

Confessions of an ENTREPRENEUR

Join us for an extraordinary evening with three of the UAE's top entrepreneurs. They will take us through some tips and tricks, and highlight success stories and key learning points from their journey to grow their businesses.



Kim Thompson

Founder / Owner / Managing Director - RAW Coffee Company

Kim Thompson, the Owner and Managing Director of RAW Coffee Company, is a prominent figure in the Middle Eastern entrepreneurial landscape. With 25 years of residency in the region, Kim has established herself as a leader in the coffee industry, receiving recognition as an Endeavor Entrepreneur in 2016.

She was the first woman in the Middle East to attain her Specialty Coffee Association Coffee Diploma and is a certified AST instructor.

Kim's passion for coffee and commitment to supporting local businesses have earned her numerous accolades, including being named a Dubai Chamber of Commerce Trusted Member in 2021, a recipient of the Dubai Economy & Tourism Dubai Start-Up award for her contribution to the food and beverage industry in 2022, and the winner of the BBC Good Foods Best Home Grown Coffee Roastery in the same year.

In addition to her successful coffee venture, Kim is a founding member of Gender Equity and a strong advocate for the welfare of her coffee farmers worldwide. She is dedicated to promoting sustainable, ethical, and community-oriented initiatives and is making a positive impact in the coffee industry and beyond. With her extensive experience and unwavering dedication, Kim is a true inspiration to others.

Donna Benton is the founder and CEO of the Entertainer - the leading provider of Buy One Get One Free offers for dining, leisure, attractions, beauty, fitness, hotels and more across the GCC. Donna played a pivotal role in its success, expanding to 15 countries and transitioning from a book to a data-driven technology company before exiting in 2018. Donna then went on to found The Benton Group, a dynamic organisation focusing on establishing new companies and investing in businesses with the potential to scale.



Donna Benton

Founder and CEO - The Entertainer / The Benton Group / CAHA CAPO

Donna is also the founder of CAHA CAPO, a global brand that creates swimwear, resortwear, and accessories for women, men and children. Donna is a shareholder and on the board of directors at Sunset Hospitality Group, a Dubai-based hospitality investment and management company whose portfolio includes METT Hotels & Resorts, Azure Beach Club, Ammos, Dream, Drift Beach Club, AURA, SUSHISAMBA, Black Tap, Luigia, Signor Sassi and many more. In September 2023, the ENTERTAINER announced her return as a shareholder and CEO - her unique vision and passion for the business model is revitalising the much-loved brand with an emphasis on innovation, data and customer experience.

The Entertainer

Founded in 2001 by Donna Benton, the Entertainer is the leading provider of Buy One Get One Free offers from well-known dining, leisure, entertainment, beauty and hotel brands across the Middle East. The Entertainer App offers location-specific products for Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain, KSA (Riyadh, Jeddah & Eastern Province), Kuwait, Egypt and Singapore - with over 10,000 merchants globally.

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Greg Boucher

Founder and Owner - MEFITPRO

Greg is a trailblazer and leading consultant in the Middle East's Fitness and Wellness industry, boasting a distinguished 34-year career. With degrees in Sport Studies & Business Management and Exercise Science from the University of Otago, New Zealand, Greg has significantly shaped the region's Health & Fitness landscape during his 24 years in Dubai. His expertise in Management, Sales, Marketing, Fitness, Wellness, Longevity, Fitness Education, Nutrition, and Regional Logistics has propelled

both global entities and local enterprises towards exponential growth in the MENA region. Additionally, as an entrepreneur, Greg's vision extends beyond conventional roles. He is the owner and founder of MEFITPRO, a pioneering organization that has reshaped the industry in the Middle East. Greg's ventures like QOOAH, BASKETBALL HUB, and ATHLETES JUNCTION reflect his innovative approach and dedication to fostering community engagement and athletic development.

Through his initiatives, Greg not only demonstrates his business acumen but also his commitment to promoting holistic well-being. His overarching goal of enriching lives through active living and wellness encapsulates his enduring impact on the industry, establishing him as a pivotal figure in the Middle East's Fitness and Wellness domain.



Our panel moderator, Brandy Scott, hosts The Business Breakfast every weekday on Dubai Eye 103.8. She's also the author of the novel Not Bad People, currently being adapted for television.

Tuesday, 25th June 2024

Starts at 6.30pm

Radisson Blu Hotel, Dubai Media City

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Non-members/Guests 230AED

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