



Email response from Wyndham Hotels & Resorts on 19th May 2022

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In relations to:

- NRK avslører: VM-hoteller nekter homofile adgang", Halvor Ekeland, Daniel Grefve and Emil Halkier, *NRK*, 12 May 2022: <https://www.nrk.no/sport/vm-hoteller-nekter-homofile-adgang-1.15957426>
- "World Cup Hotels in Qatar Do Not Accept Gays", *News Beezer*, 12 May 2022: <https://newsbeezer.com/swedeneng/world-cup-hotels-in-qatar-do-not-accept-gays/>

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Thank you for reaching out to Wyndham Hotels & Resorts on 13th May 2022 with regards to this important matter, and for giving us the opportunity to respond.

Wyndham Hotels & Resorts respects differences in people, cultures, ideas and experiences and welcomes all into our hotels around the world. We have taken seriously the concerns raised in the above media coverage as they do not reflect our core values. As a result, we have taken immediate action. The entire hotel team at Wyndham Grand Regency Doha was retrained on Wyndham Hotels & Resorts' Diversity & Inclusion commitment, and a Wyndham Learning & Development representative will visit the hotel for additional training.

Being welcoming and inclusive to all is simply part of who we are and how we do business. As such, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts confirms that the Wyndham Grand Regency Doha before, during and after the 2022 FIFA World Cup is open for bookings from and will welcome all guests regardless of their sexual orientation without discrimination in accordance with basic human rights principles. Although our work is never done, this year we received our fourth consecutive perfect score of 100 on the 2022 Corporate Equality Index (CEI), America's foremost benchmarking survey and report measuring policies and practices related to LGBTQ+ equality, administrated by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

Thank you again for contacting Wyndham Hotels & Resorts.