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Manager, Second Cup Coffee Company,
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Letter from the Editor

Dear Islanders,

It is that time of the year where we say goodbye to the past 12 months and welcome the New Year's with new hopes and resolutions.

Before we do, we would like to take this opportunity to inform you of all the fun events happening around the islands. The Lagoon has been bustling the past month as our visitors enjoy the lovely weather. This month will see the return of The Lagoon Shopping Nights, so check page 6 for more details on the event.

Secondly, if you haven't had

a chance already, check out the newly opened Frangipani restaurant here in Amwaj with an outdoor terrace overlooking the beautiful Amwaj Marina setting. Frangipani is the first of many more restaurants to come along the Amwaj Marina walk, so stay tuned for updates.

Finally, we end this note with a Merry Christmas for those who celebrate and a very Happy New Year's to everyone from all of us here in the Amwaj team.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

Sincerely,

The Amwaj Team

SEASON'S GREETINGS

and best wishes for the New Year!



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60 Seconds With..

Name

Troy Bou Karroum

Position

Brand Operation Manager

Company

Second Cup Coffee Company

Nationality

Lebanese

How did you start? I started my career in 1996 with Americana in Beirut. From there, I moved to Qatar and then Bahrain where I managed different concepts and cuisines such as Oriental and International. This path has led me to where I am today, here in Second Cup.

Tell us about Second Cup. Second Cup stands out from other cafés due to the sophisticated premium café and the ambience provided to guests. Warm, comfortable yet modern and contemporary, rich and textured, familiar yet global create the relaxed atmosphere. Second Cup café is a place that consistently delivers comfort and luxury, where our customers go when they want to indulge in a special treat or take some time to reconnect. The rich aroma of freshly brewed coffee takes over the senses coupled with a sense of

belonging and connection. Guests always feel relaxed, rewarded and appreciated by people who are committed to caring.

How does Amwaj provide the perfect setting? Due to the beautiful geographic landscape of the islands and the extensive family residences that caters to a family friendly environment, parallels the Second Cup Café standards of luxury and comfort. In addition to the utilities and services provided, the Islands provide a warm vibe that is welcoming to both residents and visitors from outside Amwaj.

What makes Second Cup different? We pride ourselves on our point of difference, that is, "a premium coffee café experience in a sophisticated premium café environment."

Any new upcoming projects for Second Cup? We have a variety of new tastes and flavours of hot drinks for the winter season, so make sure to try them all the next time you stop by. We are also working on a second branch, which will



hopefully be open soon at the Bahrain Airport.

Can you tell us a little about your family and how you like to spend your spare time? I'm here with my wife and son. Due to our busy schedules, we make sure that on weekends we make spend quality family time together.

Any other thoughts you would like to add? On a final note, we are very excited to have Second Cup in Bahrain and the attraction it has received so far. We look forward to growing and contributing even more to this beautiful country.



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Ramada Hotel and Suites Amwaj Islands

Hosts 1st Bicycle Initiative and Hotel Inter-Department Handicrafts Recycling Competition for the Environment.

Bicycle Initiative

The hotel management and associates joined together at the Amwaj Gate, left their cars and went to the hotel using their bikes to show their commitment on saving the environment. The activity aim to inspire people to take up cycling for environment and staying healthy.

Hotel Inter-Department Handicrafts Recycling Competition

Ramada Hotel & Suites Amwaj Islands hosted an Inter-Department Handicrafts Recycling Competition. The activity aim to inspire people to control the harmful effects of waste on our environment while developing



the ability to think and organize to create something useful from waste materials.

Ramada Hotel & Suites Amwaj Islands encouraged its associates and guests to think and act green, to create small changes in everyday activities that have a positive impact on our local society and future generation.

Resident of the Month

Thu Le



Thu Le, an International prize winner and performer, is a Hanoi born guitarist, currently living in Bahrain.

She started learning guitar below the age of four with her father, Le Hanh, at the age of five she had her first public performance.

She passed the entrance examination of the National Conservatory of Music, Hanoi at the age of seven, making her the youngest student ever being admitted.

In later years, she took master classes with renowned guitarists such as: Manuel Barrueco, Nikita Koshkin, Hubert Kaepfel, Pavel Steidle, Thomas Offermann, Marcin Dylla, Denis Azabagic and Judicael Perroy.

In 2001 recorded the first CD 'Vietnamese Young Guitar Talents'. She went on in 2002 to 2003 to record

two more CD's, 'Vietnamese Songs arranged for Classical Guitar'. Later on in 2011 she released her first solo CD 'Classical Guitar Recital'. Her latest release in 2014 'Back in Time', was also a hit.

Thu Le was also part of many television and radio shows, playing solo and with her band 'Nuevo Flamenco'. Her repertoire includes Western Classical, as well as New Flamenco, Latino and Spanish music.

Living in India from 2009 to 2014 gave her the opportunity to perform all over the country, as solo artist or with other Indian musicians. Thu was able to gain insight into different styles of ethnic and regional Indian music styles.

From 2014 to July 2016 she lived in Saudi Arabia and performed actively inside and outside the country. After leaving Saudi Arabia Thu had successful concerts in Vietnam and a concert tour in Spain. In August 2016 she moved to Bahrain.

Teaching experience

-National Conservatory of Music, Hanoi from 2002 to 2004.

-Yamaha Music Foundation, Hanoi from 2002 to 2009.

-Bridge Music Academy, New Delhi, Head of Guitar Department, January 2010 to June 2012

-Institute of Music Dynamics, Gurgaon, New Delhi, August 2011 to May 2014

-'Certificate of Excellence' in music teaching from Trinity College London

National and International Prizes

-'Best Guitarist from Asia', Calcutta International Guitar Festival & Competition 2010

-3rd prize, Asia International Guitar Competition, Bangkok 2011

-3rd prize, International Guitar Festival and Competition, Sinaia, Romania, 2011

-3rd prize, Twens International Guitar Competition, Enschede, Holland, 2013

-1st prize, Calcutta International Guitar Festival & Competition 2013

-2nd prize Brussels International Guitar Competition, Belgium 2014

-3rd prize Jose Tomas International Guitar Competition, Petrer- Spain 2014

-1st prize Nilufer International Guitar Competition, Bursa, Turkey 2015

-3rd prize Nordhorn International Guitar Competition, Germany 2015

Amwaj Notice Board

Upcoming Events & Sessions

DECEMBER

03 - 'Christmas Tree Lighting' Choices Terrace. Kickstart the festive season with our traditional tree lighting ceremony held in Choices Terrace at 5pm. There shall be complimentary snacks and festive beverages on offer plus our Christmas Choir and a visit from Santa for the kids. For more information or reservations, contact us via email at fb.art@rotana.com or call 16000111.

16- Bahrain Classic Cars Gathering. At The Lagoon in front of Tea Club in celebration of National Day. Contact Ahmed Akbar on 39452553 for more details.

25- 'Christmas Day Brunch. Celebrate with our fantastic Christmas Day brunch with a traditional festive in Choices and Rosso. Both brunches shall feature a wide range of festive flare, live music, games for the children and of course a visit from Santa, 12.30-5pm. Price: Choices BD25++/BD35++ and Rosso BD15++/BD20++. For more information or reservations, contact us via email at fb.art@rotana.com or call 16000111.

26- Amwaj Book Club. Resident book lovers are invited to attend at 7.30pm, please contact Suzanne 33109531 for more information and details on location

31 - 'New Year's Eve in NY' at Cellar 59. New York comes to Cellar 59 this year for a night of classy Big Apple entertainment. Featuring special musical performances accompanied by resident DJ Boudi. Doors open 8pm, entertainment starts at 10pm Price: BD10 Ladies / BD20 men. Free entry if you dine in one of our restaurants after 7pm on same day. For more information or reservations, please contact us via email at fb.art@rotana.com or call 16000111.

Every Monday and Wednesday. Get fit with Kangoo jumps at Zawia 1. To register, contact Dana on 3683 8638

Every weekend- Lagoon Shopping Nights. Enjoy the beautiful weather at The Lagoon every weekend during December, 12-11pm To register or for more details call Moayyad on 33625254.

Classifieds

Contact Anastasia, email: anastasia.ageeva@gmail.com

mob/WhatsApp

39 555 745

2-bedroom TOP floor OPEN SEA view furnished apartment, Tala Island, BHD 130K



The Amwaj Security and Maintenance teams are responsible for the below.

For leaks or blockage in a common area; contact Kamel on 3666 6007. Beach and road cleaning, damage on roads or pavements, fallen signboards or flags and garbage bins request, contact Niaz on 3315 6871.

For construction site issues contact Roger on 3909 4842. For workers' gate pass, contact Mohammed on 3943 4809. For pest control issues contact Verminex on 3920 4295.

Traffic accidents can be reported to police on 199, medical emergency, ambulance or fire can be directed to 999, with the assistance of the Amwaj Security team.

Amwaj Safety and Security



A copy of the Amwaj Islands' Rules and Regulations for Residents and Visitors is available to collect from the Management of Amwaj Islands, at the main office. Secure Services Company is responsible for the security of all common areas around Amwaj Islands. The Secure Services Site Team Supervisor can be reached on 36046147. The Security Team's contact details are: 33 530 223 during working hours, Sunday to Thursday 8am-5pm. For contact outside those hours, the 24-hour emergency hotline can be reached on 39 866 952 or email amwaj@secureservices.bh.



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Amwaj Islands' Security

Working Hours: 24 hrs
Location: Amwaj Islands entrance
M 39 866 952
E amwaj@secureservices.bh

Amwaj Islands Main Office

Working hours: 8am – 5pm, Sunday - Thursday
Location: Amwaj Islands entrance
T 16 033 100
E info@amwaj.bh
W www.amwaj.bh

Tala Island Security

T 16 060 033

Nuetel Communications

Working Hours: 8am – 5pm, Sunday - Thursday, 8am - 2pm on Saturdays
T 16 033 000

International School of Choueifat

T 16 033 333

Amwaj Marina

T 16 011 160

Bahrain International Airport

T 17 339 339

Amwaj Hotels

ART Rotana

T 16 000 111

Gulf Residence Amwaj Hotel

T 16 030 001

Ramada Hotel and Suites Amwaj islands

T 16 000 099

The Dragon Beach Hotel & Resort

T 16 031 111

The Sea Loft Boutique Chalets

T 16 033 833

Amwaj Outlets

ACES Taekwondo Academy, Tala Island

M 39 658 741

Al Osra Supermarket

T 16 033 773
Working Hours
Everyday 7am - 11pm

Argan Day Spa

T 16 030 888, 16 030 887

Azizia Bird Kingdom

T 16 030 597

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T 16 030 597

Beauty Bar N.5

T 16 010 555
Working Hours
Everyday 10am-8:30pm

BISS Marine

T 16 034 486

Black & White Laundry

T 17 532 268
M 36 308 889

Corners

T 16 031 113

Costa Coffee, Tala Island

T 16 034 509

Dance Studio, Tala Island

M 33 393 344

Delilah Cafe

T 16 034 369

Environment Friends Society

M 39433228

Franky Joes

T 16 011 601

Jones the Grocer

T 77 770 055

Joz Salon & SPA, The Dragon Hotel & Resort

T 16 031 120

Lux Actuaries

T 77 005 464

Maya Beach Resort & Fitness, Meena 7

T 16 030 070
Working Hours: 6.30am - 10pm
Saturday - Thursday, 8am - 10pm on Fridays

Muju Lounge & Restaurant

T 16 039 800

Park & Shop Supermarket, Zawia 2

T 77 115 121

Persian Room

T 16 010 166

Pet Arabia

T 16 010 501

Quest Realty, Meritas House

T 1607 8378

Smart Boating Center

T 17 003 838

Speed Rent a Car

T 16 010 131

Tala Leisure Center

T 16 071 007
Working Hours
Weekdays 6am - 10pm
Weekends 9am - 6pm

Universal Music

T 16 010 491

Yara Beauty Lounge, Zawia 1

T 16 010 999
Working Hours
Everyday 9am - 8pm

Zaman Studio, Meritas House

T 77 300 001
M 39 223 553

Market 1956, Meritas House

T 7777 1956
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24-Hours Supermarket

T 16 034 498

Food Deliveries

Breadtalk

T 17 535 371

Chickey's

T 17 467 771

China Express

T 17 717 598

EZ Burger

T 17 241 111

Hardeez

T 17 111 112

Little Ceasars Pizza

T 17 675 552

Shanghai Hut

T 17 292 988

Emergency Numbers

Emergency line

T 999

Al Hidd Police Station

T 17 671 212

Samaheej Police Station

T 17 334 401

Coast Guard

T 17 700 000

Traffic Police

T 199

Nearest Hospitals to Amwaj

American Mission Hospital, Amwaj Medical & Wellness Center

T 17 248 100

Bahrain Specialist Hospital

T 17 812 000

Al Hilal Hospital

T 17 344 199

King Hamad Hospital

T 17 351 450

Closest Vets to Amwaj

Dr Mohammed Hussain

T 17 292 125

Dr Nonie Coutts

T 17 245 515

Closest Pharmacies to Amwaj

Al Quds Pharmacy

T 17 470 080

Ibn Sina Pharmacy

T 17 677 207

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T 16 010 505

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Arabian Taxi

T 17 461 746

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T 17 266 266

Bahrain Taxi

T 17 682 999

Travel Services

Aradous Travel and Tour

T 17 234 417

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T 17 490 565

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T 17 822 404

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Takhzeen Self Storage

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M 39767977

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Al Hidd Post Office

T 17 673 157
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Saturday to Thursday

Shopping Malls

Aali Mall

T 17 581 000

Bahrain City Center

T 17 179 779

Moda Mall

T 17 533 140

Seef Mall

T 17 581 111

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