

Chef Mo reimagines Lebanese classics at new restaurant at Burj Alshaya

Lī Beirut brings Lebanese hospitality to Four Seasons Kuwait



Lī Beirut opens at Four Seasons Hotel Kuwait, showcasing reimagined Lebanese cuisine and hospitality.

KUWAIT CITY, April 29: Four Seasons Hotel Kuwait presents a fresh take on authentic Lebanese cuisine with its latest dining outlet, Lī Beirut. Celebrating heartfelt connection, the restaurant invites diners on a journey through Lebanon's classic flavours, reimagined with a contemporary twist. Rooted in Lebanon's warm hospitality, Lī Beirut offers a vibrant space for friends and family to gather, celebrate and savour shared moments.

Launched in December 2024, the restaurant is led by acclaimed Lebanese Chef Mohammed El-Hajjar. With over two decades of experience as a specialty chef, consultant, food stylist and mixologist, El-Hajjar is a

defining force in Kuwait's fine-dining scene. His gastronomy fuses the rich heritage of his homeland with an extraordinary creative flair.

"Lebanese dining is an immersive experience – it's all about bringing people together to feel a sense of joy and belonging," says Chef Mo.

Chef Mo's welcoming interactions with guests impart the hospitable spirit of the Lebanese people from the start. His talents as a mixologist and food stylist are evident, while his conversation-starter dishes showcase generations-old family recipes infused with contemporary sensibilities and Kuwaiti influences. His signature techniques – sous-vide cooking, smoking, fermentation, and emulsi-

fication – combine in creations designed to delight both the palate and the eye. "I love to engage all the senses," he says. "Great flavour doesn't need to be complicated; simple, high-quality ingredients can shine when treated with love and care."

The resulting dishes surprise and delight, striking a delicate balance between tradition and innovation. The crispiest, flakiest layers of potato in coriander sauce present a game-changing take on Batata Harra. Scintillating Wagyu Beef and Truffle Hummus sparks a new culinary conversation between past and present. Mango Tabbouleh gives a culinary heritage classic a bold tropical boost, while the humble Kibbeh receives a

luxury lift with the addition of lobster, caviar and potato.

Desserts are equally exciting: a reimagined Kanafeh Sambousek with Jalal sauce and pistachios; a zesty Saaj Millefeuille layered with lemon cream, pecans and apricots that introduces a playful Levantine take on the French classic. All are crafted in Lī Beirut's open kitchen, inviting diners into the heart of the culinary experience. Set on the fourth floor of Four Seasons Hotel Kuwait, Lī Beirut offsets its cuisine with a dynamic ambience. Large windows framed by olive and palm trees create a luminous, warmly colourful space. Indoor dining features chic Lebanese décor and cosy sofas made for chilling.

IWG members enjoy coastal views, camaraderie

IWG hosts scenic cruise to celebrate Kuwait's beauty, foster connections

KUWAIT CITY, April 29: The International Women's Group (IWG) hosted a scenic cruise from Marina Crescent to the iconic Kuwait Towers, surrounded by an atmosphere of joy and awe, as participants admired the breathtaking beauty of the Gulf and the remarkable architectural landmarks along the coast.

According to a press release issued by IWG, Paulina Dlamini, Chair of IWG and spouse of the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Eswatini, delivered a welcoming speech in which she ex-

pressed her happiness at meeting the members on this special occasion.

She also shared important safety and security tips with the attendees to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone during the cruise.

Participants savoured a light breakfast and a selection of snacks specially prepared for the occasion.

From the boat, attendees took in the stunning views of Kuwait City's most prominent landmarks, including Marina Mall, Al-Hamra Tower, Liberation Tower, the Grand Mosque, Souq

Sharq, and the Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Causeway. The cruise concluded with breathtaking close-up views of the iconic Kuwait Towers.

It was a wonderful day, as it offered a valuable opportunity to strengthen friendships and boost connections among members in a joyful and relaxed atmosphere.

This event reflected the group's ongoing commitment to organizing activities that combine the joy of exploring Kuwait's landmarks with the deepening of human bonds.



International Women's Group members enjoy a scenic cruise from Marina Crescent to the iconic Kuwait Towers.



A group photo from the event.

Experts share global perspective on finance, governance

ICAIKC hosts CPE event on global economic challenges

KUWAIT CITY, April 29: The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Kuwait Chapter (ICAIKC) hosted the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) event on "Global Economic Challenges and Governance: A Finance Focus." The event attracted a strong turnout from the professional community, driven by the relevance of its theme and the insights offered by a distinguished panel of international experts.

CA Aditya Dhanuka, Chairperson of ICAIKC, formally inaugurated the event by welcoming the distinguished speakers and participants. He also provided an update on ongoing chapter initiatives and highlighted the vital role that accounting professionals play in shaping ethical, transparent, and resilient economic systems. His remarks set the tone for an evening of meaningful dialogue and knowledge exchange.

The event featured a stellar lineup of speakers, each of them bringing distinct global insights into the discussion:

Jean Bouquot, President of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC), delivered a compelling keynote on the evolving dynamics of the global economy. Drawing on IFAC's policy work, he emphasized the importance of resilience, adaptability, and governance reforms in both public and private institutions. He highlighted sustainability related developments globally and the need to counter green-

washing. He also underscored the need for global collaboration among accounting bodies to foster sustainability, ethical conduct, and trust in financial systems.

Mona El Chami, Senior Governance Specialist at the World Bank, provided a policy-oriented lens on governance frameworks across developing economies. She elaborated on the World Bank's role in advising governments on fiscal accountability, anti-corruption measures, and institutional strengthening. Her talk highlighted the interconnectedness of sound governance and economic stability, advocating for inclusive institutions and transparent policymaking.

CA Atul Gupta, Past President of ICAI and current IFAC Board Member, offered a strategic analysis of how global economic trends are impacting India and other emerging markets. He spoke about the transformational role of technology in governance, the rise of digital public infrastructure, the essentiality of independent director, and the need for ethics-driven assurance practices. His address called on Chartered Accountants to balance profit with sustainability and to take the lead in promoting good governance.

The session was further enriched by the presence of special guests:

Prof. Shahzad Uddin (University of Essex), Prof. Musa Mangena (University of Nottingham), Sabah Mubarak Al Jalawi (Chairman, KAAA), Mohammad

Shuaib (Member, KAAA), Dr. Souad Alazemi (Faculty Member, PAAET), and Ahmed Bastaki, whose participation added academic and regulatory depth to the discussions.

The event was seamlessly moderated by CA Ketan Puri, whose professionalism and engaging style ensured a smooth and insightful program. The event concluded with a warm vote of thanks by CA Andaleeb Girkar, who expressed heartfelt appreciation to the speakers, special guests, attendees, and organizing committee. She also extended gratitude to the chapter's annual sponsors – NBK, Al Mulla Exchange, and Cube Innovators – as well as media partners IndiansinKuwait.com (IHK), Times Kuwait, and Arab Times for their continued support.

The event reinforced ICAIKC's dedication to fostering ongoing professional excellence and promoting dialogue on globally relevant economic and governance challenges. It served as a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and reinforced the chapter's mission to equip finance professionals in Kuwait with world-class insights and expertise.

About ICAIKC

The ICAIKC is one of the overseas chapters of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. It serves as a hub for continued professional development, networking, and thought leadership for Indian Chartered Accountants based in Kuwait.

DentEdge, a huge success

IDAK's 5th ISS highlights innovation in dentistry

KUWAIT CITY, April 29: Indian Dentists' Alliance in Kuwait (IDAK), in association with Kuwait Dental Association (KDA), held its prestigious 5th International Scientific Symposium (ISS) at the AlHashmi Ballroom, Radisson Blu Hotel on Friday, 25th April, 2025. The event was accredited for 8 CME points with Kuwait Institute for Medical Specializations (KIMS). The symposium, titled DentEdge: Current Paradigms in Dentistry, brought together over 300 practicing dentists in Kuwait.

Dr. Jagan Kumar Baskaradoss, the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, welcomed the speakers, dignitaries, and participants to the event and officially inaugurated it. The full-day event featured three prominent international speakers – Prof. Dr. Monty Duggal, Prof. Dr. Gunaseelan Rajan, and Dr. Siju Jacob - and a local speaker, Dr. Manal Abu AlMelh.

Prof. Dr. Monty Duggal, the Dean of College of Dentistry, Qatar University is a world-renowned pediatric dentist, started the event with an excellent presentation on Molar-Incisor Hypomineralization (MIH). His presentation comprehensively covered the topic, including the clinical characteristics, etiology, and management of MIH patients.

Spellbound

Dr. Gunaseelan Rajan, a trailblazer in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Director of Rajan's Institute in Chennai, India, spoke about zygomatic implants, presenting clinical cases managed in his clinic, which captivated the audience and left everyone spellbound.

Dr. Siju Jacob, Director of The Microscope Training Center in Bangalore and New Delhi, India, showcased how microscopes could be part of everyday general dental practice. Dr. Jacob captivated the audience with his enchanting presentation skills. Lastly, Dr. Manal Abu Al Melh, Associate Professor in College of Dentistry at Kuwait University, presented on the topic of "painless orthodontics," effortlessly combining her personal experiences with evidence-based research find-

ings into clinical practice.

The first Dr. David Gnashakar Oration, in memory of the Founding President of IDAK, was delivered by Dr. Monty Duggal, who spoke about managing long-term complications of severe dento-alveolar trauma in adolescents using bone augmentation and auto-transplantation. His lecture helped raise awareness about this relatively new technique to replace missing teeth.

Ceremony

The chief guest for the Felicitation ceremony was Dr. Jaber AlTaqi, Director of Dental Administration, Ministry of Health. Dr. Fahad AlZoubi, Chair of the Faculty of Dentistry, Kuwait Institute for Medical Specializations (KIMS), and Dr. Adel Al-Asfour, Former Dean and Chairman of the Department of Surgical Sciences, College of Dentistry, Kuwait University, were the 'Guests of Honor' for the event. Dr. George P. Alex, President of IDAK, welcomed the dignitaries and the audience and outlined IDAK's achievements in past symposiums. The Scientific Committee Chairman, Dr. Jagan Kumar Baskaradoss, introduced the speakers and session chairpersons to the dignitaries and highlighted the importance of this symposium. Dr. Fahad appreciated IDAK for successfully conducting the symposium, which he believes helps to disseminate knowledge to busy dental practitioners in the country. He also spoke about his close links with India and Indian colleagues in his address. He expressed his happiness over the high standard of the symposium.

IDAKconnect, a members directory edited by the membership committee headed by Dr. Tiny Elsa Thomas, was released during the function by Dr. Jaber AlTaqi, who handed the first copy to Dr. Fahad Al Zoubi. President Dr. George P. Alex complimented the membership committee for bringing out the members directory, the first in the last 12 years, and said it would enable the members to stay connected more meaningfully. The event also featured a trade fair, where the sponsors for the event displayed their company's products.

Program empowers finance professionals

PBFPK holds insightful training on data analytics

By M. Irfan Shafiq

KUWAIT CITY, April 29: The Pakistani Banking & Finance Professionals in Kuwait (PBFPK) successfully conducted a highly impactful training session titled "Data Analytics for Finance

Professionals" at the Grand Majestic Hotel, Kuwait City.

The event gathered a good turnout of finance professionals, all eager to strengthen their understanding of data-driven financial decision-making, risk

analysis, and strategic planning. The training provided participants with insightful practical knowledge on real-world applications of data analytics in the financial sector.

The session was led by an out-

standing trainer; Shahzad Z Khan, whose expertise, practical approach, and dynamic delivery style kept the participants thoroughly engaged. The trainer's ability to simplify complex concepts and relate them to the real-world finance environment was particularly praised by attendees, making the session both highly educational and inspiring.

At the conclusion of the session, the President of PBFPK, Ahsan Ashraf extended his heartfelt thanks to the trainer for sharing such valuable insights, and to all participants for their enthusiastic engagement. On behalf of the committee, he emphasized that PBFPK remains committed to organizing more such insightful and skill-enhancing trainings to support the continuous professional development of its members. He also mentioned that Executive Committee of PBFPK looks forward to offering a series of future programs designed to keep its members at the forefront of industry trends and innovations.



A group photo from the event.



A photo of the scientific committee.



A collage of photos from the IDAK symposium.