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## Hilton Garden Inn Ras Al Khaimah opens on the Creek

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### The 240-room hotel debuts in the heart of the business district

Hilton Garden Inn, Hilton's award-winning midscale brand, and RAK National Hotels LLC ("RAKNH"), a subsidiary of RAK Hospitality Holding LLC ("RAKHH"), owner of hotels and resorts in Ras Al Khaimah, today announced the opening of Hilton Garden Inn Ras Al Khaimah, marking the brand's entry into the northernmost Emirate of the United Arab Emirates. The hotel joins five other Hilton properties operating in the Emirate and 22 across the UAE.

Located in the heart of the Al Nakheel area, just steps from two major shopping malls and minutes from the souks and historical sites of the old city, Hilton Garden Inn Ras Al Khaimah features 240 modern and comfortable guest rooms, including 10 family rooms and eight suites, with sweeping city, creek and garden views.

Commenting on the opening, HH Sheikh Ahmed bin Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi, Chairman of RAKHH and RAKNH, said: "Hilton Garden Inn Ras Al Khaimah is a very strategic asset within our portfolio of hotels. It presents a significant opportunity for us to satisfy the needs of travellers who visit Ras Al Khaimah from all around the world. We have seen a shift in recent years towards the mid-market segment, which goes in hand with the growing importance of the emerging modern traveller. The hotel therefore, is the right choice for us and for Ras Al Khaimah. We look forward to seeing it grow and succeed."

"Ras Al Khaimah is a burgeoning emirate and continues to grow in popularity not just within the Middle East but internationally, attracting more than 820,000 tourists last year<sup>1</sup> according to Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority. The opening of Hilton Garden Inn Ras Al Khaimah reinforces our commitment to the emirate – and the strength of our brands here – and we look forward to offering guests a laid-back metropolitan oasis in the heart of the city," said Mahmoud Mokhtar, country general manager, Ras Al Khaimah.

Hilton Garden Inn Ras Al Khaimah offers guests a variety of onsite dining options, including The Garden Grille, which provides fresh, cooked-to-order breakfast and a-la-carte lunch and dinner. Alongside the iconic must-try dishes such as the famed breakfast waffles and the Mobley burger, the restaurant serves a variety of international culinary delights including authentic Peking duck served with pancakes, famous Mexican savory chocolate Mole Poblano turkey, as well as melt-in-your-mouth Moroccan lamb couscous. The Pavilion Pantry<sup>®</sup> is open 24 hours for on-the-go guests seeking snacks, treats and cold beverages, while the Garden Bar & Lounge and Pool Bar offer delightful spots to meet for business and leisure.

Yannis Anagnostakis, CEO of RAKHH, said: "We aspire to have our hotel assets lead their respective market segments. The much-anticipated Hilton Garden Inn Ras Al Khaimah fits perfectly within our strategy and enables us to diversify the RAKNH portfolio. We expect the demand for branded mid-market hotels to increase significantly as a wider range of visitors continue to enjoy and discover the unique Ras Al Khaimah experience."