

## INDIAN OCEAN & MIDDLE EAST

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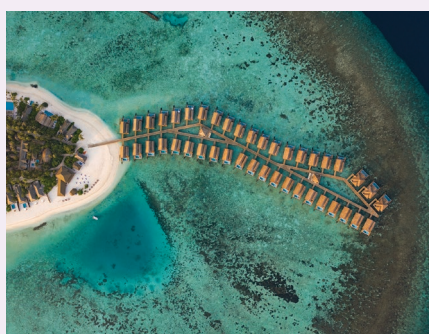
*Selling Travel* was the media partner at the Virtual ReUnite Indian Ocean and Middle East event. Here's the latest news from both regions...

## New Emerald for Maldives



Described as a "a new luxury island destination", Emerald Faarufushi Resort & Spa is due to open in the Maldives in May 2022.

Situated in the Maldives' Raa Atoll, the seven-hectare private island will feature 80 villas, split into six different categories: Beach Villas (10), Family Villas with Pool (10), Beach Villas with Pool (17), Water Villa with Pool (39), Superior Water Villa with Pool (3) and one Presidential Villa located on the island's private beach. Guests will be able to enjoy unlimited dining experiences at five restaurants, plus complimentary non-motorised water sports as part of Emerald's signature Deluxe All-Inclusive offering. The resort will also feature a Balinese spa and, a kids'



club which is currently in development. The resort will have a barefoot elegance feel, with a design that complements and pays homage to the natural Maldivian surroundings. This will mark Emerald's second property in the Maldivian archipelago. [emerald-maldives.com](http://emerald-maldives.com)

## Qatar's FIFA countdown



Qatar is adding 105 new hotels and serviced apartments to its portfolio of properties, in preparation for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. Part of the 'Qatar Tourism Strategy 2030', the country aims to grow annual international visitor arrivals three-fold to reach 6 million by 2030, making it the fastest growing destination in the Middle East in terms of international visitors. New theme parks, shops and leisure projects are also part of the project. [visitqatar.qa](http://visitqatar.qa)

## Foodie focus for Jumeirah



Jumeirah Hotels & Resorts has launched a global promotion for guests to enjoy complimentary breakfast and a choice of lunch or dinner across over 25 restaurants in Dubai. Eligible across seven of Jumeirah Hotels &

Resorts' Dubai properties, as well as Souk Madinat Jumeirah, the Jumeirah Flavours offer is valid for stays until December 25, 2021. Guests will also receive privileges and access to wellness and family experiences. [jumeirah.com](http://jumeirah.com)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### • Air Mauritius takes off

Air Mauritius is scheduled to operate return flights from Heathrow to Mauritius through until October 29, 2022 onboard a new Airbus A330-300. The resumption of flights coincides with Phase 2 of the reopening of the borders, allowing vaccinated travellers to enter Mauritius without restrictions upon presentation of a negative PCR test. [airmauritius.com](http://airmauritius.com)

### • Banyan to debut in Qatar

Banyan Tree is scheduled to launch its first resort in the Middle East in Q4 2021, - Banyan Tree Doha At La Cigale Mushaireb. Located in Qatar, in the heart of Mushaireb, the 341-room urban luxury resort will sit within the Doha Oasis project. It will feature the signature Banyan Tree Spa with a Rainforest hydrotherapy facility and Vertigo, a 28-storey rooftop bar. [banyantree.com](http://banyantree.com)

### • Anantara adds pool villas

Anantara Iko Mauritius Resort & Villas is set to unveil its Two- and Four-Bedroom Anantara Pool Villas, designed for multi-generational holidays. Located on the southeast coast of Mauritius, the new villas will "combine modernity with indigenous design". [anantara.com](http://anantara.com)

### • Accor for Ras Al Khaimah

Accor is expanding its luxury portfolio in the UAE with the introduction of the Sofitel brand in Al Hamra, Ras Al Khaimah. Set to open in 2023, the 300-room resort will be set alongside a private beach and an 18-hole golf course. [group.accor.com](http://group.accor.com)