autism Awareness Day

Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR observed World Autism Awareness Day by reaching out to Stepping Stones Centre. The teams from both hotels distributed gifts for the children, and met with Stepping Stones' officials and experts to learn more about Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

## Ramada Downtown Dubai celebrates diversity during annual party

Ramada Downtown Dubai held its annual staff party at Steigenberger Hotel with the theme Around the World. The celebration showcased different cultures through costumes and performances during the event.









## Hotels host iftar for key partners

In observance of the hotel month of Ramadan, the hotels organised various iftars for their key sales partners and media.









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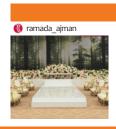
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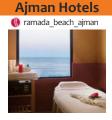
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