

R Hotels unveils plans for new hotel in Ajman

The group to invest AED150 million in a new 182-key property in Ajman Corniche



Ramada Beach Hotel and Ramada Private Beach Club at Ajman Corniche

R Hotels reveals another major development plan for the group with the new 182-key hotel in Ajman Corniche. With a total investment of AED150 million (USD40.9 million), the construction is expected to commence in the third quarter of 2015 with the target opening date of Q1 2017.

The new hotel will be located beside Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman, which is also owned and managed by R Hotels. Targeting both the leisure and corporate segments, the property will feature rooms with sea views, a restaurant, spa and fitness centre and indoor swimming pool.

Sumair Tariq, Managing Director, R Hotels, commented: "Ajman is a very attractive market for us. In line with our expansion plan, this project comes in at a suitable time to accommodate the demands of the growing market in the emirate."

Commenting on tourist arrivals and demand for rooms in the UAE's smallest emirate, Tariq added: "Ajman Tourism Development Department (ATDD) has been actively tapping different markets like China and our hotels are also beefing up our nationality mix with arrivals from Turkey, Germany, Oman, and Eastern Europe. We are expecting higher room demands in the next couple of years, as confirmed by the opening and announcements of new hotels in Ajman."

Headquartered in Ajman, R Hotels owns and manages Ramada Hotel and Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman. Iftikhar Hamdani, General Manager of the two hotels, and Vice-President for Acquisition and Development for R Hotels, said: "Our group opened Ramada Beach Hotel in 2013 to cater to the demands of clients, following the success of Ramada Hotel and Suites. Our third hotel in Ajman will further strengthen our position as the leading hotel in the Northern emirates in terms of occupancy.

Hamdani also noted Ajman's appeal to both corporate and leisure travellers: "The emirate has a lot to offer; Ajman Corniche, in particular, has a wide range of hotels and beach attractions which lure both tourists and UAE residents. It also boasts close proximity to Ajman Port and major international airports and business hubs, making it suitable for business trips."

The new hotel in Ajman Corniche will be the group's seventh property in the UAE. Its portfolio presently includes four operational hotels, with a fifth one set to open in Q3 2015 in Jumeirah. Its sixth property will be a four-star resort and spa at The Palm with a target opening date of Q4 2016.

R Hotels awards contracts for Palm Jumeirah property

ANC appointed as main contractor and Erga Progress as engineering consultant

R Hotels announced that it has appointed Al Nekhreh Contracting (ANC) as the main contractor and Erga Progress Engineering Consultancy as project consultant, for the second phase of construction of its new resort and spa in Palm Jumeirah.

Represented by Samir Arora, Vice-President for Operations, R Hotels sealed the deal with Engr. Ibrahim Abu Shamat, Operations Manager of ANC, and Engr. Joseph Sawaya, Resident Manager of Erga Progress.

Arora noted: "The construction of our new hotel in Palm Jumeirah is in full swing, on track for its completion in 2016. We have our full trust on ANC's and Erga Progress' expertise in their respective fields, and in delivering high standards in all aspects of the project."



With the total investment of AED500 million (USD136.2 million), R Hotels' new resort and spa at The Palm will include 253 rooms, a holistic wellness centre, two restaurants and family-friendly recreational facilities. It aimed to be the first four-star and sharia-compliant hotel in the upscale destination.

Arora added: "Our Palm Jumeirah property, which is our biggest investment to date, will exemplify our company's vision of providing top-quality accommodation and facilities to our guests, complemented by top-notch service."

Ramada Ajman and Beach Hotel reach out to labour camps

To show compassion and generosity during the Holy Month of Ramadan, the management of Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman arranged a special Iftar for up to 200 labourers in the emirate.

Led by General Manager Iftikhar Hamdani, the hotels' heads of department visited the workers' accommodation in Ajman and provided a VIP treatment to the labourers by organising a full buffet set-up, to break their fast. On top of the Iftar, they also offered excess food from the hotels' buffet and banqueting, which the labourers can eat and share in time for Suhoor.



Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham lends a hand to UAE Red Crescent

In the spirit of Ramadan, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham reached out and hosted a special Iftar for the less fortunate children supported by UAE Red Crescent. Before the Iftar, the children were given a special tour of the property, and spent time playing football and different games with the heads of department at the hotel's garden area.



Ramada Downtown Dubai hosts UAE Red Crescent

Ramada Downtown Dubai welcomed less privileged children under the care and supervision of UAE Red Crescent. The team hosted the kids along with their guardians for Iftar and gave them a tour of the property including the swimming pool, and suites with the Burj Khalifa and Dubai Fountain view. In addition, Ramada Downtown Dubai gave out school supplies as gifts to 30 other children supported by the organisation.

Ramada Ajman sponsors Action Care UAE

As part of its Ramadan CSR initiatives, Ramada Hotel and Suites hosted Action Care UAE's 'Gift of Giving' event at the Majestic Ballroom. For three consecutive years, the hotel has been sponsoring free venue and Iftar for the organisation, which provides educational development program to children and teens in the emirate.



Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham gives out Iftar for cab drivers

In observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham handed out Iftar boxes to cab drivers, in time for the break of fast. The hotel team gave out a total of 250 Iftar boxes for five days to the drivers at designated stops in front of the hotel.

Hamdani chosen as guest speaker at Hospitality Networking Event

Iftikhar Hamdani, Cluster Manager of Ramada Hotel & Suites and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman has been privileged to be chosen as guest speaker in Hozpitality.com's 8th Annual Exclusive Business Networking Event. The event was attended by General Managers, Human Resources Directors, and Training Heads in the UAE.



R Scene

Ramada Hotel and Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman organised an exclusive Iftar for the members of the media at Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman Penthouse.



Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham presented plaques of recognition for their top-performing travel partners during a special Iftar held at Flavours Restaurant. The Iftar also includes select members of the media.



Ramada Downtown Dubai invited its corporate partners and members of the media for a traditional Iftar at Kenza Restaurant.



R Sports //

Ramada Hotel and Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman organised an indoor football tournament, which was won by the Green Team with Rasee as Best Goalkeeper and Isah Lawrence as the Best Player of the tournament.



Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham had a volleyball tournament followed by a barbecue night. The team from Hawthorn Suites prevailed in the game.



Promotions //



Fun-filled Eid Brunch at Kenza

Celebrate Eid Al Fitr with your loved-ones over a sumptuous Eid buffet brunch of local and international dishes at Kenza Restaurant. Available on the first and second day of Eid, this special brunch promotion is priced at AED130/ per person. A rate of AED110/ per person is available for a group of 10 or more. Kids from six to 12 years old are entitled to 50% discount while children below five years old can dine for free.

Culinary goodness at Flavours

Share joyous days of Eid with family and friends with scrumptious creations including fresh catch on our Seafood Corner, traditional home-style Lamb Shoulder with Oriental Rice, and popular Oriental Sweets we all love! Celebrate at our Eid brunch for only AED 125 per person paired with Ramadan juices, soft drinks and water. Make the celebration even bigger for much less, at AED 99 only per person for every booking of 10 persons.

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