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## R Hotels strengthens presence at Arabian Travel Market 2019

*Stepped up participation and mapped out plans beyond Expo 2020*



R Hotels took part as exhibitor at the annual Arabian Travel Market.

The group showcased its seven properties across iconic locations in Dubai and Ajman. The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery, the region's first holistic wellness resort, set sight on tapping the growing health and medical tourism market. With the opening of Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche in 2018, alongside the two Ramada properties – Ramada Hotel & Suites by Wyndham Ajman and Ramada by Wyndham Beach Hotel Ajman, R Hotels now has the highest room inventory in the emirate. The group also promoted Ramada by Wyndham Downtown Dubai with spectacular views of Burj Khalifa and the Dubai Fountain, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dubai close to the JBR beach waterfront, and ibis Styles Jumeira Dubai near Etihad Museum.

Sumair Tariq, managing director, R Hotels, noted: "As a homegrown brand, we seek to strengthen our presence in the region. Our group is gearing up for the Expo 2020 Dubai, the most anticipated event in the Middle East which is expected to welcome more than 25 million visitors from across the globe. We are optimistic that this mega event will facilitate exceptional growth for the hospitality industry. The world expo is a catalyst in bringing in more and bigger international events in the UAE and we are actively looking into investment and expansion opportunities beyond 2020."

## DHA launch #DXHWellness at The Retreat Palm Dubai

In the presence of Dr Marwan Al Mulla, CEO of the Health Regulation Sector and Sumair Tariq, managing director of R Hotels, The Retreat Palm Dubai hosted the launch of Dubai Health Experience's #DXHWellness campaign. Organised by the Dubai Health Authority, DXH has introduced a promotional channel and array of offerings aimed at promoting Dubai as a wellness destination.







## Three hotels bag 'Best of' accolade from Wyndham Hotels and Resorts

Three R Hotels properties were recognised by Wyndham Hotels and Resorts. Ramada Hotel & Suites by Wyndham Ajman and Ramada by Wyndham Beach Hotel Ajman bagged the Best of Ramada award, and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dubai was named Best of Hawthorn, for the second consecutive year.

The recognition is bestowed annually to an elite group of hotels under Wyndham Hotel Group's brands, which are evaluated based on different criteria including hotel quality, guest feedback, and Wyndham Rewards compliance.

## Wyndham Garden Ajman gathers awards for top ratings and reviews

Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche received various review-based awards in less than a year after its opening. The property earned the HolidayCheck 2019 Award, and was named one of the most popular hotels in the region. It also bagged the Guest Review Awards 2018 by Booking.com. The latest feather on its cap is TopHotels.ru's recognition as 'Top 100 Best Resort Hotels in the World: 2018'. Rated by the Russian tourist market, Wyndham Garden Ajman ranked 5th amongst the hotels in the UAE, and bagged the 41st spot worldwide.



## Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dubai recognised by Hotels.com

Hotels.com bestowed the Loved by Guests Award to Ramada by Wyndham Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dubai. The properties received a score of 8.8 and 8.2, respectively, out of a possible score of 10.

## Samir Arora partakes in ATM's 2019 Wellness Symposium

Samir Arora, general manager of The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery by Sofitel, was one of the speakers of the Global Wellness Institute's annual Wellness Symposium at this year's Arabian Travel Market. The symposium put the focus on "Medical Tourism and Wellness Tourism: Understanding the Opportunities," and featured experts from both tourism and health sectors to explore the key trends for Middle East and North Africa.



## Wyndham Garden Ajman marks first anniversary

Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche recently celebrated its first year of operations. The team welcomed officials from Wyndham Hotels & Resorts led by Rafik Kamel, director of franchise operations for Middle East & Africa. Under the leadership of Iftikhar Hamdani, the property has achieved impressive milestones since its opening including 93% YTD occupancy, and review-based recognitions.



## CSR Corner

### Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dubai unveils urban garden

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dubai launched its new urban garden as part of the global Wyndham Green initiative and to mark Earth Day 2019. The 21- square metre garden grows various vegetables and herbs including eggplant, cherry tomatoes, chillies, rosemary and mint.



### Wyndham hotels in Ajman celebrate Earth Day 2019

One of the leaders in sustainability in the emirate, Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche, Ramada Hotel & Suites by Wyndham Ajman, and Ramada by Wyndham Beach Hotel Ajman organised a beach clean-up to mark Earth Day 2019. With this year's Earth Day theme 'Protect Our Species', the activity aimed to raise awareness on waste disposal and how the garbage that pollute the seas pose threat to marine species. The hotels also distributed reusable shopping bags among the participants to limit the use of plastic bags, which can end up in the ocean when not disposed properly.



### ibis Styles Jumeira joins Walk for Cancer

ibis Styles Jumeira participated in Walk for Cancer 2019. Organised by American Hospital Dubai, this year's theme was 'Walk for Life: Positive Action Against Cancer', which aimed to convey the power of positivity and affirmative support in coping with the condition.



### Hotels participate in Walk for Education

Ramada by Wyndham Downtown Dubai, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dubai and The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery joined Dubai Cares' Walk for Education 2019. The initiative aims to show support for the thousands of children who embark on a long journey, just to reach their schools every day.

## R Scene

### Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dubai hosts iftar for partners

To celebrate the Holy Month of Ramadan and express appreciation to its key partners and media, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dubai hosted a special iftar at Flavours Restaurant.



### iPersonal Trainer launched at The Retreat Palm Dubai

The Retreat Palm Dubai, welcomed media and guests to the launch of iPersonal Trainer, a 'Made in Italy' wellness concept.





## R Sports

### Ajman hotels take part in various ATDD sports events

Teams from Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche, Ramada Hotel & Suites by Wyndham Ajman and Ramada by Wyndham Beach Hotel Ajman flexed their muscles, tested their strengths and had fun in a series of sports activities organised by Ajman Tourism Development Department (ATDD). The events include Run Ajman, Old School Challenge and Paint Run Ajman.



## R Wellness

### Unlock the secret of your wellness with complimentary genetic testing at The Retreat Palm Dubai



The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery is offering state-of-the-art genetics technology that allows guests to book a stay via [theretreatpalmdubai.com](http://theretreatpalmdubai.com) or come for Saturday Detox Brunch and get a free genetic test to decode their DNA. 100% confidential and painless, wellness experts at The Retreat Palm Dubai will provide personalised recommendations for healthy living including guidance on products and therapies through to nutrition and culinary experience, based on the guest's DNA results.

In partnership with a leading global genomics company, guests can choose from four test areas including Weight Loss Management, Micronutrient Management, Food Intolerance Lactose & Gluten, plus Skin Care and Anti-Ageing Management. Unlocking the secret to wellness is done in a few simple steps which include redeeming a Free Genetic Test Voucher received upon arrival, and taking a painless saliva sample at The Retreat's Rayya Wellness Centre. A report summary of the results will be provided in no longer than 48 hours.

#### The Details

##### Stay with Free Genetic Test

Stay must be booked through [theretreatpalmdubai.com](http://theretreatpalmdubai.com) only to redeem complimentary Genetic Test

##### Detox Brunch with Free Genetic Test


Every Saturday 12:30pm – 4pm at Vibe Restaurant

Option 1 – AED 299 per person for healthy buffet with detox drinks and wellness activities and FREE Genetic Test

Option 2 – AED 349 per person for healthy buffet with detox drinks, wellness activities, beach and pool access and FREE Genetic Test

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