

## Ruler of Ajman inaugurates Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche

The 179-key property is the first Wyndham Garden in the UAE

His Highness Sheikh Humaid bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ajman; His Highness Sheikh Ammar bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Crown Prince of Ajman; and His Highness Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, Chairman of Ajman Municipality and Planning, and Chairman of R Holding, graced the inauguration of Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche.

The new hotel is the first Wyndham Garden to open in the UAE. Boasting sweeping views of the Arabian Gulf, the property features 179 rooms and suites, all facing the beachfront. It will also showcase an executive lounge on the top floor, and state of the art leisure facilities including a modern spa, fitness club, outdoor swimming pool with Jacuzzi, and kids' club. The dining options will include Seascape, a seafood speciality restaurant; Gourmet Garden all-day dining venue; R Café at the lobby; and Waves pool bar.

His Highness Sheikh Rashid bin Humaid Al Nuaimi remarked: "The emirate of Ajman welcomes Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche, a new landmark to showcase exceptional Emirati hospitality to the rest of the world. This is another testament on the continuous growth of the tourism sector in the emirate, which provides various opportunities for business and employment, and we wish the hotel and its team utmost success."

Sumair Tariq, managing director, R Hotels, commented: "The group is happy to unveil its seventh property in the UAE – the new Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche. With the solid performance of Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman over the years, we are confident that the hotel will deliver the highest standards of service to all the guests, with its seasoned and professional team."

"A destination on the rise, Ajman continues to be a stronghold for R Hotels, and Wyndham Garden Corniche is poised to accommodate the growing number of travellers to the emirate to further cement our status as the leading hotel group in the Northern Emirates."

Iftikhar Hamdani, cluster general manager, marked the opening of the new property: "The wait is over as Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche officially is all ready to welcome guests! We have been actively promoting the property in various exhibitions and road shows in Europe and Asia and have been received utmost enthusiasm."

He added: "The property ticks all the right boxes in attracting both holidaymakers and business travellers with its superb views, excellent room features, modern facilities, and sumptuous dining options. Our passionate team are all eager to provide the top-level of service to everyone who will set foot at Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche."



## R Hotels to mark a decade of hospitality at ATM 2018

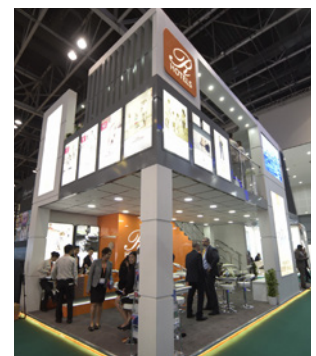
The group to showcase its latest properties and unveil new strategies during the exhibition

R Hotels will celebrate its 10th year anniversary in the hospitality industry at the annual Arabian Travel Market. The group is again set to take part as an exhibitor to showcase its new hotels including Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche.

R Hotels will also highlight The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery by Sofitel, the region's first holistic wellness resort, which opened in 2017. The other properties of group to be promoted at ATM 2018 are Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman, Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman, Ramada Downtown Dubai, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR, and ibis Styles Jumeira Dubai.

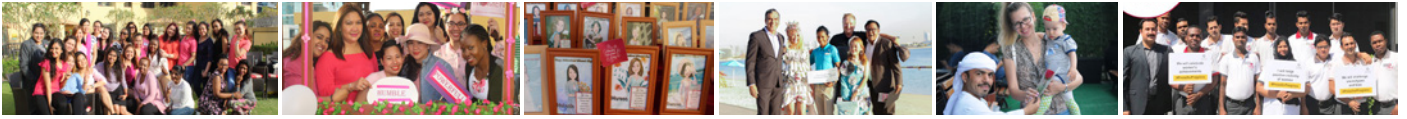
Sumair Tariq, managing director, R Hotels, commented: "As we celebrate our ten-year milestone, R Hotels seeks to capitalise on UAE's thriving tourism sector and be one of the fastest-growing hospitality groups in the region. ATM is a key platform for us and this year, we will not only promote our properties, but also reveal our new strategies and offers to our valued partners. Our group is constantly on the lookout for new investment opportunities in prime locations in and outside the UAE, and we set sight on strengthening our foothold as we embark on our years ahead in this industry."

R Hotels stand will be at HC0425 of the hotel pavilion.



## R Hotels marks International Women's Day

Women across all properties observed the annual International Women's Day with a range of activities for associates and guests. Ramada Downtown Dubai, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR and ibis Styles Dubai Jumeira organised a programme and games for female associates, including giving personalised keepsakes. Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman handed out roses to their lady guests, and paid tribute to their inspiring female staff through social media. The Retreat Palm Dubai held a month-long celebration with a range of activities including an art exhibit, and a creative fashion show.



## Samir Arora takes part at The Healing Summit in Berlin

Samir Arora, general manager of The Retreat Palm Dubai, was one of the panellists in the recent 'The Healing Summit – Committed to Healing', which was held in Berlin. Arora spoke on the topic of The Global Rise of Healing: Russia, China, and Middle East, discussing how and why a fundamental desire for a change in lifestyle arises in all corners of the world.



The Healing Summit – Committed to Healing is an initiative of Healing Hotels of the World. It serves as a platform for professionals striving for a holistic approach to business, with the aim to create a global influencer community to do good. It has been an annual event since 2014 and embraces all topics that are inherent in the worldwide brand Healing Hotels of the World.



## Hamdani earns CSR Professional of the Year title

Iftikhar Hamdani has won the prestigious CSR Professional of the Year accolade at the Gulf Sustainability and CSR Awards 2018. The other nominees in the said category include officials from Dubai Municipality, and Dubai Electricity and Water Authority.

On receiving the award, Hamdani noted: "I am truly honoured to be named as the CSR Professional of the Year by a highly reputable body. Our team believes that that every contribution, however small, can make a great impact if done collectively and with this, we will fortify our CSR efforts and engage our community. We aim to reach out to more people and continue to inspire companies, especially in the field of hospitality and tourism to join our causes."

In 2017, Ramada Ajman also bagged the Waste Management Award at Gulf Sustainability and CSR Awards for its efficient and effective waste management scheme.

## Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR named Best Short Stay Accommodation

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR was again recognised at the recent UAE Business Awards organised by MEA Markets magazine. The hotel was named as the Best Short Stay Accommodation in Dubai. A back to back win, the property also earned the Most Accommodating Resort in Dubai accolade at UAE Business Awards 2017.



## Ramada Downtown Dubai bags UAE Business Awards

With its premium location and unparalleled service excellence, Ramada Downtown Dubai secured the title Best Business & Leisure Travellers' Accommodation in Dubai at the recent UAE Business Awards. The award was presented by MEA Markets magazine.

## Hamdani speaks at international conferences in Ajman

Iftikhar Hamdani, cluster general manager of Ramada Ajman, Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman and Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche, were invited to speak at two international conferences held in the emirate. He was one of the panellists at Ajman Social Responsibility Summit 2018, organised by Ajman Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He was also a speaker at the Ajman 5th International Environment Conference organised by Ajman Municipality.



## The Retreat Palm Dubai chef wins at Battle of the Beans

Chef Supun Lakmal, pastry chef from The Retreat Palm Dubai, bagged first place at the Battle of the Beans, sweet category. The competition was organised by The Global Pulse Confederation in collaboration with Emirates Culinary Guild.



## Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR join Emirates Walk for Education

As part of its ongoing commitment to philanthropic initiatives, associates from Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR participated in Dubai Cares Walk for Education 2018. Now on its 9th year, the annual walk aims to reach out to, and march in solidarity with millions of children in developing countries who walk long distances every day to go to school.



## ibis Styles Jumeira Dubai volunteers for Al Marmoom Initiative

The team from ibis Styles Jumeira Dubai stepped up its CSR initiatives by extending aid to Al Marmoom Initiative. Some of the tasks they carried out for the program include preparing food for the horses, cleaning the area, and harvesting vegetables in the green house. Al Marmoom Initiative provides special needs adults and children with horse riding therapy and vocational greenhouse farming programs.



## Hotels celebrate Earth Hour 2018

R Hotels joined the rest of the globe in the observance of Earth Hour 2018. The lights were switched off at the hotels' lobbies, restaurants and public areas, and guests were encouraged to take part in the celebration by turning off the lights in their respective rooms from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Different activities including sound mediation and acoustic performances were also organised to mark the occasion.



# R Scene

## Ajman properties hold Mexican Fiesta

The teams from Ramada Ajman, Ramada Beach Ajman and Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche organised its annual staff celebration with a Mexican-themed party.



## Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham organises annual staff celebration

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham hosted its yearly staff party with a pristine all-white theme, at Sheraton Hotel JBR.



## The Retreat Palm Dubai hosts Inspired by Her exhibit

The Retreat Palm Dubai, in partnership with Zee Arts Community, launched R Gallery's Inspired by Her Women's Art Exhibition to kick off the International Women's Month.





## Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche takes part in Ajman Paint Run

Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche was once again promoted at the second edition of Ajman Paint Run. Participants from all Ajman properties participated in the fun-filled and colourful event held at Ajman Corniche.



## Ramada hotels in Ajman host Premier Cricket League

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman held its annual Ramada Premier Cricket League at Mala3eb Sports Complex in Ajman. A total of eight teams from three hotels, including the pre-opening staff of Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche, took part in the tournament.



## Ramada Downtown Dubai and The Retreat Palm Dubai hold cricket match

The cricket team from The Retreat Palm Dubai emerged victorious in a friendly cricket match against Ramada Downtown Dubai.



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