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As I write this we are just hours away from the expected start of Ramadan – which means whenever and wherever you picked up this magazine, the Holy Month is likely to be underway. I'm proud to say this will be my third Ramadan in the region. But whether this is your first year in Qatar, or you're a hardened expat who thinks they know it all, I'm confident there is always more to learn from the Holy Month. Check our cover feature on page 12, which includes a beginner's guide, new activities to try in July, and our pick of the ever-expanding number of iftars on offer across town.

But as well as dining out, why not get into the spirit and invite some friends and colleagues over for iftar? To help you get started we asked five of Qatar's top chefs for their favourite recipes (pages 18-21), as well as sharing some of our own iftar-hosting tips.

And lastly, if you were hoping to use the slower summer season to get out and explore, we've got just the ticket, with a city escapes guide rounding up some of the most dramatically discounted hotel deals the GCC has to offer (pages 22-28). Go on, treat yourself.

Ramadan Kareem!
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