

## WZCCME wins over hearts of its members at its meeting held on 29th April, 2017 at the Park Regis Hotel, Dubai

### CHANGE – IS THE ONLY CONSTANT IN LIFE

In keeping with the vision and mission of WZCC - to facilitate networking, enhance Trade and Commerce opportunities and to re-energize the Zarathushti entrepreneurial spirit; the Dubai Chapter of WZCCME held its first meeting on 29th April, 2017, at the Park Regis Hotel - strategically located on the Sheikh Zayed road. The event was a success and attended by over 35 members.

Porus Guzder, President WZCCME, in his opening address, welcomed the gathering and shared the vision for the year 2017, assuring members that 2017 will be yet another productive year just like 2016, and an array of value based programs shall be offered to members. Support shall be extended to young talent to channel their creative spirit towards entrepreneurship.

Reflecting on 2016 programs, Porus said, whether it was the Wills and Probate program; the Training Skills program; or the Dubai Pravasi Yatra program ... they were all very successful programs conducted by WZCCME. He was particularly pleased with the performance of the DPY program, as it turned WZCCME into an engine of growth, with several businessmen returning to their destinations with business leads in their pockets.

To paraphrase an old saying – “the only constant in life is change,” Porus said, that the theme of the evening’s program was founded on ‘Change’ as certain changes are expected to be implemented in the UAE, starting next year. These are in keeping with the fast pace of growth in this region. The words that resonated most from his speech were – “We will keep what is good, fix what is wrong and unlock a great performance in 2017.” He, thanked those who were present at the meeting and said, togetherness is an important ingredient of WZCC and together we shall achieve a lot.

Firdaus Irani, Chapter Chair – UAE, made a crisp presentation highlighting the events lined up for the year 2017. Members expressed happiness as the calendar included interesting programs such as - the exciting Skills Building Program; Speed Networking - that will bring members from specific industries to discuss business offerings in smaller groups over coffee evenings; Edutainment Quiz; Field Trip to Abu Dhabi; Entrepreneurship Skill Building

Event for the kids and more... He urged the community members to help increase the membership of WZCCME which offers valuable benefits and welcomed the three new Youth Sub Committee Chairs - Jasmin Tavadia, Urvaksh Tantra and Hanoz Patel who will work alongside with Cyrus Debara, the Youth Director of WZCCME adding zest to activities and bringing more youth into the fold of WZCCME. He concluded by saying – “coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success” – Henry Ford.

The speakers for the evening were introduced by Jasmine Tavadia.

#### VAT:

The most awaited talk on “VAT” was delivered by Girish Chand of MCA Consultancy. Girish explained the concept of VAT, its implications, and how businessmen should prepare themselves as VAT will be implemented at the rate of 5% in the UAE, starting Jan 1, 2018. His presentation was impressive as it contained illustrative examples of how VAT will affect various sectors and work as the general consumption tax and apply to majority of transactions in goods and services as well as areas of imports/ exports.

The interest could be gauged from the volley of questions fielded by members that related to non-payment of VAT, existing/pending contracts, free zone regulations and the extent of jurisdiction. Some questions were too early to be asked, so Girish explained, that the impending legislation once in place, would provide better clarity in all areas.

#### Showcasing of ‘Imperial Avenue’ property – by Shapoorji Pallonji Group:

Shapoorji Pallonji Group, whose name is synonymous with the construction industry, and have been in the GCC for over 50 years, made an impressive presentation by showing a film on their state-of-the-art property ‘Imperial Avenue’ - a luxury residential project which is under construction in the Downtown Burj District, in Dubai.

Harneet Singh, the Assistant General Manager, Sales and Marketing, SP Group said that, the 45-storey residential tower will offer one to four bedroom apartments; three to five bedroom villas; and 4 and 5 bedroom penthouses surrounded by amenities with infinity pools, outdoor kids play area, recreation area, private movie hall, family pool and more... The sustainability features of solar panelled roof top, grey water harvesting and 6D BIM for facility management will be added benefits.

Most members at the meeting were amazed by the presentation and approached Rayomand Dastur, Director Sales and Marketing, SP Group, who was present at the event and Harneet Singh with their queries.

Imperial Avenue offers an excellent opportunity to all members either for living or investment and should not be missed!

#### Immigration:

The last presentation was a talk on Immigration. It was by Ms. Rashmi Vijay - Deputy General Manager of WWICS - a world leader in immigration assistance. Rashmi touched upon the options for emigrating to Australia, UK, USA and Canada available through self-funding program and Investors program with government/private sector. She also spoke on best countries to buy second passport, residency and recommended certain names in the Caribbean. “Many families in the world, are keen to buy a second citizenship that offers them a whole lot of benefits, from visa-free travel to better quality of life,” she said. Several queries were raised by members after her presentation and all of them were answered professionally.

Jimmy Dadrewalla, Global CFO, of Advanta Seeds Ltd., was invited to say a few words so Jimmy introduced himself to the members. Jimmy comes with a wide experience in driving organisation growth, corporate finance, international tax, Insurance & audits and has recently moved from the UK.

An announcement on Homai Bilimoria’s Food catering service in Dubai was made at the meeting and her Menu Cards were distributed to members. Homai was present at the meeting to interact with members.

The engaging sessions ended with a vote of thanks by Jasmine Tavadia.

This was followed by felicitation ceremony for the speakers by Meher Bhesania (Founding Director, WZCCME), Jimmy Kotwal – Senior Executive Emirates, and Firdaus Irani, WZCCME Chapter Chair - UAE.

The evening ended with networking over refreshments indicating when strength meets speed you grow faster.

With best wishes and look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting...

#### Team - WZCCME

Pictures from the WZCCME Event held at the Park Regis Hotel on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2017



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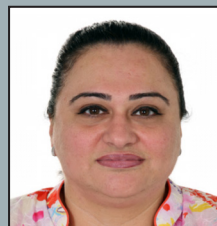
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