

## R Hotels stays optimistic for 2017 with the opening of two hotels

*The group to debut new hotels and brands*



R Hotels looks forward to a bright year ahead with the slated opening of its two new properties in 2017. The group will debut two new brands in the UAE - MGallery by Sofitel and Wyndham Garden, under franchise agreement with Accor Hotels and Wyndham Hotel Group, respectively.

MGallery by Sofitel, located at the East Crescent of Palm Jumeirah, is expected to open in the second quarter of 2017. The 254-key property will also be the first health and wellness resort in the UAE. Eyeing a Q4 2017 opening, the first Wyndham Garden, which will be at Ajman Corniche, will feature 179 keys. The total investment for the two properties are valued at AED 500 million (USD 136.2 million) and AED 200 million (USD 54.5 million).

Managing Director Sumair Tariq noted: "R Hotels seeks to cement our status as one of the fastest-growing hotel groups in the region by bringing in two new brands in the UAE through franchise affiliations. The region's hospitality sector continues to expand and with this, R Hotels aims to boost its market presence and increase its portfolio through acquisition and developing new properties in key leisure and business locations."

Looking beyond 2017, the group sets sights on opening more properties in the UAE and a serviced hotel apartment in United Kingdom by 2018. The other markets on R Hotels' radar include the cities of Makkah and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.

## Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham welcomes new Hotel Manager

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Jumeirah Beach Residence announces the appointment of Samer Rafie as its new Hotel Manager.

An Egyptian national, Rafie has more than two decades of hospitality experience within the GCC region, having worked in UAE, KSA, Kuwait and Bahrain. Prior to joining Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, he was with Fraser Suites Dubai for seven years, where he served as Operations Manager and was later promoted as Executive Assistant Manager. He was also affiliated with various hotels in the emirate including City Seasons Dubai, Chelsea Tower Hotel Apartment, and Taj Palace Hotel Dubai.

In his new role, Samer Rafie will be in charge of the hotel's daily operations. He will lead all departments in achieving high customer satisfaction ratings, and direct the hotel's strategies to maintain healthy occupancy and revenue.





## Ramada Ajman hosts climate change roundtable for future leaders

In line with its continuous advocacy on sustainability, Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman organised the International Roundtable Conference (IRC) for future leaders on the topic of climate change.

His Highness Sheikh Dr Abdul Aziz Bin Ali Bin Rashid Al Nuaimi, also known as the Green Sheikh graced the event and shared his expertise on environmental missions. Sumair Tariq, Managing Director of R Hotels, and Ignace Bauwens, Regional Vice President Middle East and Africa of Wyndham Hotel Group, were also among the guests for the conference.

The students, aged between 12 to 16 years, from 21 different nationalities took part in the interactive discussion, which aimed to gather insights, identify the ecological challenges, and share the best practices that are being carried out by their respective countries to address the pressing subject.

The participating students of the conference are from the UAE, Australia, China, Egypt, Fiji, India, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Lebanon, Pakistan, Palestine, Russia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine, and USA.



## Ramada Ajman to improve food waste management efficiency

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman seeks to boost its current food waste management scheme through the installation of a new WasteStation machine.

Developed and distributed by the UK-based Imperial Machine Company (IMC), the WasteStation is an innovative food waste macerator and dewatering unit. In addition to the hotel's existing compost machine which converts its food waste into fertilisers, the newly-installed machine will further simplify the process and cut down the labour.



## Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham unveils VIP check-in for kids

Targeting family travellers in the emirate, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR launched the Junior Arrival Experience, a VIP check-in scheme for guests aged four to ten.

With the Junior Arrival Experience, the kids will be given their own registration card to fill out, and their own key card. The children will also receive a free activity kit and two complimentary kiddie coins worth AED10/ each, which they can redeem by purchasing food goodies within the hotel. The parents can also buy additional coins for their kids to use during their stay.

## Ramada Downtown Dubai marks 7th Anniversary

Ramada Downtown Dubai, led by General Manager Shahzad Butt, celebrated its seventh year anniversary with a series of activities for its associates and loyal guests. The team gathered for a special cake-cutting ceremony and reception to mark the milestone.





## Ramada Ajman hotels sweep accolades at Hospitality Excellence Awards

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman bagged nine accolades from the 2nd Middle East Hospitality Excellence Awards held at Dusit Thani Dubai.

The hotels received seven gold awards including the General Manager of the Year for Cluster GM Iftikhar Hamdani, and Hotel of the Year for Green Initiatives for Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman. The hotels' other gold awards are in the categories Hidden Gem of the Year for Ramada Ajman's Senior Housekeeping Attendant, Food and Beverage Service, Housekeeping, Accounts and Finance, and Executive Chef of the Year; while two silver trophies are in the Sales & Marketing / PR, and Engineering categories.



## CSR Corner

### ibis Styles Jumeira sponsors Unity Run 2016

ibis Styles Jumeira participated as the official hotel sponsor of Unity Run 2016, held at Al Mamzar Beach. The annual Unity Run is organised to promote unity and diversity, which make up the seven emirates of the UAE. 2016's event aimed to raise money for Al Noor Training Centre to assist and provide training facilities for persons with disabilities.



## R Scene

### Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham holds Cultural Fest

To celebrate its team's diverse backgrounds and heritage, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR held its annual staff party with the theme "Cultural Fest 2016".



### R Hotels properties ring in the New Year with festive parties

The hotels bid adieu to 2016 and welcomed the year 2017 with fun-filled celebrations. Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman held a New Year party at its Majestic Ballroom, while Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham hosted guests to their themed gala dinners and parties.



### Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham hosts dinner for long-staying guests

The heads of department and sales team of Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham organised a dinner gathering for their long-staying guests, as gesture of appreciation for their loyalty.





## R Sports

### Ramada Downtown Dubai attends Fitness Fest



To stay fit and healthy, the heads of departments of Ramada Downtown Dubai attended Fitness Fest 2016 held at Skydive Dubai.

### Ramada Ajman hotels hold Zumba dance class





Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman and Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman organised a fun-filled session of Zumba at Majestic Ballroom. HODs and associates joined the dance and fitness class, to promote healthy lifestyle through exercise.

## R Hotels Social Media

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### #WeRFamily Insta contests winners announced

R Hotels revealed the winners for its #WeRFamily Instagram competition. Shahbaz Kiani (@shahbazkiani) walked away with a free brunch for his family at Kenza Restaurant, and Sandra Cabrillas won a free family brunch at Flavours, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham.

Watch out for more competition with exciting prizes at @rhotelsuae Instagram account!



### 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

### Bella Italia at Kenza

Mamma mia, it's the taste of Italy right at your doorstep! Savour the best Italian flavours from Ramada Downtown Dubai's cucina for only AED 69 per person. This pocket-friendly deal includes: 1) Choice of pizza (margherita, house special, vegetable, or pepperoni) OR choice of lasagna (vegetable, beef) OR choice of pasta (seafood marinara, penne arrabiata, fettuccini alfredo with chicken); 2) Choice Italian dessert (tiramisu, fruit platter or strawberry cheesecake); 3) Choice of Drink (soft drink, juice, water).