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## The Retreat Palm Dubai welcomes President of Mauritius Inaugurates R Gallery with Wall of Happiness art exhibit



The Retreat Palm Dubai welcomes the President of Mauritius, Her Excellency, Ameenah Gurib, to the inauguration of R Gallery with the unveiling of Wall of Happiness Art Exhibition. The event was attended by Olivier Granet, COO of Accor Hotels; and Sumair Tariq, Managing Director of R Hotels; and dignitaries from Dubai Culture and Arts Authority.

In partnership with ZeeArts Community, the gallery showcases 120 artworks of 42 artists from 24 different countries. The exhibit, curated by ZeeArts Community's Zaahirah Muthy, is open for public viewing until January 2018.

The art exhibit is also a part of the celebration of AccorHotels' 50th anniversary with the theme "Welcome Heroes", which honours local heroes-artists, art enthusiasts and volunteers that create, inspire, and educate the community.

## The Retreat Palm Dubai breaks Guinness World Record

The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery by Sofitel celebrated the culmination of the 30-day Dubai Fitness Challenge with its own record-breaking event. The first holistic wellness resort brought together yogis and health enthusiasts from across the globe to secure the Guinness World Records title for "Most nationalities in a yoga lesson". A total of 112 nationalities participated in a 30-minute yoga lesson at the hotel's scenic sands.



Samir Arora, general manager, The Retreat Palm Dubai MGallery by Sofitel said: "The entire team was incredibly excited to celebrate the upcoming launch of our highly anticipated property with the Guinness World Records attempt."

"It makes me so proud to see how hard the team worked to make the magic happen. Given The Retreat is the first of its kind wellness destination in the cosmopolitan city that is Dubai, an attempt at the most nationalities in a yoga session seemed like the ideal challenge for us."

Talal Omar, country manager of the Guinness World Records office in Dubai, commented: "As the global authority on record-breaking, we are always happy to witness and be a part of events such as this, that not only highlight the diversity of nationalities and cultures here in Dubai and the UAE, but also how they work together hand in hand to promote healthy living."



## R Hotels appoints new GM for Ramada Downtown Dubai

R Hotels announces the appointment of Mark Fernando as new general manager of Ramada Downtown Dubai. In his role, he will head the overall operations of the 181-key hotel.

Mark Fernando has more than 30 years of hospitality experience with a proven track record on hotel operations, revenue management and business development. He worked with Starwood Hotels and Resorts for more than 25 years, spanning roles across various properties including deputy general manager at Le Meridien Abu Dhabi; revenue manager at Le Meridien Mina Seyahi Resort and Marina; and customer service manager and Royal Club manager at Le Meridien Dubai Hotel and Conference Centre.

Sumair Tariq, managing director, R Hotels, remarked: "We are pleased to welcome Mark Fernando to R Hotels family, and we all wish him success in his new role. R Hotels is confident that under his leadership, Ramada Downtown Dubai will continue its commitment in providing top-notch hospitality, and further its stature as the preferred hotel in the emirate's prime district."



## Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche gears up for opening

Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche steps up its preparation for Q4 2017 opening through participation in road shows organised by Ajman Tourism Development Department (ATDD), global exhibitions, and travel workshops.

The soon-to-open hotel joined the ATDD road shows in Scandinavia and CIS regions. It was also promoted in the ATDD DER Touristik event in Euro Disney in Paris, France. The annual World Travel Market in London was also a key platform for the new property. The other events that Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche joined and will take part in are workshops organised by Natalie Tours in Dubai, Tez Tour in Larnaca, Cyprus; Odeon Tours in Antalya, Turkey; and Annex Tours in Moscow, Russia. To boost the hotel's guest nationality mix, the property will also target the South Asian market by attending the Pakistan Travel Mart (PTM) in Karachi.

## Ramada Ajman lauded for sustainable initiatives

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman received positive feedback on its sustainability efforts during the recent Scandinavian road show organised by Ajman Tourism Development Department.

General Manager Iftikhar Hamdani easily established connection with the tour operators and agents from Denmark, Norway and Sweden after sharing the property's green initiatives during the week-long road show. He commented: "We are in Scandinavia to promote Ajman as a tourist destination, and our three hotels. When I mentioned our sustainable initiatives, I got an overwhelmingly upbeat response, as these countries have always been in the forefront of global conservation. We have learned a lot from them and were truly inspired to further our efforts. We are proud to establish not just a business partnership with them, but a common goal on protecting the environment."



## The Retreat Palm Dubai earns endorsement from Evolvin' Women

The Retreat Palm Dubai receives its Certificate of Endorsement from Evolvin' Women, for their vision on women empowerment and gender equality.

Evolvin' Women supports the Sustainable Development Goals by the United Nations, and part of its taskforce in the UAE is to deliver the Seven Women's Empowerment Principles, the result of collaboration between the UN Women and the United Nations Global Compact.



## RDD and HSW exec housekeeper nominated in Hotelier Awards 2017

Amartya Chakraborty, the executive housekeeper of Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham was nominated in the esteemed Hotelier Middle East Awards 2017. Chakraborty was among the six nominees, picked a judging panel of hospitality experts. The event culminated with a fairy tale themed event at Ritz Carlton Dubai.

## Hamdani named advisory member of HITEC

Iftikhar Hamdani, cluster general manager of Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman, Ramada Beach Hotel Ajman, and Wyndham Garden Ajman Corniche, was named as advisory member of Hospitality Industry Technology Exposition and Conference (HITEC®), the world's largest and oldest hospitality technology exposition and conference brand. Hamdani led HITEC's roundtable on the topic "Sustainability starts with your technology", covering issues on waste reduction technology, wastage tracking, and eco-friendly technology.



## CSR Corner

### Dubai hotels mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month

R Hotels' Dubai properties joined the global observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month with activities for its guests and associates.

Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR organised pink-themed Breast Cancer Awareness Brunch at the family-friendly Friday brunches at Kenza and Flavours Restaurant. The brunches incorporated a Pink and Facts Corner showcasing important information about breast cancer, alongside pink drinks, cupcakes, donuts, and dessert varieties. In partnership with Thumbay Hospital, the two hotels also organised a seminar, free check-up and screening for its female associates.

ibis Styles Jumeira also held a seminar on breast cancer prevention and early detection for its staff, in cooperation with Belhoul Hospital.



### Hotels observe World Food Day

R Hotels properties marked World Food Day and pledged commitment to eliminate food wastage and help curb world hunger. Ramada Ajman and Ramada Beach Ajman donated excess food from its buffet to Human Appeal International UAE. Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR raised awareness amongst its team on the negative impacts of food waste. ibis Styles Jumeira opened its doors to labourers in the area to share food, and heads of department took turns in serving food to associates and labourers.



### Ramada Downtown Dubai, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham JBR celebrate Wyndham Green Day

Ramada Downtown Dubai and Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham Dubai observed the annual Wyndham Green Day with series of activities aimed at reducing carbon dioxide emission. Some activities include promoting paper-less and car-free days, to name a few.



## R Scene

### ibis Styles Jumeira celebrates 2nd anniversary

ibis Styles Jumeira celebrated its second year anniversary with a Hollywood-themed gala event at The H Dubai.



### ibis Styles Jumeira joins AccorHotels' golden celebration

The team from ibis Styles Jumeira joins the global celebration of AccorHotels' 50th anniversary with the theme "Welcome Heroes". The property hosted a celebratory dinner as tribute to heroes in health care, civil defence, local police, airline, tourism, communication, and CID along with community volunteers.



## R Sports



### Ramada Ajman wins football match among Ajman hotels

Ramada Hotel & Suites Ajman's football team triumphed at the annual football tournament for hoteliers in the emirate. The property, which has bagged three championship titles since the tournament's inception in 2013, beat nine other hotel teams at the two-day match held at Al Malaeb Sports Complex.

## R Hotels Social Media

Keep up with R Hotels' most up-to-date news and exciting deals by following our social media accounts.

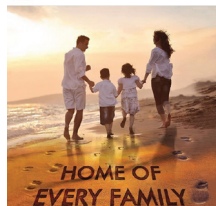
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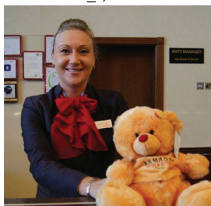
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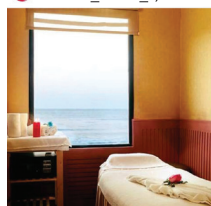


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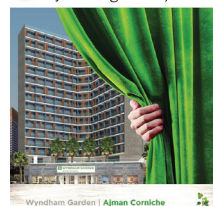
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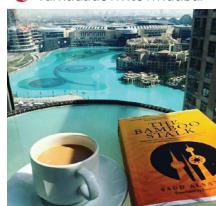


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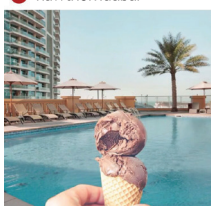


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## R Promotions



### Events and meetings with a view at Ramada Downtown Dubai

For an elite yet reasonably-priced venue at the heart of the city, you can now book **The Penthouse at Ramada Downtown Dubai** to celebrate special occasions or hold business meetings.

Make every gathering posh and memorable and enjoy the spectacular view of Burj Khalifa and watch the Dubai Fountain throughout the celebration. The venue can host up to 24 guests for a banquet set-up, and 35 guests for cocktail arrangement. Choose between lunch or dinner buffet or pass-around canapés, prepared by top notch chefs and served by professional F & B service team. The rate varies according to the menu, on top of the venue hire of AED4,000/.

For business functions, book The Penthouse to elevate the meeting experience and yield more productive results. The package starts at AED195/ per person, inclusive of two coffee breaks, lunch buffet at Kenza Restaurant, plus an additional venue charge of AED2,000/. The Penthouse has a maximum capacity of 35 people for a theatre-style set-up; other table arrangements including classroom, cabaret, and U-shape, to name a few, are also available.