

Construction of R Hotels' Palm Jumeirah hotel on track for Q4 2016 completion



The construction of R Hotels' sixth property, located at the East Crescent of Palm Jumeirah, is in high gear, on course of its target completion date of Q4 2016.

His Highness Sheikh Rashid Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Chairman, R Holding, recently visited the site along with R Hotels' Managing Director Sumair Tariq, Vice President for Operations Samir Arora, and other team members from R Hotels and R Holding. Also present during the site visit are Faris Baker, Vice-Chairman of ANC Contracting and Engr. Joseph Sawaya, Resident Manager of Erga Progress Engineering Consultant,

R Hotels team was briefed on the progress of the construction, including the completion of the raft at zone 1 and the start of column works. ANC and Erga Progress commit to boost the pace of the project, which is slated to be finished on the last quarter of 2016.

The new hotel at The Palm will feature 253 rooms and suites, different dining venues and a range of leisure and MICE facilities. In partnership with an established holistic wellness brand, the property aims to be a top health and fitness destination offering premium spa services, wellbeing treatments and lifestyle programmes ranging from diet and nutrition, yoga and pilates, aerobics and work-outs, to name a few.

R Hotels' another project in the pipeline, a new 182-key hotel along Ajman Corniche, is also gaining pace and progress in time for its Q1 2017 completion date. The piling and groundwork have been completed and the second phase of construction has already begun.

Ramada Ajman awarded with Green Globe certification

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman receives the prestigious Green Globe certification, following a comprehensive audit carried out by Farnek Middle East. The property is the first hotel in the Ajman to secure the certification, which is the result of its creative approach to sustainable management. Ramada Ajman is the first in the UAE to launch a compost project for hotels, and also engages an energy-saving scheme, and a variety of awareness campaigns highlighting sustainability.

The hotel is already recognised for its leadership in UAE having utilized its on-site food composter to pursue a Zero Landfill target. This initiative has also led to the creation an urban farm growing local seasonal crops and vegetables used daily by the hotel kitchen. Ramada Ajman gained a strong reputation as a sustainability ambassador in Ajman, coordinating an environmental drawing competition in 2013 reaching out to 2,500 students and their families.

Along with the Zero Landfill target some of the sustainable practices incorporated in the daily operations of the 388-room property include recycling of waste material including paper, bottles, cans and glass, cost-effective measures to reduce water and electricity consumption in the guest rooms and offices, and regular training of staff to help spread awareness among the guests and community.

The certification was officially presented by Sandrine Le Biavant, Director of Consultancy of Farnek Middle East, Green Globe's preferred partner in the region which provides consultancy and auditing on behalf of the organisation.

Iftikhar Hamdani, General Manager, Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman, commented, "The Green Globe certification is a further testament to our continuous commitment in sustainability through our efficient waste management system, water and energy conservation practices, and awareness campaigns within our team and in the hospitality industry. It took the property a year to prepare for the audit and fulfil with the high standards set by Green Globe, to make sure that we are on the right track. I would like to commend the team for all their efforts as we are finally able to secure the esteemed certification."



R Hotels properties recognised at Hospitality Excellence Award

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman, Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham bagged several awards at the Hospitality Excellence Awards held at The Great Ballroom, Le Meridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre.

Iftikhar Hamdani, General Manager of Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman was named CSR Champion of the Year while the hotel team won as 1st Runner Up in Hotel of the Year - Green Initiatives Category.

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham was recognised as 1st Runner Up in the Best Hotel Apartment / Residence of the Year Category.

Other accolades in the Individual Category include:

- * Faisal Muneer - Winner, IT Person of the Year
- * Sheryl Ramos - Runner Up, Admin & Secretary
- * Asrar Masoodi - Runner Up, Engineering
- * Imran Sheikh - Runner Up, Sales & Marketing / PR
- * Muhammad Amin - Runner Up, Accounts & Finance



Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman secure HACCP certification

In compliance with the high standards of food safety management in the UAE, Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham were awarded with the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Certification. The two properties acquired the certification following the strict assessment of the kitchens' receipt, storage of raw materials, preparation, cooking and service of hot, cold and baked products.



Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman welcomes Wyndham execs at urban farm

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman, led by General Manager Iftikhar Hamdani, received Wyndham Hotel Group executives, and the general managers of Wyndham-branded properties in the UAE at its urban farm. Hamdani gave a tour of the 430 square metre farm, which grows seasonal crops and vegetables and elaborated on the other green initiatives of the property.

Michael Zager, Regional Vice-President, Middle East and Africa, Wyndham Hotel Group, commented: "Ramada Ajman has been a pioneer in green initiatives for the hospitality sector and I would like to commend the team for all their efforts, especially on their recent achievement, the Green Globe certification. Their contribution in spreading awareness and sharing good practices on sustainability are noteworthy and we look forward to seeing more hotels on board towards the green track."



R Scene

The properties marked the 44th UAE National Day in creative ways –from cakes to chocolates, flower arrangements to drapes, and even face paint – to show solidarity with the nation and its founding fathers.



Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham extends support to DCSN

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham reinforced its ongoing partnership with Dubai Centre for Special Needs (DCSN) and handed over a cheque donation amounting to more than AED 10,000/.

The cheque was presented by the hotel's head of departments led by General Manager Samir Arora, to Maya Choueri, Public Relations Manager of DCSN. Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham had been supporting DCSN for the past two years, which saw the property rolled out various campaigns to raise funds for the organisation including placement of donation boxes in the reception and restaurants, and voluntary guest contribution of AED10/- or more per stay.



Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman joins Elderly Nursing Home visit

As part of the commemoration of UAE National Day, the team from Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman joined a visit to an Elderly Nursing Home in the emirate, and provided free catering services for the elders and the participants of the event.



Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham takes part in blood donation drive

To give back to the community and help save lives, the HODs and associates of Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham participated in a blood donation drive, which was organised in cooperation with Dubai Health Authority and Latifa Hospital.



RDD and HSW sponsor Sprite 24/7 Initiative by KP24 Foundation

Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham supported the Sprite 24/7 Project, as part of the recently-concluded Sprite Cricket Stars Tournament. The initiative was organised by KP24 Foundation, a non-profit organisation led by professional cricketer Kevin Pietersen. The two properties provided complimentary stays for the participating teams from India and Australia during the tournament, which ran from 25th November to 4th December.



Ramada Downtown Dubai revives disco fever at annual staff party

Ramada Downtown Dubai went all funky and groovy as the associates time travelled to the 70's era for their annual staff party. Everybody channelled their inner hippie spirit with rock and roll get-up of bell bottom jeans, bold colors and prints, complete with 70's inspired hairstyles.



R Sports

Ajman properties organise RPL Cricket Tournament



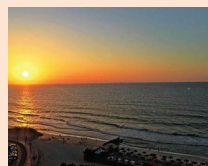
Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman held the 3rd annual Ramada Premier Cricket League (RPL) Cricket Tournament at Hamriya Sports Club, Sharjah. The Lion Team won the tournament, which was participated in by eight teams with a total of 96 players.

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Promotions



It's the season to be merry at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham

Spend Christmas with your loved-ones over sumptuous feasts at Flavours Restaurant. Book the Christmas Eve Dinner, Christmas Brunch and Christmas Dinner for as low as AED125/ per person inclusive of unlimited beverages, or choose the AED145/ per person offer, inclusive of unlimited beverages and a bottle of non-alcoholic sparkling wine per table. The Christmas Eve Dinner is open from 7:00 pm to 12:30 am while the Christmas Brunch and Christmas Dinner are from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm, and 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm, respectively.

Feast on festive flavours at Kenza

Kenza Restaurant prepared a special brunch menu for the festive holiday. A lip-smacking roast turkey with berry sauce, alongside a medley of dishes from across the globe is sure to highlight the feast. We've heard that Santa Claus is coming to town so get ready special gifts and activities for the kids who have been nice (or even naughty) this year. Kenza's Christmas brunch is open from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm, and is priced at AED180/ per person inclusive of beverages.

Say hello to 2016 at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham!

Dine, dance and dazzle at our NYE garden party at Flavours Restaurant. Delight in a generous spread of international dishes while being entertained by a house DJ, starting at 7:00 pm. Welcome mocktails and canapés will be served at the pool area while the dinner buffet will be available starting at 8:00 pm. At midnight, get your cameras ready, or simply watch the captivating fireworks at the world-renowned Palm Jumeirah.

Early bird rates for Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham's NYE gala dinner starts at AED650/, inclusive of beverages and a bottle of non-alcoholic sparkling wine per table. In-house guests can enjoy a special rate of AED500/ per person. Prices are subject to change.

A Sparkling New Year's Eve at Ramada Downtown Dubai

Hailed as the best New Year's Eve celebration in the world, Ramada Downtown Dubai will let you experience the grandeur of the Burj Khalifa fireworks right at the heart of the emirate. Join us at Kenza Restaurant as we host 'A Sparkling New Year's Eve' gala dinner. Dance the night away with in-house entertainment from our DJ, plus other surprise performances.

The NYE buffet, featuring a sumptuous spread of international cuisine will be available from 7:30 pm to 12:30 am. Early bird rates start at AED850/ per person, inclusive of beverages. Prices are subject to change.