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## R Hotels MD climbed to 25th spot in Hotelier Middle East Power 50 2017



R Hotels' Managing Director, Sumair Tariq, bagged the 25th slot in the annual Hotelier Middle East Power 50 List. Climbing up six spots from last year's ranking, Sumair Tariq has led the group to grow from strength to strength since its inception. Starting with two properties in 2010, the group now has seven in its portfolio: six operational and one to be completed in October 2017.

Citing the article, "the group has established and furthered partnerships with the biggest hotel groups in the world and, under franchise agreements, it has been responsible for bringing four new hotel brands into the UAE. Under the leadership of managing director Sumair Tariq, R Hotels' strategies for growth and expansion has been characterised as bold yet prudent."

## The Retreat Palm Dubai gears up for opening

R Hotels' newest property, The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery by Sofitel is set to open doors soon. The 255-key hotel and resort highlights a first-of-its-kind wellness concept in the region, with its world-class holistic wellbeing centre and facilities.

The team recently held a sneak peek tour of the property to showcase its rooms, amenities, and healthy food & beverage offerings. The event also paved the way to the introduction of the first Rayya Wellness Centre, which offers a range of all-inclusive retreat packages designed to improve mental and physical well-being.





## The Retreat Palm Dubai teams up with Evolvin' Women

In celebration of Global Women's Equality Day, The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery by Sofitel announces its partnership with Evolvin' Women, a UAE social enterprise that forms part of the UN WOMEN task-force for women's empowerment initiatives in the Middle East.

The partnership will entail a roundtable series focused on women's empowerment and driving women in business within hospitality in the region. The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery by Sofitel and Evolvin' Women aim to support the seven Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) set by UN WOMEN, and provide guidance to businesses on how to employ women in the workplace, marketplace and community.



## R Scene

### Ramada Ajman participates in Liwa Ajman Dates Festival

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman took part in the annual Liwa Ajman Dates Festival. Select chefs joined the hotel cooking competition on Day 1 while the F & B team showcased canapés and desserts made of dates at the festival's culinary corner on Day 2.



### Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham hosts fam trips

The sales team from Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham hosted separate familiarisation trips for various DMCs namely Odeon Tours, Impressive Tourism, and Alpha Tours. The agents were shown around the different suites, restaurant, and amenities of the hotel.



### Hotels celebrate International Housekeeping Week

The properties observe the annual International Housekeeping Week with an exciting array of activities.







## Ramada hotels in Ajman form Guest Happiness Committee

To improve overall guest experience and ratings on review websites, Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman launched the Guest Happiness Committee. The new team, whose members are from the executive office, sales & marketing, and front office departments, will be responsible for monitoring feedback from different review websites and taking the necessary actions to reinforce the high standards of service.



## Ramada Downtown Dubai welcomes Wyndham Hotel Group president

Ramada Downtown Dubai received a visit from Dan Ruff, Wyndham Hotel Group's president and managing director of the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) and Indian Ocean regions. Following a near-perfect score achieved by the hotel at the Brand Audit courtesy of WHG, and a recent win as Wyndham EMEA Brand Champion - Midscale and Upper Midscale category, Ruff checked-in at the hotel to have a first-hand experience of how the hotel has gone from strength to strength, carrying the Ramada brand with pride.

## Ramada Downtown Dubai, ibis Styles Jumeira, and Ramada Ajman receive Loved by Guests certificate

Ramada Downtown Dubai, ibis Styles Jumeira, and Ramada Hotel and Suites Ajman are awarded with Loved by Guests certificate by Hotels.com. The properties gained scores of 4.3, 4.2, and 4.0, respectively, out of a highest possible score of five.

The annual hospitality recognition is given to hotels worldwide that have achieved the best average review rating, determined by over 20 million genuine hotel guest reviews.



## CSR Corner

### Ramada hotels in Ajman host deaf school teachers from Pakistan

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman reached out as far as Pakistan for its CSR activity for the summer period by hosting 15 teachers and their families from Deaf Reach Schools in Pakistan throughout August and September. The school teachers were provided with an average of seven-night stay on complimentary full board basis at Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman. On top of the free accommodation, they were also given free city tours of Dubai including dhow cruise, desert safari, and trip to Dubai Mall, among others.



### Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR beefs up CSR activities

In line with the Year of Giving, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR reinforces its philanthropic activities over the summer period by joining the #StrikeOutALS campaign, and reaching out to UAE Red Crescent.

Made popular by the global Ice Bucket Challenge, the hotel helped raise funds for the #StrikeOutALS campaign to promote awareness on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). The hotel also extended aid to Emirates Red Crescent by handing over boxes of clothes, which were donated by the associates.





# R Sports

## Ajman hotels hold Summer Mega Sports Day

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman organised its annual Summer Mega Sports Day at Hamriyah Sports Club, Sharjah. The associates participated in different sports including football, volleyball, handball, and basketball.



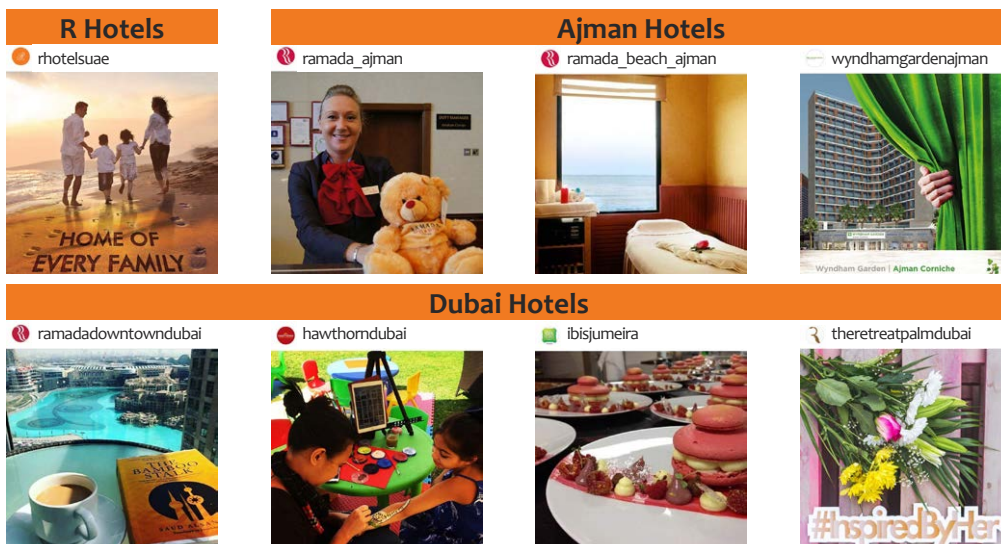
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# R Promotions



## Friday Family Brunches are back at Kenza and Flavours!

Gather your family and loved-ones this weekend and enjoy the sumptuous Downtown Family Brunch at Kenza, Ramada Downtown Dubai. Delight in a great variety of brunch staples – from salad bar and cheese counters, mix cuisines for the main course, live barbecue and pasta stations, delectable dessert section, and the kiddie corner with cotton candy maker and popcorn booth.

If you're in JBR, head to Flavours at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham to try the Fab Family Friday Brunch. Inspired by weekend picnics at the park, fun activities await at the garden overlooking The Walk to be enjoyed by the young and young at heart. The spread features tempting array of brunch favourites including a special BBQ station, seafood bar, Japanese counter, cold cuts and cheese counter, dessert station and kiddie corner.