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# The Wave, Muscat grants more hospitality scholarships

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MUSCAT — The Wave, Muscat has announced the expansion of its role in the 40/40 Scholarship Fund by increasing the number of hospitality student scholarships from four to 15. The pioneering educational initiative comes in partnership with the British Scholarships for Oman (BSO) and the National Hospitality Institute (NHI).

The scholarships consist of an 18-month diploma in Hospitality Management at NHI complemented by a six-month internship at a property of Kempinski Hotels or with Dubai Golf, the official operator of the 18-hole PGA Links Golf Course designed by the legendary Greg Norman.

Earlier this year, the 15



hospitality students visited The Wave, Muscat as part of their curriculum. The students were taken on a guided tour of the project by senior officials to gain key insights and information about their future

roles in one of Oman's most highly anticipated real estate and tourism developments.

Abdulla al Shidi, Deputy CEO of The Wave, Muscat said, "The expansion of the 40/40 initiative is a testament

to the success of the Fund as we grow in its capacity and acquire additional Omani talents into this highly comprehensive educational platform. Our close partnership with BSO and NHI has provided us with

access to some of the nation's most promising hoteliers and underscores our commitment to quality learning, training and empowerment by offering the very finest in world-class hospitality management.

The students will be actively trained to begin an exciting career at the Kempinski. The Wave, Muscat Hotel and Hotel Apartments and our championship Golf course."

Ulrich Eckhardt, President Middle East and Africa for Kempinski Hotels said, "Our most important and most difficult job in managing hotels is finding and retaining good talents especially locally in destinations where we operate hotels outside Europe. Having the chance to educate and train selected talents then groom them to become successful team members within the upcoming hotel is a priceless opportunity and, if proven successful, shall become a usual procedure. Therefore, it is our pleasure to collaborate with The Wave, Muscat in this endeavour."