



KUWAITI COMPANY TO OPEN LARGEST IBIS-BRANDED HOTEL IN AUSTRALASIA AN ACTION-PACKED STAY IN AUSTRALIA!

Australia is a place like no other. Catering to the discerning yet budget-conscious traveller, Kuwait's Action Hotels is expanding in Australia with branded hotels in key locations that offer world-class amenities.

Action Hotels Founder and Chairman Sheikh Mubarak A M Al-Sabah founded Action Hotels in 2005 to be the leading hotel company in the 3 and 4 star hotel market in the Middle East and Australia. Sheikh Mubarak understood the potential of the Australian market and capitalized on the strong relationship with Accorhotels. Ibis Melbourne Glen Waverly opened in December 2007 as Action Hotels' first hotel in Australia.

The Company is expanding its footprint in Australia with the acquisition of the Ibis Budget at Melbourne Airport which was completed in July 2015, and it has just announced the completion of the first new-built Ibis Styles in Australia. The 368-room Ibis Styles Brisbane is the largest hotel in the group's portfolio, as well as the largest Ibis-branded hotel in the Australasian region. Located at 40 Elizabeth Street, the hotel boasts one of the most central locations in Brisbane's Central Business District, adjoining the Myer Centre and Queen Street Mall, and is within walking distance to government departments and Brisbane's key attractions, so is therefore well-positioned to cater to both business and leisure travellers.

Largest hotel
Speaking about the recent completion of Ibis Styles Brisbane, Sheikh Mubarak A M Al-Sabah stated: "We are delighted with the completion of our largest hotel in Brisbane, Australia and are confident it will be highly successful. It is a top quality and stylish 3-4 star branded hotel, and is Accor's first newly-built Ibis Styles in Australia. Brisbane is a gateway to the Gold Coast and its prime location will make it the hotel of choice for the value-conscious traveller. The opening of our largest hotel is a big step towards achieving our goal of 5,000 rooms by 2020".

With an extensive network and invaluable relationships, Action Hotels has access to high-

ly sought-after plots of development land. Action Hotels maintains strategic partnerships with the leading global hotel companies such as Accorhotels, Whitbread and Intercontinental Hotels Group, which are tasked with managing the hotels' day-to-day affairs, bringing superior operational performance to the mix.

Lucrative market

Whilst the majority of Action Hotel's portfolio is in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Australia has been a lucrative market where the company will selectively continue further expansion. Following the completion of Ibis Styles Brisbane, Action Hotels now owns and operates three hotels in Australia, with close to

600 rooms in partnership with Accor hotels. Action Hotels has been listed on the AIM market of the London Stock exchange since December 2013 and is the leading owner, developer and asset manager of branded three- and four-star hotels in the Middle East and Australia. Action Hotels has a simple and clear strategy to continue addressing the underserved market of internationally-branded economy and midscale hotels within the region. Action Hotels currently has 11 operating hotels with more than 2,000 rooms, spanning across seven countries. With six more hotels currently being developed, Action Hotels will close 2017 with over 3,000 hotel rooms.

ACK ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST PROJECT BASED LEARNING (PBL) SYMPOSIUM

After successfully developing and implementing a variety of active learning projects, the School of Engineering at the Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) is organizing its first "Project Based Learning (PBL) Symposium" under the theme "Preparing Students for the Workplace" on Sunday, the 13th of March, 2016, at ACK's campus.



Professor Alex Stojcevski

The symposium will bring together leaders, engineers and engineering educators from sectors such as petroleum, construction, infrastructure and manufacturing to share expected outcomes, learning techniques and experiences that influence and shape the learning process of the next generation of engineers. With a keynote speech from the Head of the Centre of Technology, RMIT University, and an internationally recognized expert of Project Based Learning (PBL), Professor Alex Stojcevski, the symposium will also serve as a platform for professional development, while providing networking and knowledge-sharing opportunities between the panel of speakers and audience members. The School of Engineering invites interested parties to attend the symposium, whereby registration can be completed online by visiting the website: www.ack.edu.kw or call 96960504.

Greetings



On the occasion of Ahmadi Governor Shaikh Fawaz Al-Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah's granddaughter birthday, Rafiq (event designer), Dr Prakash Indian Tata from Mumbai and Tarun Tiwari (President of Jai Ho Foundation) visited the Governor's house and wished and greeted his granddaughter, Shaikha Modi on her 7th birthday.



ROYALE HAYAT HOSPITAL THE BEST HOSPITAL IN KUWAIT FOR THE 6TH TIME IN A ROW

For the 6th year in a row, Royale Hayat Hospital has been named first hospital in Kuwait and won the "Best Hospital Award" in Service Hero Awards, Arab World's only 100 percent consumer-driven customer satisfaction index.

Royale Hayat Chairman and board members expressed their appreciation and thanked the loyal community for their trust and confi-

dence in Royale Hayat. They also stressed on the importance of this award since it reflects customer satisfaction and appreciation of all the products, facilities, services, and treatments at Royale Hayat. Royale Hayat Chairman and board members congratulated all the dedicated physicians, staff and management who work hard to provide the best medical care and comfort to patients and their families

and considered this award to be empowering and inspiring, as it encourages them to give more.

Since 2006, Royale Hayat has dedicated all its resources, technologies, facilities, educational programs and awareness campaigns to provide the best care in the medical industry, and will continue to do so in appreciation of this loyal community.