

# AccorHotels to open two-tower Raffles hotel and residences on Dubai's famous Palm Jumeirah

AccorHotels has signed a management agreement with Dubai-based developer Nakheel for the expansion of Raffles Hotels & Resorts. The agreement will lead to the opening of a two-tower development on Palm Jumeirah comprising Raffles The Palm Dubai Hotel and Raffles Residences Palm360.



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Set to open in 2021, Palm360 will be the first beachside resort for Raffles in Dubai and the tallest structure on Palm Jumeirah. At almost 260 meters high, Palm360 will offer unobstructed views of Palm Jumeirah, the Arabian Gulf coastline and Dubai skyline.

## Hotel and residence components

Its centrepiece, a 155m long sky pool connecting the towers 170m above ground, will allow guests to enjoy uninterrupted views from a unique vantage point. The hotel component will offer 125 hotel rooms and suites, while the 359 branded residences – including 16 branded penthouses that will each have their own private infinity pool, gym and cinema – will be available for purchase.

The hotel and residential complex will feature a host of high end dining outlets, including two rooftop restaurants commanding sweeping views and a waterside restaurant in a poolside and beachside setting. A specialty restaurant will also provide a venue for lavish culinary

presentations throughout the day.

Following the signing, Nakheel chairman Ali Rashid Lootah said: “We are committed to playing a key role in realising the Government of Dubai’s vision by continuing to deliver unique, landmark projects that reinforce Dubai’s position as a world-class destination for living, business, leisure and tourism.

## Enhancing the global appeal

“Palm Jumeirah has quickly evolved into one of the most sought-after addresses in the world, offering the ultimate in luxury living and leisure. Palm360 will further enhance the island’s global appeal, which already attracts millions of visitors each year. We are delighted to partner with AccorHotels for this awe-inspiring development that will take our rapidly-growing hospitality portfolio to new heights, and become the luxury destination of choice for discerning travellers the world over,” added Lootah.

Sébastien Bazin, chairman and CEO of AccorHotels, commented: “The development of Raffles The Palm Dubai Hotel and Raffles Residences Palm360, not only cements our luxury portfolio on a landmark leisure destination but also demonstrates our dedication to developing the most distinct hospitality concepts.”



Nakheel Chairman Ali Rashid Lootah (right) and Sébastien Bazin, Chairman and CEO of AccorHotels with a scale of PALM360 on show at the International Luxury Travel Market (ILTM) in Cannes, France.

## Expansion components

Recognising that wellness is a vital component of daily life, especially for guests on the go, the resort will feature fitness and wellbeing facilities at the Raffles spa, health club and tennis court. The hotel and branded residences will also feature a fully-supervised children's club to complement its leisure offering. Palm360 is close to upcoming attractions such as The Palm Promenade, The Pointe and Nakheel Mall, with Dubai's business and leisure hubs within easy reach.

Palm360 joins 16 other hotels that form part of Nakheel's \$1.3bn hospitality expansion programme that is set to deliver close to 6,000 rooms and hotel apartments across Dubai. The first two hotels, at Dragon Mart and Ibn Battuta Mall, opened last year, with the rest under construction or development.

Raffles The Palm Dubai and Raffles Residences Palm360 join eleven Raffles Hotels & Resorts around the world, including Raffles Dubai.

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