

R Hotels MD ranked 31st in Hotelier ME Power 50 List

Sumair Tariq, R Hotels' Managing Director was again recognised in the annual Hotelier Middle East Power 50 List, bagging the 31st spot among the top hospitality players in the region. Tariq went up four notches from his 2015 ranking as a result of the company's continuous growth and planned expansion in Saudi Arabia and United Kingdom.

To quote the article: "Tariq aims to make the company one of the top performing hospitality groups in the region, and to be recognised as one of the best hospitality companies to work for in the Middle East. In addition to growing the portfolio in the UAE as well as growing the team, R Hotels, under Tariq, seeks to expand its presence in other regional cities including Jeddah and Makkah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and in London, United Kingdom."

POWER 50

31 ranked in last year's 35th

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MANAGING DIRECTOR, R HOTELS

R Hotels is set to grow beyond the UAE, with Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom in Sumair Tariq's sights

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Tariq says: "Together with the senior management team, we make sure we look after the welfare of our teams. With the growing number of hotels and the opportunities that come with the developments, we know that our people will remain as the core of our business and we continuously look for ways to provide them with personal and professional growth. We provide our employees with career growth opportunities within the group, and invest in training and physical well-being through various sports initiatives."

R Hotels opened in 2015 with an average occupancy of 86% for all five properties. The group revenue was up by 10% from 2014, with almost 200,000 rooms night sold. For the first half of 2016, the group's occupancy figures stood at 90%.

"We are set to open the first R Hotels health and wellness resort and spa in Palm Jumeirah by April 2017, as well as another hotel at Ajman Corniche. We are currently reviewing two hotels for acquisition, and we are consistently seeking new properties to manage, in order to enhance our market presence in the UAE and Middle East region," adds Tariq.

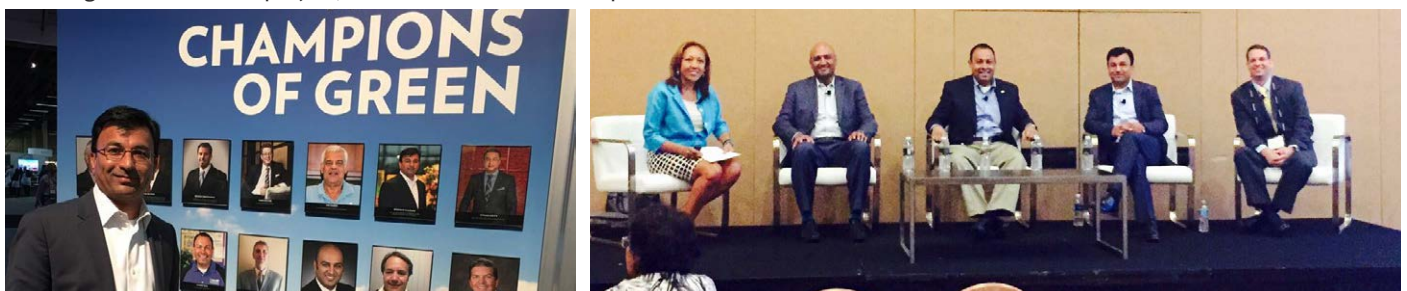
By the numbers

6 NUMBER OF YEARS IN THE ROLE	9 NUMBER OF YEARS WITH COMPANY	5 NUMBER OF MIDDLE EAST OPERATING HOTELS	4 NUMBER OF MIDDLE EAST PIPELINE HOTELS
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Hamdani speaks at WHG Global Conference

Iftikhar Hamdani, Cluster General Manager of Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman, has been invited as one of the panellists at Wyndham Hotel Group's Global Conference in Las Vegas. Hamdani was part of the panel discussion on the topic, "Dollars to Your Bottom Line: Green Strategies that will Slash Cost and Drive Increased Revenue", where he shared the hotels' best sustainable practices including the zero landfill project, urban farm and RO water plant.



ibis Styles Jumeira celebrates first anniversary

Everyone was all smiles as ibis Styles Jumeira celebrated its first year anniversary of operations. The staff gathered at Street Café for a cake-cutting ceremony followed by a cocktail reception.



ibis Styles Jumeira receives HACCP certification

ibis Styles Jumeira proudly secured a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) certification, following a strict compliance with the standards of food safety management in the UAE. The property acquired its certification within its first year of operations, as a result of effective coordination among all relevant departments.



HSW contender shortlisted in AICR's Receptionist of the Year 2016

Chandan Vishwakarma, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham's receptionist was named as one of the finalists of AICR's Receptionist of the Year 2016. Out of 37 candidates, Chandan had been selected to move on to the second round, alongside representatives of UAE's top hotels.

General Manager Samir Arora, noted: "Chandan has been and continues to be a great example of what we want our associates to aspire to - excellence, integrity and a genuine commitment to good customer service."

The prestigious AICR (Amicale Internationale des Sous Directeurs et Chefs de Réception des Grand Hôtels) is the international association for Deputy Managers and Front Office Managers.

CSR Corner

Ramada Ajman joins United Nations Global Compact

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman proudly announced its membership in United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the largest corporate social responsibility initiative in the world.

To commence its membership, the hotel associates gathered for an orientation conducted by Ayla Bajwa and Hidaya Mansoor Alfalasi, United Nations Global Compact local network representatives in the UAE. The session provided an overview of the ten fundamental principles of the initiative, which are in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment, and Anti-Corruption, as well as a presentation on The Global Goals for Sustainable Development.



Ramada Downtown Dubai donates to Red Crescent UAE

Ramada Downtown Dubai handed out monetary contribution to Red Crescent UAE, collected from donation boxes at its reception and restaurant. The Red Crescent boxes were again placed in the hotel so the guests can voluntarily and conveniently donate their desired amount to help needy individuals and groups supported by the charity organisation.



ibis Styles Jumeira takes part in Planet 21's Trash to Treasure campaign

The team from ibis Styles Jumeira collected hundreds of bottle caps for Planet 21's Trash to Treasure recycling initiative. Planet 21 is AccorHotels' sustainability development program where associates from all the group's hotel brands play a huge role in saving the planet.

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham and Ramada Downtown Dubai give clothes to charity

Red Crescent UAE received boxes of used clothes collected from Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham and Ramada Downtown Dubai. The Housekeeping teams spearheaded the collection of about 500 pieces of clothes with few pairs of shoes, which will be distributed among the less fortunate sectors.



R Scene

Hotels celebrate International Housekeeping Week

The hardworking housekeeping teams from each property marked the International Housekeeping Week with various activities which showcased their skills, creativity and camaraderie.



R Sports

Dubai hotels hold pingpong play-offs



ibis Styles Jumeira, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham and Ramada Downtown Dubai battled against each other on a fun game of ping pong, where representatives from each hotel showed off their spin and smash skills. ibis Styles Jumeira won the match, with Ramada Downtown Dubai as runner-up.

Ramada Downtown Dubai organises bowling activity



Ramada Downtown Dubai had a fun day out at Dubai Bowling Centre, where the associates did strike and spare some moves down the bowling lane.

ibis Styles Jumeira associates compete in billiards and badminton games



As part of its team-building initiatives, ibis Styles Jumeira organised friendly billiards and badminton games for its associates.

#FeastForFive competition winners announced

R Hotels is pleased to reveal the five lucky winners of the #FeastForFive competition, which ran from 1st August to 15th September. They each walked away with lunch or dinner voucher from one of the five restaurants:

Maia Josephine Tolentino (@tinitingalangtala)
Lois Ma Villanueva (@loismav_dxb)
Jelo Manongsong (@jelotheGreat)
Parveen Sheik (@parveeesh28)
Yasar Arafath (yash_arab)

King's Grill, Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman
Kenza at Ramada Downtown Dubai
Orchid at Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman
Flavours at Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR
Street Café at ibis Styles Jumeira

The contestants submitted holiday photos with family and friends in the UAE, and were picked based on the number of likes.





Congratulations to all the winners! Watch out for more competitions by following @rhotelsuae on Instagram.

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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

Enjoy a fun-filled picnic brunch at Flavours



Make the most of Dubai's great outdoor weather, and head to Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR to try the new Fab Family Friday Brunch. Inspired by weekend picnics at park, Flavours Restaurant lets you unwind with your family and enjoy a tempting array of brunch favourites with a special BBQ station, seafood bar, Japanese counter, cold cuts and cheese counter, dessert station and kids corner. Flavours provides options between a picnic-style brunch, complete with picnic blanket and basket; or an al fresco dining to simply bask in sunshine while savouring sumptuous meals.

The little ones are guaranteed a fun-filled day with the different activities in-store including face painting and garden activities available throughout the brunch.

Priced at AED145/ per person inclusive of soft drinks and select beverages, the brunch is open from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Kids aged six to 12 dine for only AED 50/ while children below six years old dine for free.