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The Amwaj Islander



Letter from the MD

Dear Amwaj Islanders,

With summer knocking at the door and temperatures beginning to rise, there's no better way to cool off than by enjoying the waters around Amwaj. We are organising an array of water sports activities for the entire family to enjoy and will keep the community informed as and when they begin. On this note, I would like to remind you to adhere to all the Amwaj rules & regulations.

On another note, it is with great pleasure that I welcome all the newcomers onto the islands; I hope you will find peace and tranquility at Amwaj and be comfortable calling it your 'home'. Sadly, despite the number of new residents, we also had to say goodbye to some of our older residents who left Bahrain due to the current circumstances in the Kingdom. Our security have taken extra measures to ensure your safety and it is equally important that the Amwaj islands residents remains a close-knit community and maintain a 'Tranquil, Modern Living' way of life, our slogan and aspirations for you all.

During the next few weeks, we will be working hard on re-scheduling the postponed events which will be conveyed to you soon.

Since the first issue of the newsletter, we have received numerous emails on a job well done; however, we still have room for improvement and would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Please feel free to email the Editor; we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Thank you for taking the time to read this issue.

Sincerely,
Jameel Almatrook
Managing Director, Amwaj Islands

Behind the Name

Dragons might be mythical beasts, but the luxury on offer here is very real; thirty suites comprising one, two, and three bedrooms, as well as five exclusive four bedroom beach villas complete with a private swimming pool and Jacuzzi.

When the sea air has worked its magic and one's thoughts turn to things culinary, the Dragon Hotel & Resort delivers in the form of two legendary restaurants, Muju and Yamin Jana. Fridays are extra special at Muju Restaurant & Lounge due to the famous Jazzy Brunch from 12pm-5pm. Yamin Jana Mediterranean Seafront Lounge is a majestic open-air shisha lounge open from 12pm - 2am daily.

Visitors can relax knowing their stay will be comfortable, while convivial times are just around the corner as the brand new sports pub, Corners, will open soon!

The Dragon offers a variety of outdoor activities, such as fishing, jet skiing, rowing on pedal boats and canoeing. Children will never be bored, as the Dragon offers a kids' pool and play area!



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Name:
Ali Al Fardan

Position:
General Manager,
Amwaj Marina

•Can you tell us a little about your work background?

I come from a purely industrial background with 15 years of experience as an Industrial Health & Safety Manager. It has been an interesting and challenging experience at the same time working with the Marina as it was a big career shift. The work entailed in managing the Marina is somewhat different from any other department or company as it's based on heavy client relationship management, and substantial marine knowledge.

•What makes the marina special in Bahrain and the region?

What makes us special is first and foremost our location; the crystal clear waters off the north of Bahrain and Amwaj Islands in specific. We also have easy access to open sea and are in easy reach of many of the Kingdom's popular sailing and fishing spots. The Amwaj Marina can also accommodate yachts up to 140 meters long and 6 meters deep, and our pontoons are of the highest standards.

•Most marinas in the world are square or rectangular, why is the Amwaj Marina circular?

The circular design of the Amwaj Marina is one of the latest designs to be applied in marinas in the Middle East. The round design is safer and secures the vessel while moored, as the shape reduces the waves in the marina during windy days.

•What kind of services does the marina offer?

The services offered at the Amwaj Marina include: dry and wet mooring, slip way, jet ski station, power, sweet water, fuel station, boat cleaning, a café, a beach and 24 hour security.

•Is the use of the marina limited to Amwaj residents?

Everyone is welcome to use the Amwaj Marina, whether a resident of Amwaj, or not.

•What special offers do you have for Amwaj residents?

For Amwaj residents there is no membership fee for dry and wet mooring, and the jet ski dry mooring is only BD 120/- per year. All Amwaj Islands residents can access the Amwaj Marina for a walk and use our beach from 8.30am to 7.00pm daily.

•What events has the marina hosted before, and what coming events can we look forward to?

The Marina has played host to numerous events, such as The Bahrain Boat Show International (BBSI) 2009 and 2010, and The GCC sailing race which started from Amwaj Marina and ended in Oman. We also host the Amwaj Marina Market from December to April and have had parties such as the FTV Arabia Beach Party, and Battle of the Bands.

As for upcoming events, you can definitely look forward to seeing the Annual Amwaj Charity Triathlon, several night markets dedicated to fishing and boat accessories, a jet ski show, a marina environmental day and a Ramadan tent commencing in July.

•What is your favourite project in Amwaj?

I am going to have to be biased and say that the Amwaj Marina is my favourite project, but a close second is The Renaissance Hotel, which I am excited to see is close to finishing.



**AMWAJ
MARINA**
LATITUDE 26°17'30.80" N LONGITUDE 50°39'38.81" E

Amwaj Marina, your waterway to Amwaj Islands. With its quality craftsmanship and detail, including state of the art German berthing pontoons, Amwaj Marina offers the highest international berthing standards.

Amwaj Marina ensures customers are provided with efficient quality services and offers the ultimate reliable marina services in the region. Expect top-notch care and security for your vessel along every step of the way, making your boating experience one of ease and comfort.

As well as affording excellent facilities to local residents, the marina caters to short stay visitors who choose to visit Bahrain by sea and is host to a range of events throughout the year.

Members can enjoy recreational facilities such as access to a beach, catered to by a comfortable café, and an information center. It is an ideal place to spend a day with the family, as there is something for everyone to do.

Amwaj Marina is the only marina in Bahrain capable of accommodating super yachts up to 140 meters long. Due to its 6 meter deepwater super yacht docks, it can easily house up to four super yachts or large boats at a time.



Alosra Family Funday

To inaugurate its newly-opened supermarket outlet in Amwaj, Alosra treated customers to an exciting Family Fun Day on Saturday, March 12th.

Pulling out all the stops with fun activities such as face painting, magic shows and balloon twisting, kids were spoiled for choice with a range of great entertainment and special events. A drawing competition provided the little ones with an avenue to express their creativity, while a live DJ kept spirits up late into the afternoon.

'The event was a huge success and received rave reviews from all who attended,' said Jaffar Al Asfoor, General Manager of Alosra Supermarket. 'What's more, beautiful weather and breathtaking sea views all added an extra charm to the event. All the children looked like they were having a great time and the Alosra team worked really hard to ensure that the event was fresh, friendly and fun!'



Looking for a premium shopping experience? Then head down to Alosra Amwaj. Here you will find a great range of fresh and friendly produce from all over the world, with every grocery item you will need. Strategically located at the entrance to the property development, the supermarket features ample parking spaces, chic and spacious interiors, and a comprehensive range of products.

So what are you waiting for? Come and enjoy shopping by the sea!

Did You Know?

- The quantity of sand used in Amwaj Islands reclamation was approximately 10 million cubic meters.
- Over 2000 palm trees are planted in Amwaj Islands.
- There are 5 fully furnished villas in The Dragon for rent named: 'Wood', 'Water', 'Fire', 'Wind' and 'Earth'.
- Every Ramadan Amwaj Islands collects donations for a charity drive called 'Lend a Helping Hand' which aims to give something back to the labourers who help build the stunning developments in Amwaj Islands.
- The Amwaj Marina Market attracts more than 800 visitors every month.
- The Coast Guard have a safety handbook which covers the use of beaches, boats and jet skis. A copy can be obtained from the Amwaj Security Office.
- TLC (Tala Leisure Center) offers a special rate of BD 330 for couples per year.
- Zawia Towers is currently the highest development in Amwaj.

A promotional graphic for the Amwaj Marina Market Season's Finale. The title "Amwaj Marina Market Season's Finale" is written in a stylized, cursive font at the top. Below the title are several overlapping photographs showing people shopping at the market, with various goods on display. The background is a scenic view of the Amwaj Islands coastline with a wooden pier in the foreground. At the bottom, the event details are listed: "Saturday April 2nd, 2011 10am-5pm Amwaj Marina, Amwaj Islands". Contact information is provided: "For more information please call 16030605 & 16030607*". Office hours are listed as "8am - 5pm, Sunday - Thursday". Social media icons for Facebook and Twitter are included, along with the website "www.amwaj.bh" and the Amwaj Marina logo.

KARE - The Lagoon



What began in 1981 as a shelving store experienced rapid growth in Munich Germany as a trendsetter for modern furnishing. Today the 'KARE Design' global brand covers a network of numerous KARE Shops in over 20 countries. Just in February, the newest KARE shop opened in The Lagoon, Amwaj. KARE is a lively lifestyle concept with a unique mix of furniture, lighting, furnishing accessories and gift articles. KARE slogan "More Taste Than Money" expresses the emphatic rejection of uninspired, off-the-peg furnishings and just the right things for home-builders with an appreciation for good design at affordable prices.

JOZ Salon's Official Opening



The evening was designed not only to celebrate the opening of the salon, but also to introduce the current customers to the new products and services offered at JOZ Salon and Spa. Among many services offered in JOZ, special attention was given to the latest achievements of the beauty industry such as: Shellac- 2 weeks lasting nail polish, Ericson dermatological facial products and treatments, along with organic energizing and slimming body services. The opening event played host to 40 guests, inclusive of JOZ Salon's V.I.P & regular customers, and Bahrain's media representatives. The clients received L'Oreal and Ericson gifts, as well as gift certificates.

IDdesign - The Lagoon



What makes a home besides the people who live there? Taste and needs vary, but comfort, quality, and a personal touch are helpful ingredients. IDdesign is an inspiring universe of trend and lifestyle. All the furniture represents high quality materials and Scandinavian design to offer the element for a beautiful and comfortable home- whether you need a complete redecoration of the living room, or you are just looking for a trendy accessory to spice your home. Immerse yourself in IDdesign's universe; experience the inspiring and vital trend stores in Budaiya, Sitra, and now in The Lagoon, Amwaj!

The Curry Tree - The Lagoon



The Curry Tree is a first class restaurant and café that serves traditional Indian style cuisine in a modern style atmosphere. The name comes from the 'curry tree', or the 'curry tree leaf', which is native to India and has traditionally been the essence of the aromatic Indian cooking which has become synonymous to the word 'curry'. The menu has more than 65 items of various delicious soups, appetizers, main courses with our specialty clay tandoori grills, Biryani, and curries. For the less hungry customers there are tasty coffee blends, delicious ice creams and cakes. The concept of the restaurant reflects the life on the islands and therefore it is Amwaj Islands very own.

Photo of the Month!



Congratulations to **Luis Hurtado**, from Tala Island, who won a BD 25 shopping voucher from Alosra Supermarket for March's 'Photo of the Month' competition with the picture above!

To participate in the 'Photo of the Month' competition please send your pictures to info@amwaj.bh

Safety in Amwaj



Being a sea front development, sea safety is an important aspect of living in Amwaj. Below are rules to adhere to whilst using Amwaj waters:

1. The lagoons between the islands in Amwaj, and the first 75 meters from the beach in the breakwater channel, are designated for swimming only.
2. Motor boats and jet skis are not allowed in areas designated for swimming. The only exception is for motor boats powered by an electric motor not exceeding 5hp. The maximum permitted speed is 3 knots.
3. Alcoholic beverages and any person under the effect of alcohol are strictly prohibited within any pool facility in Amwaj.
4. Weak or non-swimmers must remain in shallow water no deeper than chest level whilst utilizing any pool facility within Amwaj.

For additional information on the use of the open water please contact the Coast Guard on 17 700 000 who will be able to provide you with a safety handbook which covers the use of beaches, boats and jet skis.

Security is, and has always been, our first and foremost concern in Amwaj, and the safety of our residents always comes first. In light of recent events in the Kingdom, Osis have taken extra precautions with regards to security, such as increasing the number of our security staff and adding extra barricades at the entrance.

For any security questions or concerns please e-mail security@amwaj.bh

Upcoming Events



Don't forget to check this section for upcoming events in Amwaj!

Kindly be informed that The Amwaj Treasure Hunt, Recyclable Fashion Show, The Bahrain Boat Show International and the Annual Amwaj Charity Triathlon have been postponed due to the unforeseen circumstances in Bahrain. Please keep checking this section for updates.

April

- 2 The **Amwaj Marina Market** season finale at The Amwaj Marina, will be on April 2nd, so don't miss it!

May

- 1 Collection for the Annual Ramadan drive '**Lend a Helping Hand**' begins. All donations, money or food, go to labourers who work hard to develop the beautiful Amwaj Islands. For more information please call 16 030 605 or 16 030 607.



Amwaj Islands



@AmwajIslands

For the safety of the Amwaj Islands community, please adhere to the 40 and 50 km/hr speed limit. If you would like a copy of the Amwaj Islands Rules & Regulations, kindly send an email to info@amwaj.bh

Please help us keep Amwaj clean and pedestrian friendly by cleaning up after your dog when taking it out for a walk.

Write To Us!

Participate and tell us whats on your mind! We'll be waiting for your pictures, recipes, tips or comments!

You can fax, email or simply drop off your letter to Fax 16030601
Email: info@amwaj.bh
Address: Nuetel Building 4th floor, Amwaj Islands

Meet Your Neighbours



Name: Simon, Daniela Burt, and their son Nico
Nationality: British / Italian
Place of stay: The Residence

How long have you been living in Amwaj?

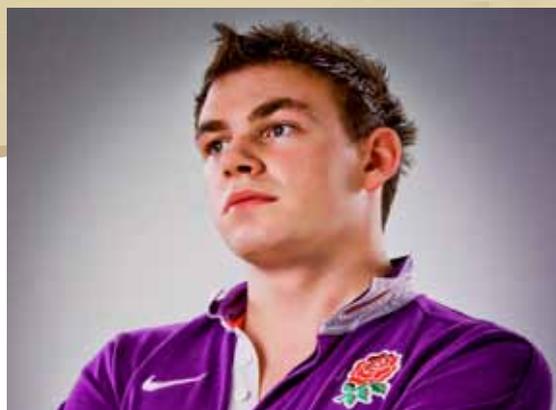
We moved to Bahrain at the beginning of October 2010 and knew before arriving that we wanted to live in Amwaj.

What would you like to see in Amwaj in the future?

Ever since we have arrived, we have said how nice it would be to have more restaurants and shops open around The Lagoon, now that it is happening it is fantastic and hopefully will attract more business to the area, giving more choices as to where to eat next! We would also like to see a shopping center here!

What is your favourite thing to do with your family?

Each weekend we try and walk or rollerblade the entire Islands stopping off at Costa Coffee for a well deserved break and play in the Tala playground for Nico, before walking/blading back. We feel so spoilt living so close to the sea that we eagerly await the warmer weather so we can all go swimming!



Name:
Jack Thomas Taylor

Nationality:
British

Place of stay:
Raniya Row

How did you hear about Amwaj?

I first heard about Amwaj Islands when I visited Bahrain on holiday a few years back. Someone I knew was involved in the construction of The Lagoon. Since then I have always considered Amwaj an elite resort and aspired to live there.

What made you chose Raniya Row rather than other developments in Amwaj?

It's brand new! I mean no one has ever sat on my toilet, well I hope not. The development is also close to the beach and MUJU, and there is a small development taking place, which I have heard rumours of it being a coffee shop.

What is your favourite thing to do in your spare time?

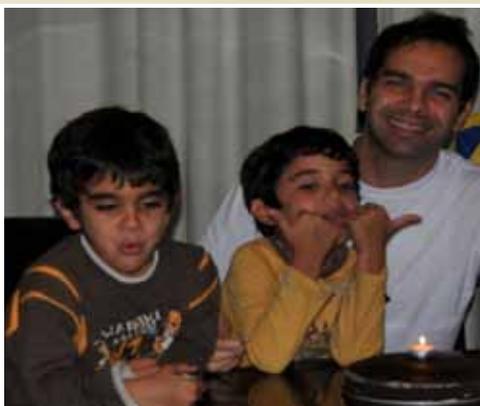
I don't have much spare time as my job utilises all of my time. However, when I'm not busy with work, spending time with close friends is my top priority and socialising is high on the agenda.

If you would like to be featured in this section, please send in your details to info@amwaj.bh

Name:
Amer Zeitoun and his sons

Nationality:
Lebanese

Place of stay:
Meena 7



Name:
Tom and Nadia Carter

Nationality:
British

Place of stay:
Tala Island



How long have you been living in Amwaj?

I don't live in Amwaj, yet! I have just signed my contract and will be moving in on April 1st; I can't wait!

How long have you been living in Amwaj?

One year.

How did you hear about Amwaj?

From my friends and real estate agents.

What would you like to see in Amwaj in the future?

A professional Karate club and fitness center near Meena 7, as I am a certified Karate Instructor.

What is your favourite thing to do with your family?

I love to spend time with my family in the outdoor area at Meena 7; we like to play and swim in the beach and the pool!

How did you hear about Amwaj?

I work in real estate and manage some properties across Amwaj. Every time I come to Amwaj I am always jealous of the community and the greenery that is around me. So after being in Bahrain for 2 years I decided it was time to move to where I really want to be.

What criteria did you set when looking for a place to live in?

The community aspect is a big one for me. I love walking and seeing others walk their dog or watching the boats. There's nowhere in Bahrain that offers a community feel like Amwaj does.

What is your favourite thing to do with your family?

Very cliché, but I love going for long walks and running. Amwaj is one of the only few places where you feel completely safe at any time of day or night. The atmosphere is always friendly and there is always someone saying hello to you.

Photo Gallery

Alosra Funday

Alosra Supermarket hosted a Family Funday on Saturday, March 12th, in their all new location at the entrance of Amwaj Islands.



Pecha Kucha Night

Amwaj Beach Club played host to the local edition of Pecha Kucha Night where local entrepreneurs and artists displayed their work.



The Fourth Amwaj Marina Market

The fourth Amwaj Marina Market was held on March 5th at the picturesque Amwaj Marina. Visitors enjoyed the beautiful weather and the wide variety of products.



KARE & IDdesign

IDdesign recently opened a store in The Lagoon along with International Dutch brand KARE.



Directory

Amwaj Numbers

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

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

Nuetel Communications
Working Hours: 8am – 5pm
Saturday to Thursday
Location: Nuetel Building,
Amwaj : 16 033 000

International School of Choueifat
Location: Lulu Island
T 16 033 333

Amwaj Marina
T 16 011 160

Nearest Hospitals to Amwaj
Al Hilal Hospital
T 17 344 199

Bahrain Specialist Hospital
T 17 812 000

King Hamad Hospital
Opening Soon

Amwaj Hotels
The Dragon Beach Hotel & Resort
T 16 031 111

The Sea Loft Boutique Chalets
T 16 033 833

Home Manintance Services
MASY
T 17 822 404

ReactFast
T 17 585 367

Amwaj Food Outlets
Muju Lounge & Restaurant
T 16 039 800

The T-Club
T 38 887 107

Tuga Bakery
T 16 010 284

ChocoLoco
T 16 123 456

Yamin Jana
T 16 033 800

Burger Lounge
T 77 055 772

Curry Tree
T 16 030 660

Amwaj Health Clubs
Maya Beach Resort & Fitness
Working Hours:
Saturday to Thursday, 6.30am to 10pm
Friday 8am to 10pm
Location: Meena 7
T 16 030 070

Tala Leisure Center (TLC)
Working Hours:
Weekdays 6am to 10pm
Weekends 9am to 6pm
Location: Tala Island
T 16 071 007

Amwaj Beauty Salons
Joz Salon & Spa, The Dragon Beach Hotel Resort
Working Hours: everyday 9am – 7pm
T 16 031 120

Closest Post Office to Amwaj
Al Hidd Post Office
Working Hours: 7am to 2pm
Saturday to Thursday
T 17 673 157

Amwaj Supermarkets
Al Osra Supermarket
Location: Entrance of Amwaj Islands
T 16 033 772

Jawad Express
Location: ground floor, Nuetel building
T 16 034 501

24-Hours Supermarket
Location: Tala Island
T 16 034 498

Waitrose Supermarket
Working Hours:
Everday, 8am - 11pm
Location: The Lagoon
T 16 030 636

Food Deliveries:
Hunger Line
T 17 506 070 (Papa Johns, Dairy Queen, Burger King, Quiznos, Chilis)

Breadtalk
T 17 535 371

Little Ceasars Pizza
T 17 675 552

Pizza Hut
T 17 111 113

KFC
T 17 111 111

Hardeez
T 17 111 112

China Express
T 17 717 598

Wahid Pastries
T 17 466 771

EZ Burger
T 17 241 111

YO! Sushi
T 17 583 373

Shanghai Hut
T 17 292 988

The Clay Oven
T 17 717 008

Car Services
Ecowash
T 17 490 565

Closest Vets to Amwaj
Dr Nonie Courtts
T 17 245 515

Dr Mohammed Hussain
T 17 292 125

Closest Pharmacies to Amwaj
Al Quds Pharmacy
T 17 470 080

Ibn Sina Pharmacy
T 17 677 207

Nasser Pharmacy
Opening Soon in Amwaj

Taxi Services
Bahrain Taxi
T 17 682 999

Bahrain Limo
T 17 266 266

Arabian Taxi
T 17 461 746

Emergency Numbers
Emergency line
T 999

Al Hidd Police Station
T 17 671 212

Samaheej Police Station
T 17 334 401

Coastguard
T 17 700 000

Traffic Police
T 199

Bahrain International Airport
T 17 339 339

Shopping Malls
Seef Mall
T 17 581 111

Aali Mall
T 17 581 000

City Center
T 17 179 779

Moda Mall
T 17 533 140