

People Development Summit Dubai 2019 Feedback

Delegate comments

"This was a fantastic event with exceptional planning and organisation. The format enabled a balance of free time and supplier meetings/Strategy sessions so the day felt very fresh and interactive at all times. I also found that the structure of the event enabled some fantastic networking between all attendees. Discussion and networking was genuinely value add both personally and professionally, it really was one of the best conference and networking events I have attended."

Sarah Chambers, Head of HR Middle East, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles UK Ltd

"Excellent organisation of the event. You have done an excellent job to ensure that we are aligned with the plan. The sessions were quite helpful and with a lot of interesting views and thoughts. Appreciated the shared learning from other experts in the field. I was very happy with the regular follow ups from the team to ensure everything is well planned and organised.

May El Mahdi, Group Talent Development Manager, AW Rostamani

"The Summit design was very unique. The participants had enough opportunity to learn from the Strategy sessions and Action Learning workshops and meet various renowned & experienced vendors of their interest. The two day event was full of Learning and value addition."

Pradeep Pande, CHRO, RAK Ceramics

"I thought the event was extremely well run and offered a great platform to connect with peers and gain market insights. Would love to be invited back."

Shannon Parker, Head of Talent Middle East, Arcadis

"Interesting mix of vendors, well organised and professional."

Louise Gutteridge-Falda, Head of Talent & Training, Ahmed Seddiqi & Sons

"The interaction with fellow professionals was a key factor in attending and meeting with potential partners gaining insight into their areas of expertise was invaluable. Some great keynote presentations and workshops that were both relevant and aligned with my interests and needs."

Gary Hazel, Head of Learning & Development, Injazat Data Systems

"Very insightful event. Great opportunity to meet training providers and network L&D professionals. Very well organised throughout the two days."

Mukhaiyo Abdullaeva, Director of Learning & Development, Habtoor Grand Resort

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“This event was refreshing in comparison with other similar events in the region as it was very organized and well-thought out. Similar events will leave you wandering around the venue trying to speak with anyone who crosses your path. Having a pre-arranged schedule/agenda for both the attendees and the vendors made it easier for both parties. The venue was excellent as well.”

George Monzon, Talent Development, Virgin Megastore Middle East

“Excellent 2 days extremely well organised, planned and delivered!”

Caroline Bowes, Learning & Development Manager, Waldorf Astoria Dubai

“The event was very well organized in a way that kept us busy, learning and networking at the same time. I would highly recommend this event for L&D Decision makers in any type of industry!”

Carole Keyrouz, Training Manager, Marriott Hotels International Limited

“I had a great time at the PDS 2019. I really enjoyed the mix of networking, sessions and being able to get an update about what is available on the market. The event was perfectly organized and gave the opportunity not only to network and get to know what is new in the market, but also to listen to different perspectives on the future of HR.”

Stefanie Heidester, HR Director OU ME, Thyssenkrupp

“It was a great event and I have already signed up for next year. Thank you.”

Natalie Gleeson, Head of HR, Liwa Trading Enterprises

“The best summit I have attended. Good mix of networking, workshops and vendor meetings. I am not sure how they did it but the Summit team created a magical atmosphere where we were all open and curious to explore.

Conversations went deep as opposed to superficial and broad.

The vendor meetings were excellent quality, well matched and extremely useful. Highly recommended.”

Marea O’Sullivan, Manager Global Leadership Development, Novo Nordisk UAE

“Excellent event - great experience - very engaging and professional.”

Daniela Sfeir, Senior Director HR & Workplace Asia & ME, ADP Ingénierie Dubai

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Sponsor comments

“Really great initiative to bring together supplier and clients. I wouldn’t necessarily have thought about investing in an event like this but definitely think it was worthwhile and would go to another in the future.”

Sarah Christensen, Consultant, Emerge Development Ltd

“Great introduction into the business opportunities into the Emirates and the ME. Clients engaging and welcoming with focused conversations around real business issues facing them. Looking forward to the follow ups and returning soon.”

Andy Read, Business Development Manager, VA Consultants

“Another excellent event where people want to listen and share ideas about how to support their business.”

Becky James, International Director of Business Development & Sales, ILM

“Thank you the team at Summit Events for putting on a very well organised and productive event. We have made some very strong connections in Dubai with a number of very exciting opportunities in the pipeline. We are confident of a very positive return from our investment and look forward to building some long lasting and valuable new relationships, as part of our growth in the Middle East.”

Jeff Benveniste, Founder & Partner, Global Edge

“A very well organized event bringing together switched-on delegates and interesting suppliers. A very personalized experience in contrast to the huge impersonal expos we often have here in Dubai.”

Paul Turner, Regional Director MENA, Havas People

“I found the two day event in Dubai well managed, with high quality meetings with senior decision makers. 25 minute sessions were long enough to determine interest and provide relevant content.”

John Sammon, Business Development Manager, HCR Group

“My favourite Summit event so far. The event was impeccably organised, as ever, but this really felt like you were part of something special. Quality delegates, quality suppliers, very professionally run and the atmosphere was focussed, friendly and very enjoyable.”

Eric Gresswell, Director, Popcorn Learning Media

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"I really liked that there was structure in this event. The meetings were set up in advance, we were prepared to meet delegates we had selected. I also liked that the event did not seem too busy/packed, we were all quite relaxed and with a purpose to be there. The coordination was fantastic, the team was so helpful, I really liked the technology and the instant updates on the schedule. I also liked the strategy sessions, interesting topics. Overall, I think it was an event worth participating in."

Eleni Papailia, Executive Education Manager, American University of Sharjah

"A summit with a difference. The same focus on delivering a quality event but without the residential element for delegates. We had some really good meetings with both multi-national and local companies."

David Williams, Founder & CEO, Impact International