

# Al Jaddaf Rotana all set for opening this month

ROTANA'S newest five-star luxury property, Al Jaddaf Rotana, is on target to launch this month. The 318-room hotel marks the group's 35th property in the UAE.

Guy Hutchinson, President and CEO of Rotana, said: "It is with great pride that we announce Al Jaddaf Rotana will open its doors this November. Under Rotana's strong leadership and its unwavering vision for the future, albeit one of the toughest years the global hospitality industry has ever faced, we remain dedicated to our expansion plans and commitment to continue offering guests comfort and high quality spaces. Al Jaddaf Rotana, a property in the heart of Dubai, will truly encapsulate the Rotana way of living."

Located in the thriving Al Jaddaf district, a premier business and lifestyle community connecting old and new Dubai, the 318-room property will comprise of elegantly furnished rooms and suites, coupled with pool or city views.

Al Jaddaf Rotana's central location is ideal for leisure travellers looking to explore the



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city, while the spacious living areas and kitchenettes provide the perfect setting for long-stay guests, families and business travellers. The property will encompass five dining ven-

ues, a fitness and wellness centre and an outdoor swimming pool. For corporate guests, Al Jaddaf Rotana will house six sophisticated state-of-the-art meeting rooms, suitable for seminars, workshops and conferences.

Haytham Omar, the newly appointed General Manager at Al Jaddaf Rotana, says: "Our vision is to ensure each and every guest receives an exceptional combination of comfort and culture during their stay in Dubai. Our team's passion, dedication and enthusiasm has enabled us to introduce a new hotel during what is truly a unique time for all, and we look forward to our impending opening, creating unique experiences for our guests."

Conveniently located in central Dubai, Al Jaddaf Rotana is in close proximity to the upscale Culture Village as well as major malls and tourist attractions, including Dubai Festival City, Dubai Frame and Dubai Mall. It is situated just 10 minutes by road from both Dubai International Airport and Dubai International Financial Centre. ■

## IHG welcomes first Hotel Indigo in the region

IHG has added a new neighbourhood to its boutique and lifestyle brand Hotel Indigo, along the banks of the Dubai Creek, minutes away from Burj Khalifa.

"We are excited to be opening the first Hotel Indigo in the GCC, India and Africa," said Laura Eggleton, General Manager, Hotel Indigo Dubai Downtown. "As our first opening in the region, Hotel Indigo Dubai Downtown combines the city's heritage with the new, fresh buzz of the ever-evolving landscape through local collaborations. We're looking forward to sharing our neighbourhood story with you."

Each of the 269 rooms are inspired by the story of Dubai Creek, whether that's through the surrealist wallpaper exclusively created by local artists, bespoke shisha lamps or the wardrobes with carved wooden doors, hand-crafted in Mashra-



biya style with a modern twist.

As part of the Hotel Indigo brand ethos, the hotel has supported local creatives through their close associations with the Alserkal Cultural Foundation, Tashkeel and XVA gallery. The hotel boasts over 200 pieces of art and local design as well as intricately designed carpet on the

lobby floor, created through a partnership with the Fatima Bint Mohammed Bin Zayed Initiative (FBMI).

Hotel Indigo Dubai Downtown is home to Open Sesame, a relaxed eatery offering a vast selection of healthy and wholesome dishes as well as brewing Dubai's finest locally roasted

specialty coffee with partner Café Rider Custom Roastery.

Grab a virtuous pick-me-up smoothie from the Juice Bar/Concept Store, Bakala Joos or, if you're in search of a fun night out, swing by the Satwa-inspired cocktail bar Off The Wall for uniquely crafted cocktails saturated with graffiti art that tells a story of the Satwa's vibrancy.

The aptly named Orange Feels offers a vast selection of Aperol based cocktails for those who enjoy the hugely popular orange beverage.

Guests wanting to destress or relax can visit the wellness deck at Hotel Indigo Dubai Downtown, where they can work up a sweat in the gym, find headspace in the yoga studio or lap-it-out in the fabulous 25-metre infinity pool.

Being pet-friendly, furry friends are also welcome to stay at Hotel Indigo Dubai Downtown. ■

## 800-key Riu Dubai to open this December

RIU Dubai, Nakheel's 800-room joint venture with Spain's RIU Hotels & Resorts, is set to open next month (December), bringing a new hospitality concept to Dubai and marking the 100th RIU establishment worldwide.

Fit out of the resort – RIU's first in the Middle East and the first four-star, all-inclusive beachfront resort in Dubai – has been completed, with the splash water park in the final stages of construction and landscaping work under way.

Thorsten Ries, Managing Director, Nakheel Hospitality and Leisure, said: "Our first international joint venture brings a new dimension to Dubai's tourism sector, providing a fresh concept in accommodation and attracting a new market segment to the emirate. We are proud to partner with RIU to create the Riu Dubai, a shining example of our commitment to delivering a diverse range of tourism-related projects in line with government goals."

Nader Ghosheh Sayfi is named General Manager of the resort, which will be the first attraction to open at Nakheel's Deira Islands coastal city.



General Manager Nader Ghosheh Sayfi stands outside Riu Dubai

## IN BRIEF

### Accor to open Rixos at Jewel of the Creek

ACCOR is anchoring the upcoming Jewel of the Creek masterplan in Dubai, UAE, with a fully integrated urban Rixos resort, focused on leisure, entertainment, sports and food & beverage.

Earlier this year, Accor announced its strategic partnership with Dubai Developments to manage two properties, namely the Mövenpick Grand Al Bustan and Swissôtel and Swissôtel Living Al Murooj; the upcoming Jewel of the Creek is the third property signed in less than a year.

The new Rixos property will be located in the Jewel of the Creek, a 1 million square metre, mixed-use development in the Port Saeed area of Deira, in close proximity to Dubai International Airport. The project is expected to transform the location into a destination with a vibrant urban centre featuring residential, commercial, hospitality, sports, entertainment recreational and marina components, which are connected to the main city area with over 7 tunnels and almost 7,000 parking spaces available.

### Conrad Hotels & Resorts debuts in Abu Dhabi

ONE of Abu Dhabi's most prestigious hotels was re-branded on October 1, 2020 following the signing of a management agreement between Hilton and H.H. Sheikh Suroor Bin Mohammed Al Nahyan. The property will be known as Conrad Abu Dhabi Etihad Towers and will be the first of Hilton's luxury portfolio to operate in the UAE capital.

Jochem-Jan Sleiffer, Hilton's President for the Middle East, Africa and Turkey, said: "Abu Dhabi is a world-leading destination and remains a historic city for Hilton as a location where we began welcoming guests in the UAE almost 50 years ago. We are proud to be working with H.H. Sheikh Suroor Bin Mohammed Al Nahyan to bring this iconic hotel to our portfolio and look forward to providing luxury Conrad service at Etihad Towers."

One of five towers which form the Etihad Towers complex, the hotel features unique venues for social activities, including 12 dining concepts, luxurious spa, private beach, three swimming pools, and outstanding conference and event facilities.

### Delta Hotels by Marriott, JBR is pet-friendly now

LAST month, Delta Hotel by Marriott, JBR, in Dubai, announced that they are now pet-friendly.

At Delta Hotels by Marriott, guests can now check-in with their four-legged companions. Pets will also have their very own 'Pet Friendly Lift' for ease of movement and a special door sign 'Pet in the room' to ensure a perfect stay.

Located in the heart of the bustling Jumeirah Beach Residence, between The Walk and Dubai Marina, this four-star hotel features 360 modern rooms, suites and fully serviced apartments.

With a special discount on long stays, guests can opt to dwell at one of the most rewarding hotels in Dubai and take advantage of exclusive rates when booking a stay of 30 nights or more. The offer comes all-inclusive of utility and internet bills as well as a complimentary 30 per cent discount to avail on laundry, food and beverages. The special offer can be availed until December 31, 2020.

### IHG brings Hotel Indigo to Oman

IHG Hotel & Resort has signed a management agreement with Redhat Al Jabal to debut its global upscale boutique brand, Hotel Indigo, in Oman. A new built property, Hotel Indigo Jabal Al Akhdar will feature 176 design-led rooms and will open its doors to guests in early 2022.

Offering authentic local experiences combined with a modern design, Hotel Indigo Jabal Al Akhdar will be located in Nizwa, in Ad Dakhiliyah Governorate, and will be in proximity to the most scenic mountains in the country encompassing Jabal Akhdar. Situated at 2,000 metres above sea level, the hotel will offer 360 degrees uninterrupted views of the mountains in a calm environment. With access to a wide range of leisure and cultural activities such as mountain biking, hiking, cave exploring, and visits to the Fort and Souq