

Fly for free at Gravity Indoor Skydiving

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Gravity Indoor Skydiving yesterday announced that it will host a "Free Day" open to the public on December 16, 2016, as part of its one year anniversary and part of Bahraini National Day celebrations.

Expressing excitement over the positive outcome that the past year has brought to Gravity, General Manager of Gravity, Khawla Alhammadi,

said, "Our first year has been overwhelming, as we have surpassed all expectations in terms of business, services provided, and customer contentment. It is extremely satisfying to see what we have achieved in such a short time."

This one-time offer is extended to all nationals, residents, and tourists of Bahrain. Bookings will be taken by phone on +973 131 000

00 or at the Gravity reception starting tomorrow.

Commenting on the offer, Alhammadi said, "Credit must be given to our customers who have experienced the thrill of human flight, to our business partners who have been instrumental in our success, to the owning company for investing in this project, as well as to the Gravity team for doing an amazing job."



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Al Salam Bank launches new credit card payment service

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Al Salam Bank-Bahrain has launched its latest credit card payment gateway service channel in partnership with Benefit, Bahrain's national electronic network for financial transactions.

Customers, according to the bank, will now be able to pay their credit card bills online using any Benefit enabled debit card with a payment option between the outstanding balance or minimum payment or any other amount.

Commenting on the move, Mohammed Buhijji, Acting



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Head of Retail Banking said, "The Credit Card Payment gateway offers customers a

safe and secure environment by using any local Debit card when paying their credit card bills without the need to visit a branch and wait in long queue."

Mohammed Buhijji further added: We will continue to bring innovative Shari'a-compliant banking products and services with more value-added benefits and features."

The payment gateway is available on www.alsalambahrain.com and it can be accessed by entering credit card number and CPR number when processing payment.

Ramli Mall announces Bake Sale

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Ramli Mall has announced the second edition of the Bake sale which will be held on 9th December, 2016 between 5pm and 9pm.

The table registrations are free. Those wishing to participate can *whatsapp* to 39054585.

Apart from the bake sale, there will be plenty of entertainment activities for children and grown-ups alike.

Cup cake decorating competition for children,



Last year's (2015) Bake sale event set up and participants.

Magic show to enthrall all age groups and a musical band will add more colour to the festive mood.

Urban Slice Pizza now in Riffa



After huge success with their first store in Juffair, Urban Slice Pizza has opened its second branch in Riffa. MP Ali Bufarsan officially inaugurated the branch in the presence of Chairman A.D Zafar. Numerous followers and community members attended the event. "Fresh ingredients, signature sauces, large sizes, good service, consumer value and authenticity are the pillars of our success", said Managing Director Amr Roshan. Urban slice plans to open more locations in Bahrain in 2017.

Gulf Hotels Group bids farewell to Aqeel Raees



Bahrain Tourism and Exhibitions Authority (BTEA) CEO Shaikh Khalid bin Humood Al Khalifa presents a memento to Aqeel Raees (top, left) in the presence of Gulf Hotels Group Chairman of the Board Farouk Yousof Almoayed. On the right, guests at the event

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The Gulf Hotels Group held a farewell reception in honour of Aqeel Raees who retired from his position as Chief Executive Officer, after over 42 years of service with the group. The farewell reception was held on 29 November 2016 at Al Dana Ballroom in

Gulf Convention Centre and attended by a number of senior officials & Businessman.

Thanking Raees for the rapid changes Gulf Hotel saw under his leadership, Mohamed Hussain Yateem, Director and Chairman of the Board Executive Committee of the Gulf Hotels Group

said, "Aqeel's hard work and experience led to his promotion to the position of CEO in 2002. The Gulf Hotel became the Gulf Hotel Group. The turnover increased by 145 per cent. Our net profits increased by 260pc or 18.6pc annually." He also pointed that the Group's plans for the Dubai

operation is on track.

"Aqeel had a major role in achieving all this performance. As a result, the Gulf Hotel Group today manages five properties with the sixth on the way and inshallah soon we will see some of our restaurants being franchised outside of Bahrain.

"Internationally Aqeel was recognised for his leadership qualities when he was awarded world hotels Leadership Award 2013," said Yateem.

Raees began his career with Bahrain Petroleum Company "Bapco" as Clerk in the Accounting Department. He stint with Bapco continued for

about 10 years. He then moved to join the hospitality and tourism sector, when he joined the Gulf Hotel in 1974. He is married to Faega Al Khaja and has four children. Two of them are doctors, Mazen and Ayman, and others are Lawyers, Nezar and Dana, by profession.