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Rail Plus winner

CONGRATULATIONS to last week's winner in our Rail Plus competition, Uli Lenitschek from Travel Experience in Queensland.

Uli correctly identified the train as being from Germany, and her caption was 'Triple your fun and travel by rail'.

She's won a Eurail Select Pass for five days in 3 countries - see this week's pic on page seven.

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Amex targets SME market

SMALL businesses are set for a whole lot of loving from the travel industry, with the global launch today of a new division of American Express Business Travel which focuses on the small and medium-sized corporate market.

The Amex announcement comes just days after Flight Centre announced its own SME push (*TD* 25 Jan) with the rebadging of Flight Centre Business Travel as Corporate Traveller.

The new American Express SME brand is called 'aXcentis' and introduces "new capabilities and enhanced services focused on delivering localised, flexible and

Etihad Irish boost

ETIHAD is set to increase its flights between Abu Dhabi and Dublin in Ireland, from the current daily operation to ten per week from Mar this year.

EY also appears to have implemented more of its codeshare pact with Ukraine International Airlines, with UIA's "PS" code being currently listed on GDS displays on Etihad services from Abu Dhabi to Bahrain, Muscat, Kuwait and Johannesburg.

Last Sep Etihad launched its first UIA codeshare, on flights from Kiev to Abu Dhabi, with the deal also set to see UIA's code appear on EY services to Kuala Lumpur and Sydney.

A bumper issue

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comprehensive travel management programs to companies that spend between \$250,000 and \$3 million on travel annually," according to Amex business travel Vice President for Australia and NZ, Justin Morgan.

He said travel is an "essential component" of driving the growth and prosperity of these businesses.

"Now that the worst of the global financial crisis is over, aXcentis can get companies of this size back on the road by making the most of every dollar invested in meetings and business travel," he added.

Morgan cited independent research showing that managed travel programs can deliver overall savings for business of up to 14% when compared to just booking via consumer websites.

aXcentis will offer local client management teams, access to exclusive negotiated deals with suppliers, an automated travel manager suite, a meetings management package and tools to calculate potential savings, recover unused airline tickets and manage expenses online.



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ORIENT-Express Hotels Ltd has completed the sale of Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa to its new buyer, Lilianfels Hotel Pty Ltd for \$21 million.

The group announced it had entered into an agreement to offload the iconic resort and spa in Katoomba late last year (*TD* 08 Dec) in a move to "dispose of non-core businesses".





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Tiger to expand fleet 74%

delivery of four more aircraft following "strong operating numbers in the last quarter."

The deal was sealed at the Singapore Air Show, with the four extra planes in addition to the five aircraft which are already the subject of accelerated delivery schedules (TD 13 Jan).

Tiger currently has 18 planes across Australia and Singapore, with another to arrive this month, and the fleet will grow to 33

DJ Mardi-Gras flight

VIRGIN Blue is dedicating flight number DJ857 on 25 Feb between MEL-SYD as a Mardi-Gras themed flight for The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras on Sat 27 Feb.

The flight will feature DJ's own drag queen, Ms Marion De-Pilot and entertainment by the crew from 'Leave it to Diva'

Virgin Blue ce Brett Godfrey said "we thought it was a great opportunity to quiff our beehives, break out the sequins and kick off the party early by getting into the spirit of Mardi Gras 'Priscilla' style on the journey there."

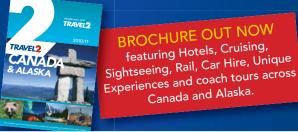
Tickets for the 'Up, Up and a Gay' service are priced from \$199. DJ has also announced it will

have its own float in the main parade down Sydney's Oxford St.

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TIGER Airways has advanced the aircraft by Mar 2012 with a total of 15 deliveries.

CEO Tony Davis said the move would help the carrier "take on the growth opportunities awaiting us in Asia and Australasia."

MEANWHILE it's understood that Tiger is set to announce new flights to Melbourne Avalon airport later this month.

The Herald Sun speculates that the deal would see Tiger significantly cut costs by progressively moving all of its Victorian operations and flights to Avalon over the course of 2010.

JAL aims to up fares

JAPAN Airlines has requested a revision of IATA int'l PEX airfares between Tokyo-Sydney, seeking to increase levels by around 7%.

JAL also wants to discontinue PEX fares between Tokyo-London.

Gap Goose tours

GAP Adventures has forged a pact with clothing manufacturer Canada Goose to create a range of adventure tours to the Arctic and Antarctic regions.

The Canada Goose Adventure Tours travel to Canada, Norway, Sweden and Argentina at the moment, and participants are able to take home their very own Canada Goose jacket.

"This cutting edge partnership offers...the chance to step into the cold and experience the best in sustainable, authentic tourism in ways they could only have once imagined," said Gap Adventures' boss Bruce Poon Tip.

Yoga, Pepper & Salt

PEPPERS Salt Resort & Spa is holding a yoga weekend hosted by YOGA TV's Kris McIntyre, priced from \$474ppts between 12-14 Mar.

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THIS is one of the reasons that you're not allowed to smoke on board a plane.

An Indonesian man has sworn to kick the habit, after he lost six teeth when a cigarette exploded in his mouth.

33-year-old Andi Susanto said that he didn't notice anything unusual about the cigarette before he lit up, and although still a mystery the manufacturer had offered him an out-of-court settlement of any claims.

"They will pay all the medical expenses," he muttered through his bandaged lips.

IF you decide on a ski holiday in Austria, make sure you keep your credit card handy.

A German tourist who hurt himself skiing near Innsbruck this month has complained about being asked to swipe his card in the ambulance before paramedics would treat him.

"During the ambulance ride, the crew started pushing buttons and then they said 'Sorry, but we have to charge you 230 eruos now," the holidaymaker said.

"They were very embarrassed."

Health officials in Austria defended the move, saying it was often hard to track down payment from foreign tourists, with most ambulances fitted with a machine to take credit card payments on the spot.

HOW about this for a destination wedding?

A Singaporean couple have celebrated their love of travel by getting married on board the inaugural Jetstar Asia flight from Singapore to Shantou (TD Tue).

Reports don't mention whether they joined the Mile High Club by starting their honeymoon straight away.



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hoping to further strengthen its

meetings in Malaysia this week.

Tourism minister Malamdirri

McCarthy flew to Kuala Lumpur

encouraging Malaysia Airlines to

"Singapore and Malaysia are

major gateways to Australia and the Territory Government maintains an active investment in these markets, "McCarthy said. "We want to make it easier for international visitors to come here and to do so we need to explore all possible opportunities." McCarthy will also meet with the Malaysian tourism minister, Dato Seri Dr Ng, to discuss further

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Getaway returns

CHANNEL Nine's dedicated travel program *Getaway* returns to TV screens for the 2010 season at 7.30pm tonight - but the stories are all repeats from earlier shows, featuring:

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- Hollywood, Oktoberfest
- Bali, Tokyo and Mexico City





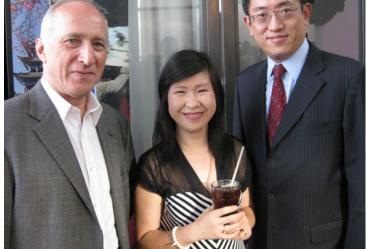
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WENDY Wu has been visiting Australia this week to announce the debut of her new operation in the US, and the picture above is evidence for all those consultants curious about whether she's a real person and what she looks like (*TD* yesterday). evening, with Wendy Wu Tours general manager Alan Alcock (left) and Dane Cheng, general manager south west Pacific for Cathay Pacific.

Take a good look, because Wendy will be very busy for the next few months, moving from her current London location to head up the new office in New York herself.

She's pictured above at a function at the Blu Horizon bar in the Shangri-La Hotel on Tue

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Korean LGW buy

THE National Pension Service of South Korea has announced the purchase of a 12% stake of London Gatwick Airport.

The fund will pay US\$176.3m for the holding, with Gatwick sold last Oct by BAA for US\$2.72b.

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Name the sharks and WIN!



Daydream Island Resort and Spa is celebrating the safe birth of three shark pups in their amazing Living Reef, one of the world's largest manmade living coral reef lagoons. Mum, Bonnie, a blacktip reef shark, and the three young sharks are doing well, but they each need a name, so Daydream Island has called on *Travel Daily* readers to help! For your chance to win a three night accommodation prize for a family of

four, including buffet breakfast daily, return transfers from the mainland or Great Barrier Reef Airport on HTI, private fish feeding session in the Living Reef, free Stingray Splash, and a \$50 food and beverage voucher, submit your three names by 5.30pm Sunday 28 February 2010. Email your entries to namethesharks@traveldaily.com.au.

Please include your name and contact details.

The lucky winner will be announced in the *TD* issue on Mon 08 Mar 10. Terms and conditions applysee Daydream Island website.

BA, **IB** pact nears

SPANISH flag carrier Iberia is set to sign the memorandum of understanding for its merger with British Airways (revealed by *TD* on 13 Nov) this month, according to Spanish newspaper *Cinco Dias*.

A meeting of 90 top executives last week reportedly proposed either 12 or 25 Feb for the deal, which would see the merged carriers become the world's third biggest airline by revenue.

The publication also cited plans by Iberia to grow its long-haul operation by 10 percent over the next two years.



Amadeus concurs

AMADEUS has entered into a deal with US expense management specialist Concur which will see Amadeus e-Travel Management bookings fully integrate into Concur Expense.

Concur also offers a Cliqbook Travel corporate self-booking tool and this will see the first integration of Amadeus' core distribution technology into a third party product.

The deal was announced at a Concur conference in Florida, with the solution planned for delivery sometime this year.



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AM dropping flights

AEROMEXICO has withdrawn seat inventory on flights on routes from Mexico City to Toronto and Montreal in Canada from late Mar, and to New Orleans in the USA, from late Feb, according to travel agent GDSs.



Just shut up and fly the plane!

THE captain of a Continental Airlines flight, operated by Colgan Air, which crashed near Buffalo last Feb has been criticised by the US National Transportation Safety Board for talking too much in the lead up to the plane's accident.

An NTSB board member said captain Marvin Renslow was having a "continuous and onesided" chat with his female first officer in the minutes leading up to the 12 Feb incident.

"It was as if the flight was just a means for the captain to conduct a conversation with his young first officer," Robert Sumwalt said.

Forty-nine people on board the Bombardier Dash 8 Q400 and one person on the ground were killed in the accident.

Investigators say the crash was avoidable as the aircraft had no mechanical issues, and adverse weather conditions had not impacted on the handling of the plane.

The safety board also cited an error by the first officer, Rebecca Shaw, when she had incorrectly entered the landing speed, which lead to the turboprop's anti-stall system engaging as the plane prepared to land.

Reslow reacted to the stalling aircraft by pulling back on the controls, instead of pushing forward, causing it to lose lift and plummet to the ground.

Investigator Sunwalt says that the minutes lost from excessive chatter could have been used by Renslow to calculate the first officer's error and override the problem.

ATSB chairman Deborah Hersman said "what this investigation reveals is a picture of complacency resulting in catastrophe."

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- effective negotiation skills;
- sound communications and conflict resolution skills;
- competency in Microsoft Word and Excel.

Applications is confidence to : Karen Conlon State Manager NSW/ACT – kconlon@jtg.com.au. Closes: Monday 8 February, 2010



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Britz adds to fleet

ADVENTURE-seekers have a new off-road vehicle to select from when touring, with Britz adding the Toyota Challenger 4WD.

The V8 Toyota Troop Carrier can accommodate two adults and comes with integrated slide-out barbecue unit and sink, a wrap around awning and pop-top roof.

It also comes equipped with a fridge, cooking utensils, crockery, cutlery, linen, sleeping gear and a solar handheld shower.

Weekly rates for the Challenger 4WD lead in at around \$1,078 (plus insurance and any options extras baby booster seats, camping chairs, etc), based on collection from Melbourne during Apr.

The vehicle is available to book now for travel after 01 Apr - visit www.britz.com.au for more info.

Valentine Rewards

AGENTS can now exchange their accrued World Rewards points on a selection of romance gifts in time for Valentine's Day.

Options include a dozen red roses (4,500 points), Max Brenner Romantic Chocolate Dinner Set (3,000 points) and Event Cinema/ Hoyts movie passes (800+ points).

The range are available for only a limited time - for more info see www.worldrewards.com.au.

21 weeks of tips

DRIVEAWAY Holidays this week concludes its 21 weeks of useful tips and hints aimed at educating consultants who are booking car leasing and rentals for clients.

The suggestions have been run as DriveAway celebrates "21 Years of Experience" in the industry.

Other details which have been provided include information on tolls, insurance options and what to look for when collecting and returning a vehicle.

All the tips can now be download from the Travel Agent section at www.driveway.com.au.

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So, if you wish to work for a company that has been awarded "Best GDS" Asia Pacific and voted #11 in the Top Technology Innovators by InfoWeek500, then please send in your application addressing the job criteria to Kaisser Khater, Human Resources Manager at kaisser.khater@travelport.com.

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Another jewel in the Crown



ABOVE: Victorian tourism minister Tim Holding (right) and Crown ceo David Courtney jointly opened the Crown Conference Centre in Melbourne yesterday.

The purpose-built hotel convention facility is adjacent to the Crown Promenade Hotel and the Crown Entertainment Complex in Southbank, and has facilities to accommodate 840 delegates.

The Crown Conference Centre offers 20 concurrent rooms and is close to the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, with Holding saying the development was a "significant tourism asset for Melbourne.

"Melbourne has the greatest share of the lucrative business events industry in Australia and we are now ranked alongside some of the world's top convention cities including Beijing, Singapore and Dubai, " he said.

Three hats for the Dorchester

THE restaurant named after famous chef Alain Ducasse at London's Dorchester Hotel has been awarded three Michelin Stars, becoming one of only two London eateries with the prestigious rating.

Imaginatively titled 'Alain Ducasse at The Dorchester', the restaurant offers "a unique combination of exquisite contemporary French Cuisine, bespoke friendly service and a modern design - and there's a 'Lunch Hour' menu costing just £45 for three courses, including a generous two glasses of wine.

The Dorchester Collection is represented in Australia by regional sales director Parris Fotias, who can be contacted on pfotias@dorchestercollection.com.



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EMTA seminars

THE Eastern Mediterranean Tourism Association is inviting the travel industry to attend its upcoming series of product updates, which will take place over the next month across the country.

The first seminar is in Adelaide next Tue, with further events in Perth on 10 Feb, Canberra 16 Feb, Melbourne 17 Feb, Gold Coast 23 Feb, Brisbane 24 Feb, Parramatta 09 Mar and Sydney on 10 Mar 2010.

Presenters will include Globus Cosmos, Tempo Holidays, Adventure World, CHAT Tours, Sun Island Tours, TImeless Tours, Peregrine and Geckos, Insight, Made Easy Tours, On The Go Tours, International Destinations, Inside Holidays, Greece and Mediterranean Travel Centre and Royal Jordanian Airlines.

Prizes on offer for attendees more details www.emta.org.au.

Packer denies sale of Macau stake

MACAU-based gambling operator Melco Crown Entertainment has downplayed suggestions that Australian billionaire James Packer may sell his stake in the business to Las Vegas giant Harrah's.

Packer owns 33.5% of the company which operates the City of Dreams casino and hotel complex and the "six star" Altira Macau casino hotel in Macau, with Melco ceo Lawrence Ho saying a report by an analyst that Harrah's was interested in the Packer stake was "total nonsense."

UA one-way rewards

UNITED Airlines has announced a change to its frequent flyer program in which it will for the first time offer redemptions for one-way sectors for half the number of points required for a return trip.

The move matches a similar initiative from American Airlines last May, while other changes to the UA scheme will also allow a "Miles & Money" option where customers can redeem a combination of points and cash to book an award ticket.

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WELCOME to *Industry Appointments, Travel Daily's* Thu feature which has the latest job appointments from across the industry. If you have just appointed someone to a new position and would like to update the industry email appointments@traveldaily.com.au.

Louise Longman has been appointed as the public relations consultant for Delaware North, through her new business Longman Communications. She'll represent Delaware's Parks & Resorts operation in Australia which includes El Questro Wilderness Park, Kings Canyon Resort and Heron, Wilson and Lizard Islands. Longman was previously public relations manager for Voyages.

Matthew Hill has been named as the new resident manager of Conrad Bali. He was most recently the executive assistant manager at the Radisson Resort Fiji Denarau Island.

Stella Wholesale, representing Travel2, Travelscene Holidays, Newmans Holidays, Ski Express, talpacific Holidays and Rail Tickets has appointed Nathan Milner as sales exec NSW north, replacing Anastazia Uglow, who is on maternity leave. And replacing Darren Smith is Lauren Stuchbury, sales exec QLD north, who has been promoted from the talpacific reservations team.

Narelle Welsh has joined Broome & The Kimberley Holidays as their sales development manager for VIC/TAS/SA. Narelle was previously with Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa.

Cover-More Travel Insurance has appointed **Felicity La Terra** as the new state sales manager for VIC/TAS. She joins the company after many years with the Travel Corporation, most recently with AAT Kings. Also new to Cover-More's Victorian team is part-time BDM **Kate James**, who will be servicing the company's agency customers based in the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

Toga Hospitality has appointed Jackie Hill as the group's new communications manager.

Rydges Hotels and Resorts has announced the appointment of Mike Smith as the general of Rydges Plaza Cairns. Smith has spent the past seven years in NZ managing hotels including the Hotel SO, Christchurch, the Mackenzie Country Inn and Mount Cook Hotel.

InterContinental Bali Resort has appointed Phil Riley as general manager and regional general manager IHG Indonesia. Riley has over 30 years of hospitality management experience, and was most recently the GM at the InterContinental Asiana Saigon along with being IHG's regional general manager Vietnam.

Robert Miletic has been named as the new Director of Sales & Marketing for InterContinental Sydney. Miletic has spent the last two years as a member of the pre-opening team for the InterContinental Melbourne, The Rialto and has also held roles with Hyatt and at the Amora Jamison Hotel in Sydney.

Daydream Island has promoted **Jenny Brown** to the role of Reservations Sales Manager, to head up the island's relocated reservations department in Brisbane (*TD* yesterday).

Darren Shaw has been named as the General Manager of Outrigger Laguna Phuket Resort & Villas, moving from his previous role as gm of TheOutrigger on the Lagoon in Fiji.

Starwood Hotels and Resorts has appointed Matthew Jung to the newly created role of marketing director for the W brand in the Asia-Pacific. The move comes with the W Koh Samui, W Bali Seminyak and W Guangzhou set to open this year.

Base Tourism Group has appointed Ben Schultz as general manager of its property on Magnetic Island, while Renee Kiwi is the new gm of Base Taupo.

Scott McConnell has been named as the National Sales Manager for Hayman Island. He'll be based in the Hayman office in Sydney, moving from his previous role at Crown Melbourne.

Cliff Atkinson has been appointed as the General Manager of **Mandarin Oriental**, **San Franciso**. He returns to his home city after several years at the Gramercy Park Hotel in New York.



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BA adds reviews

BRITISH Airways has expanded the destination information offering on its ba.com website, with the addition of TripAdvisor hotel ratings, attraction and activity guides and traveller reviews.

WIN A TRIP TO EUROPE

To celebrate the start of the New Year, Rail Plus is giving Travel **Daily** agent readers the opportunity to win some awesome prizes during the months of January and February. To enter this great competition, subscribers will this week have to simply correctly identify the name of the train pictured to the right, and come up with a creative caption to accompany this photo.

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end of the competition period of a place on the 2010 Rail Plus European familiarisation being held from 28 Apr to 08 May 2010, visiting Northern Italy, Switzerland, France and the UK* - for the best caption overall!

A weekly prize of a Eurail Select Pass for 5 days in 3 countries will also be up for grabs for the cleverest caption received each week, as decided by the Rail Plus judging panel. So put on those thinking caps and email your caption and contact details to railpluscom@traveldaily.com.au.

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IHG targets Hilton loyalty scheme

INTERCONTINENTAL Hotels Group has launched a loyalty war with rival Hilton, with a plan to give out more than 400 million points to members of its Priority Club scheme in a so-called "luckiest loser" promotion.

Last month Hilton's HHonors program increased the number of points needed to earn a free night by about 20%, which effectively devalued the existing points in member's accounts.

The IHG promotion will give the member with the highest Hilton HHonors points balance a whopping 2 million Priority Club points - enough for about 80 free nights at InterContinental hotels.

A further 20,000 members will also share in IHG bonus points to

help compensate them for the Hilton points loss.

IHG's research has found that up to 60% of its customers overlap with Hilton, and cited a "large reservoir of anger" from HHonors members over the devaluation.

US recovery strong

THINGS appear to be turning up in the beleaguered US travel market, which augurs well for the global industry.

Speaking at an event in New York this week the US head of Insight Vacations, Marc Kazlauskas, said sales were already up 35-40% on last year as bookings surge from pent-up demand from baby boomers who didn't travel last year.

Voila! Premium Voyageur

AIR France unveiled its new Premium Voyageur seating to trade partners and corporate clients at a function at the Shangri-La Hotel in Singapore on Tue. The new premium

conomy cabin features 28 seats designed for AF, with a fixed shell guaranteeing passengers 40% more space, privacy

and lots of leg room.

AF claims to be the "first airline in the world to offer so much leg room" in a premium economy cabin as well as being the first European carrier to have fixed shell seats.

Premium Voyageur is available on Air France's international longhaul network, operated by 777, A340 and A330 aircraft.

Targeting the SME market as



well as families wanting more comfort, Premium Voyageur offers the same meal service as in economy but with priority checkin, a 30kg baggage allowance, amenity kit and noise-reducing headphones.

AF KLM gm Singapore, Indonesia, Australia and NZ Paul Rombeek is pictured above trying out Premium Voyageur with a guest during the launch.

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