

R Hotels' The Palm Resort and Spa developments unveiled



R Hotels' latest project at the upscale Palm Jumeirah is promptly gaining pace as the group unveils its latest developments. The first four-star hotel at The Palm, it will also be the first health and wellness resort in the GCC region.

R Hotels is expected to ink a deal with a renowned wellness company. Under the partnership, the property will offer not just spa and beauty treatments, but various wellbeing and lifestyle packages ranging from proper diet and nutrition, fitness classes and health treatments. The hotel will hire certified nutritionist and wellness coach for programs such weight loss, both for kids and adult. Some of the fitness classes planned includes yoga, tai chi, pilates and aerobics.

The overall design concept of the property will be organic, with the use of earth colours and materials like wood, to imbibe a fresh, calm and soothing atmosphere.

The 253-key property will offer Executive and Presidential Suites on the sixth and seventh floor, all boasting private terrace with exquisite views. In addition to trendy sun loungers, the pool area and private beach will have cabanas for families and groups to enjoy. There will also be a dedicated kids' swimming pool, playground, gym and tennis court, and separate spa for men and women with hamman, sauna and steam bath.

For the food and beverage offers, the hotel will feature a healthy concept restaurant serving meals and drinks made from fresh and organic ingredients, complete with live cooking stations and a fresh juice bar. The dining outlet will offer a range of options from low calorie and gluten-free foods, as well as vegan and vegetarian meals.

Samir Arora, who spearheads the pre-opening stage of the property notes, "We are all excited to see the project taking shape, and to break new ground with a health and wellness resort. We aim to offer a holistic experience for the senses – the mind, body and soul. The idea is to keep the guests engaged throughout the whole stay, where every aspect from is appreciated."

Ramada Downtown Dubai names new General Manager

Ramada Downtown Dubai is pleased to announce the appointment of Shahzad Butt as its new General Manager.

Shahzad Butt has been in the hotel industry for 25 years. He was the Cluster General Manager of Chelsea Tower Hotel Apartments and Chelsea Gardens Hotel Apartments, and Group Director of Business Development for Chelsea Group of Hotel and Hotel Apartments in Dubai before joining Ramada Downtown Dubai. He started his career in hospitality with Hilton Worldwide, and later worked with Renaissance and Avari Hotels International, both in Pakistan and the UAE, where he served various positions including Assistant Manager, Regional Sales Manager, and Sales & Marketing Manager.

Commenting on his appointment, Butt said, "Ramada Downtown Dubai is an excellent property and I aim to further explore its potentials while maintaining the positive stature that it currently enjoys. I am excited to work with our group, R Hotels, and with the passionate hotel team."

Sumair Tariq, Managing Director of R Hotels, commented: "The group is pleased to welcome Shahzad Butt on board and we are confident that his extensive hospitality experience will lead to great results for the hotel and the group. He has the full support from R Hotels team and we wish him success in his role."



Ramada Downtown Dubai earns 2016 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

For the third consecutive year, Ramada Downtown Dubai has received a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence. Now in its sixth year, the achievement celebrates hospitality businesses that have earned great traveller reviews on TripAdvisor over the past year.

The Certificate of Excellence accounts for the quality, quantity and recency of reviews submitted by travellers on TripAdvisor over a 12-month period. To qualify, a business must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five, have a minimum number of reviews and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months.



Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Downtown Dubai recognised in MEHA 2016

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman gained the “Highly Commended” recognition in the “Best Eco Initiative” category during the 2016 Middle East Hotel Awards held at Palazzo Versace Dubai. Ramada Downtown Dubai was also nominated in the “Best Hotel Apartment” category.



Hamdani speaks at The Hotel Show Vision Conference in Jeddah

Iftikhar Hamdani, Cluster General Manager of Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman, was invited as one of the guest speakers at The Hotel Show Vision Conference in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Hamdani talked about sustainable hospitality and how to turn idea into reality. He was also invited by Ramada Continental Jeddah to share the hotel’s sustainability efforts to its management and staff.

CSR Corner

Ramada Ajman marks World Environment Day 2016

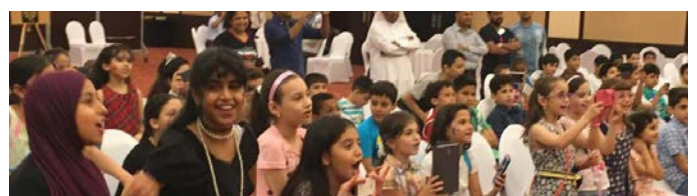
Ramada Hotel and Suites Ajman celebrated the annual World Environment Day with a series of activities. The property promoted a Paper-Free Day and encouraged the practice of dry-wet waste segregation within the hotel premises and staff accommodation.

The team also collected six kilos of aluminium cans over a period of three days, which was then crushed to make them ready for recycling. According to studies, aluminium is a sustainable metal and can be recycled repeatedly with no loss of material. In addition, the hotel hosted an Environmental Speech Competition on the topic of global warming. Twenty-six students from grades one to 12 participated in the competition which was organised by Green Globe, an environmental and humanitarian organisation based in the UAE.



ibis Styles Jumeira joins “Give A Ghaf”

ibis Styles Jumeira observed World Environment Day by taking part in “Give a Ghaf” Tree Planting program organised by the Green Works Foundation. Ghaf is regarded as the national tree of the UAE, which grows in the desert and is drought-tolerant. The hotel also organised an energy and water conservation training to associates to impart little ways on how to save the environment.



Ramada Ajman hosts Action Care Iftar

As part of its continuous support to the charitable activities, Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman once again hosted “Gift of Giving”, organised by Action Care and HSBC for the students of Ajman Charity School. The event, held annually at Majestic Ballroom, kicked off with an Iftar and was followed by a fun-filled program of games and storytelling.

R Scene

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham organises Iftar Preview

Before the start of the Holy Month of Ramadan, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham organised an Iftar Preview for select bloggers and members of the media at Flavours Restaurant.



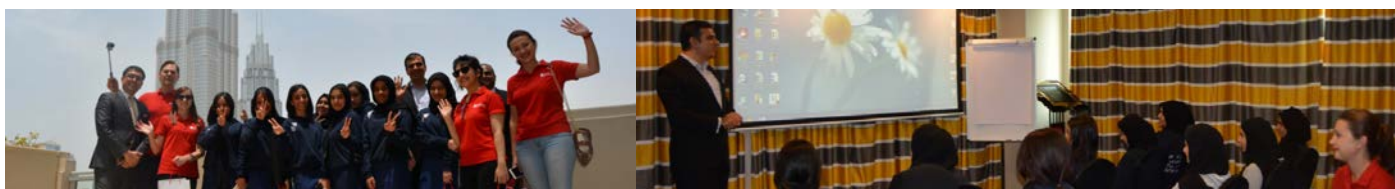
ibis Styles Jumeira hosts Iftar for media and partners

Street Café at ibis Styles Jumeira had been busy for two days with back-to-back Iftar organised for the media, DMCs and corporate partners.



Ramada Downtown Dubai welcomes MODUL University and DMES students

Ramada Downtown Dubai hosted students from Dubai Modern Education School (DMES), in cooperation with MODUL University Austria. The hotel showed the behind-the-scenes of the hotel operations to secondary school students, to help them decide a career option in the hospitality field.



Ajman hotels conduct training series

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman held a series of training on various programmes including communicating in English, telephone etiquettes, grooming and hygiene, and fire and life safety.



R Sports

Ramada Downtown Dubai wins volleyball match



Ramada Downtown Dubai, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham and ibis Styles Jumeira organised a friendly volleyball game. The spikers from Ramada Downtown Dubai beat the two hotel teams and won the tournament.

Ramada Ajman participates in Ramadan Cricket Tournament



Select players from Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman are taking part in the 27th Ramadan Cricket Tournament organised by Sharjah Cricket Council. It is the team's first time to compete in a Grade A Tournament in an international stadium.

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#RHotelsYourAdventure Winners announced

R Hotels revealed the winners of the #RHotelsYourAdventure Instagram competition which ran from April to May 2016. Instagram user **Kim Paysan Infante (@heykiw)** bagged the top prize, which is a one-night stay for two at Ramada Downtown Dubai. Below is the list of the other winners with their respective rewards:

Kamran Manzoor Hussain (@hussainkamran)

2nd prize: One-night stay for two at Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman

Mary Margarete Serrano (@deoxlove)

Sunil Sharma (mytraveldiary_1)

3rd prize: One-night stay for two at Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman

4th prize: Lunch or Dinner for four at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham

Four other winners received dining vouchers from King's Grill Restaurant, Orchid Restaurant and Street Café.

The competition, which ran from April to May, let the contestants post their most fun and thrilling adventure in the UAE using the hashtags #RHotelsYourAdventure and #WinWithRHotels.

POST and WIN!

Get a chance to win exciting prizes during your stay at any of our properties!

All you have to do is post an Instagram photo – in the lobby, in your room, the swimming pool, or the restaurant, as long as you're in the property. Use the hashtags #RHotelsYourHoliday and #TheRHotelsExperience in your post. Don't forget to mention the property where you are staying by using the hashtags #ramadaajman, #ramadabeachajman, #ramadadowntowndubai, #hawthornsuitesdubai, and #ibisstylesjumeira.

When we pick and repost your photo on our page, be ready to grab your prize!



R Promotions



Blessed and bountiful celebrations at Ramada Downtown Dubai

Gather your loved-ones over an Iftar feast at Kenza Restaurant. Break your fast with assorted dates, salads and soups, mixed grills, lamb ouzi or kabsa rice, and Arabic desserts including baklava, qatayef, kunafa, and more. Kenza's Iftar promotion is priced at AED 130/ per person inclusive of Ramadan juices. Kids aged six to 12 will enjoy 50% off while children below six years old dine for free.

Bask in Ramadan traditions at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham

Flavours Restaurant lets you savour sumptuous cuisine including Arabic mezzeh, Ouzi and mixed grill, traditional desserts like umm ali, plus some international dishes to add variety to the feast. The Iftar is priced at AED95/ per person inclusive of Ramadan juices and soft drinks. Kids aged six to 12 dine for only AED 45/ while children below six years old dine for free. Plus, invite your friends and loved-ones and avail of the 3 +1 Iftar deal.

For non-fasting guests and visitors, Flavours Restaurant will offer a la carte lunch from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Glory in precious Holy Month feast at Ramada Ajman

Orchid Restaurant at Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman presents a mouth-watering medley of your favourite Arabic dishes and desserts, mixed with select international cuisine for only AED 99/ per person inclusive of drinks.

For an Iftar spread with a sizzling twist, head to King's Grill at Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman. Break your fast with a great selection of grilled specialties, complemented with appetizers and desserts for only AED90/ per person inclusive of drinks.