**Listing – COSTA Coffee UAE**

**COSTA TEAMS UP WITH AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR KAREN OSMAN TO HOST FREE CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS**

Budding writers invited to attend series of creative writing workshops, in support of the 10th Emirates Airline Festival of Literature

**Outlet:** COSTA Coffee UAE

**Date:** 22 November 2017

**Time:** 6pm – 8.30pm

**Brief description:**  In support of the 10th Emirates Airline Festival of Literature, Costa Coffee UAE has teamed up with award-winning author and winner of the 2016 Montegrappa Writing Prize, Karen Osman, to host a series of creative writing workshops at a selection of its flagship stores across Dubai. The free-to-attend, ninety-minute workshops will give budding writers the perfect opportunity to get started on their writing journey. Attendees will enjoy an engaging and interactive creative writing class with award-winning author Karen Osman, where they’ll learn how to generate ideas and plots, as well as hear about different techniques for writing a novel. As part of the session, Karen will also share her top tips and advice on how to craft an entry that will stand out in this year’s [COSTA debate](http://bit.ly/CostaLitFest). By the end of each ninety-minute workshop, attendees will leave with a start to their COSTA debate entry, a list of ideas and a synopsis for their novel as well as a start to their first chapter, providing an excellent foundation for their first book. Participants will also enjoy a free COSTA hot beverage\*. Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Contact address and number**: COSTA Coffee Drive-Thru, Jumeirah Beach Road, +971(4)3448145.

**Outlet:** COSTA Coffee UAE

**Date:** 4 December 2017

**Time:** 6pm – 8.30pm

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**Contact address and number**: COSTA Coffee, the Edge, Al Falak Street, Media City, +971(0)442434102.

**Outlet:** COSTA Coffee UAE

**Date:** 6 December 2017

**Time:** 6pm – 8.30pm

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\*Terms & conditions apply.

For more information, please contact the COSTA press office at House of Comms on 04 275 4900 or email **costa@houseofcomms.com**

**About COSTA**

Costa was founded in London by Italian brothers Sergio and Bruno Costa in 1971 and now represents the second largest international coffee shop operator. At present the company has more than 3,000 stores across 25 international markets. Costa Coffee opened its first store outside of the UK in 1999, at Dubai’s Aviation Club. Today there are over 150 Costa outlets in the UAE. Costa in the UAE is wholly owned by Emirates Leisure Retail (ELR), a world class food and beverage outlet provider, a subsidiary of the Emirates Group

**About Emirates Leisure Retail**

Emirates Leisure Retail, a subsidiary of the high-profile Emirates Group, owns and operates a wide-ranging portfolio of restaurants, cafés and bars in the Middle East, Australia and Asia. Operating over 300 outlets (including more than 80 outlets across 13 domestic and international airports) models range from franchise to own brand, and are all designed to offer a premium experience at great value with concepts that cover all 24 hours of the day.

Key brands operated by ELR include Costa Coffee, Hudsons Coffee, Pret A Manger, The Kitchen by Wolfgang Puck, giraffe, Left Bank, as well as bespoke, world first and global award winning concepts including Coopers Alehouse, Jack’s Bar & Grill, Heineken Lounge, and The Draft House.

**Awards**

ELR received industry recognition when Hudsons Coffee won Best Airport Coffee Shop at the Airport Food and Beverage (FAB) Awards 2016 & Brisbane River Grill won Best Airport Bar of the Year at the Drinks International Travel Retail Awards 2016. ELR has won 20 industry awards over the past five years.

**About Karen Osman**

Karen Osman was the winner of the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature Montegrappa Novel Writing Prize 2016. Originally from the UK, Karen won the highly coveted prize for her crime-thriller novel ‘the Good Mother’, which was published in October 2017. Her latest achievement is securing a three-book deal with UK-based Head of Zeus publishing House.

The award-winning author, entrepreneur, luxury travel journalist and editor has lived the expat life for almost twenty years across Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Karen lives in Dubai with her husband and two young sons.