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## JAL back to Brissie

JAPAN Airlines from today begins a new codeshare agreement with oneworld airline alliance partner Qantas on QF operated flights between Singapore and Brisbane.

Yesterday, JAL suspended BNE from its international network, terminating the service which has been in place for 22 years, as revealed by *Travel Daily*.

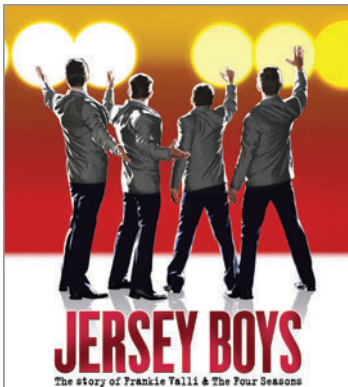
JAL's airline code will now appear on the daily QF052/051 services, and best connects with JL710/719 on the Singapore and Tokyo Narita route.

## Bumper issue today

*Travel Daily* today has seven pages of news and photos, plus full pages from:

- AA Appointments
- Qantas Holidays
- Club Med

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## Stella-JTG set for strength

**ALMOST** every senior executive in the merged Jetset Travelworld-Stella group (*TD* yesterday) holds shares in the expanded company, with an organisational structure of the group released late yesterday by ceo Peter Lacaze.

The chart reveals few surprises, with Mike Thompson heading up Travelscene Amex, while David Rivers will continue as head of Harvey World Travel - both revealed in the company's merger memorandum (*TD* 30 Jul) as among the 40 Stella execs who received JTJG shares yesterday in exchange for Stella shares.

Col Hughes is head of airline representation, and reports to Russell Carstensen as head of the Air Services division - also both shareholders - while other new JTJG shareholders in the

organisational chart include Greg Leighton who will continue to run the group's NZ operations, as well as Gary Elliott who remains as head of Best Flights.

The structure also confirms that urbane former Qantas Hols ceo Simon Bernardi will return to the company in the dual role of head of wholesale and also as head of Qantas Holidays.

Reporting to Bernardi in the wholesale division are Lindy Christian (product), Michael Londregan (USA), Rohan Moss (wholesale Australia), Paul Hole (Travel Indochina) and Denis Pierce (Inbound) - all of whom also now hold JTJG shares.

Non-Stella division heads include Warwick Blacker, in charge of Jetset Travelworld's retail network, and David Hughes who remains as head of QBT.

In a statement to the industry, Lacaze said the merger would mean "key business partners will have improved trading opportunities," while franchisees will have "greater security for their investment in their retail businesses."

"Investors who have supported both businesses will get improved financial returns," he added.

Lacaze said future plans would be discussed at the upcoming annual conferences for TSAX, HWT, JTJG and United Travel.

## AA's Job-toberfest

**AA APPOINTMENTS** has today launched 'Job-toberfest', offering job candidates free expert advice on career options, and professional interview and career tips in Oct.

See page eight for more info.

## SYD backs DJ/NZ

**SYDNEY** Airport has come out in favour of the proposed trans-Tasman alliance between Virgin Blue and Air New Zealand, with its backing following similar support for the DJ pact with Etihad (*TD* yesterday).

In a submission to the ACCC enquiry into the deal, Sydney Airport ceo Russell Balding said: "In our view, there would be no meaningful impact on competition between airlines servicing trans-Tasman routes, and no concomitant meaningful anti-competitive detriment."

"Further, we encourage endeavours that may result in better quality of service for passengers and increasingly efficient use of airport assets," Balding said.



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## SriLankan just the first for Walshe

**THE** appointment of The Walshe Group to represent SriLankan Airlines in Australia and New Zealand (*TD* yesterday) is believed to be the first of a number of new gsa arrangements in the wings for the company.

It's understood that Walshe will shortly announce another significant airline gsa which will take effect from 01 Nov.

"Providing quality representation to the travel and tourism industry is our core business and decades of experience in this unique sector is what sets us apart," said ceo Jacqui Walshe.

She said that the company was currently recruiting for new positions in connection with the acquisition of UL, which was previously represented by Stella Travel's World Aviation Systems.

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## VA adds LHR fares

**VIRGIN** Blue Group's long haul international carrier, V Australia, has today launched fares to London operating via Abu Dhabi, with promo fares for 01 Mar being advertised online priced at \$1,200 plus taxes (\$1671 with taxes), *Travel Daily* can reveal.

Flight details on the V Australia website this morning show flights to Abu Dhabi on 'VA' metal will operate on Tue, Thu and Sat.

Flight number VA29 operates from SYD at 16:05pm, and arrives into AUH at 23:40pm the same day.

VA29 connects with Etihad's EY11 flight to Heathrow, which departs at 02:40am, arriving into LHR at 06:45am (same day).

Total west-bound flight duration is 25 hours and 40 mins.

VA30 operates from Abu Dhabi at 10:45am, and arrives back into Sydney at 07:15am the next day, which links with EY18 from LHR (20:40pm/07:40am +1)

East-bound total flight time is 23 hours and 35 mins.

Although not listed on the VA website as yet, the number of int'l destinations the carrier flies to is expected to be broadened under the Etihad alliance, to include Athens, Manchester, Dublin and Munich, as revealed by *Travel Daily* last month (*TD* 03 Sep).

Other non-Euro cities under the pact include Mumbai and Delhi.

An announcement of the new V Australia/Etihad Airways services is expected to be made soon.

## Trip Oct bonuses

**QANTAS** Holidays and Viva! Holidays are reminding agents today about bonus offers that are available through Oct, including extra points for South Pacific and domestic holidays booked - see page nine for full details.

## No ASTA slogan restriction

**THE** American Society of Travel Agents is not trying to stop Australian travel agents from using the 'Without a Travel Agent, You're On Your Own' slogan, according to a formal advice from ASTA overnight.

ASTA senior vice president for Legal & Industry Affairs, Paul Ruden, told *TD* that ASTA is working with both AFTA and NZ agent group TAANZ to "regularise licenses" for the slogan's use.

"There is no dispute regarding this... it is a process of creating appropriate licensing documents for the protection of the interests of all parties," he said.

ASTA owns the (US) trademark rights to the slogan "and must act to protect that interest... at the same time the other associations who are using the slogan will also understand the proper scope and limitations of use," Ruden added.

When asked by *TD* about reported concerns that ASTA is aiming to restrict use of the

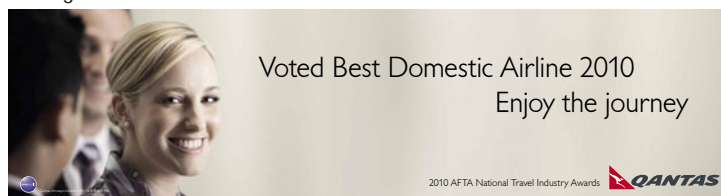
slogan to AFTA only, rather than to its travel agent members, he reaffirmed: "No, we are not trying to do that".

AFTA chief executive officer Jayson Westbury told *TD* today that the organisation "is working through a process with ASTA and is encouraged by the positive statements released today that everyone gains."

**MEANWHILE** AFTA is gaining significant exposure across the country with a series of new billboards which have been erected by Qantas.

QF is making the most of its win at this year's National Travel Industry Awards, with the massive displays (pictured below) on the outskirts of Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide and Perth airports.

They're also up in city centre sites in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney - and interestingly do not include a qantas.com call to action.



## 154 ships in Sydney SQ KKs GRU/BCN

**THE** NSW government says the 2010-11 Sydney cruise season, which began yesterday, will be the busiest on record, with 154 ship visits calling into Sydney Harbour, up 30% on last year.

"The number of cruise ship visits this season confirms Sydney's importance as Australia's major cruise hub and its position as the leading cruise destination in Australia," Eric Roozendaal said.

**SINGAPORE** Airlines has confirmed it will launch its first services to South America from Mar next year, as flagged by *TD* last month (*TD* 09 Sep).

SIA will launch a thrice weekly service between Singapore and Sao Paulo, operating via Barcelona, and operate under a codeshare arrangement with Spanair.

The carrier says the route will boost tourism and travel links.

## Window Seat

*TD*'s inadvertent breaking news slip when announcing the appointment of Qantas Hols ceo Chris Rankin as the new head of Cruise1st (*TD* 23 Sep) created lots of opportunities for merriment.

We accidentally added a 't' to Rankin's first name, prompting many responses suggesting divine intervention.

And Qantas Holidays staff joined the fun, with a special card created for his farewell



**THOSE** Kiwis just love their junk food, don't they.

There's been major traffic chaos in the North Island town of New Plymouth this week, after the reopening of a KFC eatery.

Residents and visiting tourists have had to get their 11 secret herbs and spices elsewhere since Jul when the outlet was closed for a NZ\$1.5m renovation.

The reopening caused long drive-through queues, with KFC lovers waiting up to 40 minutes for their tasty treats.

And a number of school students even played truant to get some of the junk food, according to the *Taranaki News*.

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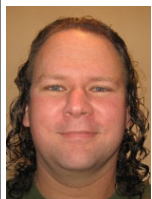
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## Travel Daily AU First with the news on location with Rail Europe



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Reporter, Michael  
Williams, as he  
arrives in Paris,  
on the Rail Europe  
Educational.

OUR air sponsors, THAI have possibly the most legroom of any economy seat that I've ever sat in on a long-haul flight.

It was actually possible for a 6ft 2" person (yours truly) to sleep.

Normally this only happens when in an exit row seat, which I was assigned on the SYD-BKK leg.

It just shows that the message we give to our clients is correct - getting there early and asking nicely does actually work!

The last couple of days in Paris we've experienced some interesting and potentially useful hotels.

Les Relais de Paris is a hotel company that offers the best of traditional Parisian hotels in terms of service and practicality combined with a unique look.

Their properties are all close to Metro lines with design aspects related to themes of colour, photography and literature.

The Galleries Lafayette is not just a department store - it's the ultimate shopping experience, offering personalised service.

It is fun to see jaws drop and eyes goggle as shoppers see an entire floor dedicated to shoes, where they are put on the same pedestal as fragrances.

Galleries Lafayette also offer an in-house refund of taxes for international travellers.

**For more from the fam,**  
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## Fraudster still trying

YET more travel agents have contacted TD following up our stories on the scammers targeting the industry with seemingly bona fide identification documents and local phone numbers (TD 24 Sep).

The latest alias being used by one of the alleged fraudsters is 'Mr Charles Cole' and he's continuing to use the previously highlighted 07 3121 3322 phone number - so be warned!

## Longer Thredbo ski

THREDBO has announced it will stay open for a longer ski season despite the official season ending this weekend, due to record snowmaking and a cool Sep.

The resort says it has tripled its snowmaking operations year on year, pumping out 600,000 cubic metres of the artificial snow over the season.

## Tiger loyalty club

TIGER Airways has today launched a new loyalty program for frequent budget travellers, dubbed 'Tiger Stripes'.

The "exclusive program" gives members access to promo air fares before they are released to the public, and is priced from \$29.95 per annum.

## Int'l traffic up 10%

LATEST govt stats show that passenger traffic on international flights for the year ended Jul 2010 increased by 10.1% to 25,871 million movements, compared to the same time 12 months earlier.

The International Airline Activity report, released yesterday, also indicated that seats on scheduled passenger services was beefed up by 9.5% over the same period, while seats utilised rose a fraction, from 77.3% to 78.5%.

Jetstar saw its share of int'l flights increase by nearly 1% to a total of 8.1%, while the other five top carriers (Qantas, Singapore Airlines, Air New Zealand and Emirates) all noticed slight drops.

Low cost carriers (AirAsia X, AirAsia, Jetstar, Pacific/Polynesian Blue and Tiger) took a larger slice of the int'l flights sector from their full service rivals, raising their cut to nearly 18.6% (from 16.3%) of traffic to/from Australia.

The Sydney-Auckland route was the busiest international sector in Jul, accounting for 5.4% of all pax movements, followed by Sydney-Singapore and Sydney-Hong Kong.

SYD Airport had close to double the amount of int'l flights than Melbourne Airport, with 42.4% against 21.6%.

## AOT \$uper \$avers

AOT Holidays has launched its Oct \$uper\$avers flyer, featuring a range of holiday deals on offer around the nation.

Go to the Sunlover Holidays, NSW Holidays and Travelpoint Holidays agent websites for info.

## WIN A MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION FOR 12 MONTHS



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## Long hours in WA

TRAVEL agencies and other businesses in Perth's metro area will have the option to stay open until 9:00pm on weeknights from 01 Nov, after the govt gave the go ahead for more flexible hours.

"This is an exciting time for retailers and shoppers. I think these reforms will bring more vibrancy to the Perth metropolitan area," WA Commerce Minister Bill Marmion said.

## MK names new ceo

AIR Mauritius has appointed Soobhiraj Bungraz as its new ceo following Manoj Ujoodha resignation recently.

Bungraz has had a long career previously working in the field of aviation with the Australian government in various senior management roles.

## Ramada opens BKK

THE Wyndham Hotel Group has announced the opening of the Ramada Hotel and Suites Bangkok, the first Asia Pacific property for the brand.

The 11-storey hotel offers studio and suite accommodation, complimentary breakfast, a restaurant and bar, fitness centre, business centre and outdoor pool.

## Glitch cost unknown

THE full financial impact of Virgin Blue's reservation system crash last Sun, which lead to the cancellation of over 100 flights around the nation, remains "unknown", according to DJ's Annual Report released yesterday.

The report also revealed that if market conditions "continue to be volatile", Virgin Blue Group has the option to adjust capacity through aircraft lease returns and rescheduling of deliveries.

DJ said its 2010 figures show that its business is "robust and well positioned to fully exploit the benefits" to be delivered by new strategies and alliances.

"The outlook for V Australia is encouraging following the network review, with aircraft redeployed to higher yielding long haul routes," DJ told shareholders.

## Dollar rejects Hertz

SHAREHOLDERS of the Dollar Thrifty Automotive Grp yesterday voted against the board's recommendation to accept a buyout offer made by Hertz (TD Wed), leaving the door open for rival Avis Budget Group to acquire the car rental firm.

13.8 million votes were cast against the Hertz offer, while 11.8 million share votes were cast in favour of the deal.

Hertz was offering US\$43.60 in cash for each Dollar Thrifty share, while Avis' offer was worth US\$53.

Last week the heads at Dollar Thrifty said they were concerned about the time an Avis Budget deal would take to transact.

## Eat, Pray, Love with Webjet

LAST night Webjet invited industry guests, airlines and tourist boards to *Eat, Pray, Love*, in celebration of its latest promo.

Held at Sydney's State Theatre, the movie night opened with Webjet's first-ever 60 second ad, designed for both cinema and television screens.

Currently part of the advertising push which the company began in Jul, the space-age styled ad welcomes viewers "to a world of planning and booking travel that puts you in complete control".

Speaking exclusively with TD about the campaign, marketing manager, David Galt said Webjet's aim was to "drive the brand and its core values".

"We also want people to be aware of the booking tools available on the site, such as the Stay then Pay Hotel option which allows guests to pay just \$10 to



secure the booking and then to pay the balance to the hotel at the end of their stay," he added.

The 60 second spot is being backed up by a series of 15 and 20 second ads on network TV channels as well as SBS, whilst the campaign has also seen Webjet enter into AFL sponsorship.

"We started ten years ago, with just four people and no turnover," Webjet ceo Richard Noon said.

"Now we've got 80 employees, \$500m in turnover and we're Australia's leading online booking travel agency," he added.

Pictured above, from left, are Samantha Grace, Abu Dhabi Tourism; Richard Noon, Webjet and Lauren Penfold, Abu Dhabi Tourism.

LEFT: Air France/KLM's Lynnette Belivanis, Ditas Oesch and Franny Claire-Mauchien with Webjet's Matthew Fagan.



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## Enjoying Venice courtesy EK

**RIGHT:** Trevor Freer from Flight Centre Echuca in Vic was last year's winner of the Emirates Europe incentive, and is pictured with his partner Meaghan Cleaver in one of the watery streets of Venice.

Freer won business class flights for two from Australia to Europe and the pair cruised the Mediterranean before visiting Cannes, Montenegro, Venice and Milan.

This year the EK earlybird incentive is offering four major prizes of business class flights to Europe, along with weekly prizes and an unlimited number of tiered guaranteed rewards.

The incentive is active for EK ticket sales now and will conclude Sun 21 Nov - more information [www.emiratestoeurope.com.au](http://www.emiratestoeurope.com.au).

### VTIC on 'red tape'

**THE** Victorian Tourism Industry says it has concerns with the State Government regulatory burden, causing the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission to investigate ways to reduce the stress on tourism operators.

VTIC chair Jeremy Johnson said a recent tourism survey indicated 31% of respondents said state govt regulation as a 'significant' or 'critical' constraint on business performances.

"Tourism operators are particularly struggling with red tape around alcohol licensing and planning laws," Johnson said.

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## DJ reallocation OK

**THE** International Air Services Commission has approved Virgin Blue's reallocation of seats on the Fiji route from V Australia to Pacific Blue Australia, and Pacific Blue Australia transferring its seat allocation to Bali, to Virgin Blue.



## Rail Plus incentive

**RAIL** Plus will next week launch its Eurail Global Pass incentive for bookings sold during Oct and Nov and for travel over the European winter season.

A \$100 Snowgum voucher will be awarded to each agent selling a Global Pass during the period.

Global Passes are valid in 21 countries, for use on 10 or 15 days of rail travel within two months, while the Global Continuous Pass is for 15 and 21 days or one, two or three months - [railplus.com.au](http://railplus.com.au).

## Solomon to 4/week

**SOLOMON** Airlines has added a fourth weekly service between Brisbane and Honiara, with a Sun flight to launch from 05 Dec.

A spokesman for the carrier said it "continues to grow and we have captured a sizeable share" of the total market, and that now was the time to add a 4th service.



## Travel Specials

**WELCOME** to *Travel Specials*, *Travel Daily's* Friday feature. If your firm has released a travel special you'd like to make the industry aware of send the details to [specials@traveldaily.com.au](mailto:specials@traveldaily.com.au).

**Mantra Hotels and Resorts** is offering Hairspray deals incl accom and tickets to see the show at Princess Theatre in Melbourne from 02 Oct. Staying at the **Mantra on Russell** prices start from \$247pp per night - [mantra.com.au/hairspray](http://mantra.com.au/hairspray).

**Coral Seas** is offering a Mana Island Weddmoon package for 7 nts priced from \$999pp. The package includes a stay 7/pay 5 deal in a **Mana Island Bure** incl brekkie and transfers, a minister or celebrant, wedding coordinator, wedding venue decoration, escort, & marriage licence registration fee. On sale until 30 Nov, for travel 10 Oct-23 Dec/10 Jan-31 Mar 2011 - [coralseas.com.au](http://coralseas.com.au).

**Sofitel Queenstown Hotel & Spa** is offering a rediscovery package priced from A\$600 per couple, on sale and travel until 30 Nov 2010. The package incl two nights accom in a superior room, brekkie, two cocktails & a 30 minute foot reflexology treatment. For bookings, email [reservations@sofitelqueenstown.com](mailto:reservations@sofitelqueenstown.com), and quote 'Rediscover that Spring in your Step'.

**World Resorts of Distinction** is offering an Eat, Pray, Love package staying at the **The Novus Bali Villa Resort and Spa**, Kerobokan priced from US\$2,180 per couple. The package includes accom in a Private Pool Villa, brekkie, daily yoga class, six 90 min body massage, two 60 minutes foot massage, return airport tranfers & more. Valid until 31 Mar 2011 surcharge applicable during the high season. Email Tess Willcox - [tess@wrld.com.au](mailto:tess@wrld.com.au).

**Stay and Play Rotorua** is offering a 3 night package at **The Springs**, a Karaway Jet ride, Pure Cruise - Half Day Sailing Cruise and Wet and Wild Rafting priced from NZ\$910ppts. For further details go to [www.rotorua.co.nz](http://www.rotorua.co.nz).

## Sea World spooks

**SEA** World on the Gold Coast says it will transform its Sesame Street Beach into a scary Halloween celebration every weekend during Oct.

It's the first time ever that Sea World has featured a family halloween celebration, which will include special activities including trick or treating, face painting, and live appearances by Count Von Count and a kids fancy dress event.

## CX Cabin lounge

**CATHAY** Pacific Airways has opened its passenger lounge in Hong Kong called The Cabin, located at Gate 23 at the International Airport.

The introduction of The Cabin joins its three existing lounges.

## Xiamen Boeing buy

**CHINA's** Xiamen Airlines has signed a deal to purchase 10 Boeing 737 aircraft, due for delivery between 2015-16.



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## Top gong for Constellation



**ABOVE:** Constellation Hotels took out the Hotel Chain of the Year award at the Hotel Motel and Accommodation Association's 2010 National Accommodation Industry Awards for Excellence that was held on the Gold Coast late last month.

The event was attended by 200 leaders and representatives from the tourism and accommodation sector.

Lorraine Duffy, HMAA's chief executive said: "The HMAA

### QF 787 simulators

**QANTAS** is reported to be looking at setting up two Boeing 787 training simulators in Sydney, according to *The Australian*.

Courses for pilots with no experience flying a Boeing aircraft take about 20 days using the \$US15-20 million training suites, plus 13 days of other training.

National Accommodation Industry Awards for Excellence are all about achieving and maintaining the highest standards in the accommodation industry.

Jonathan Wooler, Constellation Hotels md, was delighted with the win, saying, "In the past year we have worked hard to grow our hotel network, to build our brands in the regions in which they operate, and to develop our people as the future leaders in the hospitality industry, so we are thrilled to take home this award".

Pictured are the Constellation Hotels Team, front row *from left:* Matthew Ryan, Nick Walker, Bill Bradley and Vince Wilson.

Back row: Nikki Walton, Darryl Courtney O'Conner, Ann Whitelock, Peter Sweeny, Cameron Stewart, James Gardiner, Kristen Carville and Jodie Cairns.

## Allure Royal 5K

**ROYAL** Caribbean Int'l will offer guests on its 12 Dec sailing on *Allure of the Seas* the chance to participate in its first ever fun run, the 'Royal 5K'.

The event will be held as a shore excursion in St Maarten on 14 Dec, and costs \$50 for adults and \$35 for children.

The special sailing, ex Port Everglades, also includes a week of "exclusive, vitality-themed activities" including seminars and lectures with high profile athletes.

## AF-KLM migrates

**AIR** France and KLM Airlines Group has successfully migrated with Amadeus' Altea Inventory solution, in a bid to modernise and consolidate the group's Passenger Service System.

Altea Inventory allows the group to access real-time seat availability and get the most advanced revenue management techniques.

Qantas was the launch customer for the Altea platform.

## Compass' October

**COMPASS** Cars has released the first stage of its 2011 earlybird deals with UK and Ireland prices charged at the 2010 rate, and a free upgrade on select cars, when purchased by 31 Oct.

The wholesaler has also released earlybirds for USA/Canada, Spain and Italy, Renault Leasing and UK Motorhomes - more information online at [agents.compasscarrental.com.au](http://agents.compasscarrental.com.au).

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## Etiha to Bangalore

**ETIHAD** Airways has announced it will launch a new four times weekly service between Abu Dhabi and Bangalore from Jan, before moving to daily on 27 Mar 2011.

Bangalore becomes EY's 66th global destination and eighth Indian city serviced.

**MEANWHILE** Etihad Airways has announced a codeshare deal with Air Malta, beginning today.

The new deal will see the EY code placed on Air Malta services between Milan and Malta, and the KM two letter code attached to flights from Milan and Abu Dhabi, operated on Etihad metal.

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## Street View growth

GOOGLE Street View, the online technology that provides street-level views of locations across the world, has broadened its scope to 25 countries including Ireland and Brazil, along with the South Shetland Islands in Antarctica.

## Sofitel OOL sell off

THE Sofitel Gold Coast Broadbeach has been put on the market after the completion of a \$17 million refurbishment.

The 296-room five star hotel has a pact in place with Accor to manage the property, but owner Thakral Holdings is offering the sale with vacant possession.

## Sheraton for fitness

STARWOOD Hotels and Resorts has announced that the Sheraton Hotels and Resorts Worldwide properties will have their owners invest \$120 million to roll out a new fitness program.

An alliance with Core Performance will see 60 hotels feature the fitness program in the first phase, and a further 70 properties to be outfitted by the end of 2010.

## JQ Asia name coo

HO YUEN Sang has been named as the first chief operating officer for the Singapore-based Qantas off-shoot, Jetstar Asia.

## SA's new tours

SOUTH Australia has a number of new tours, the South Australia Tourism Commission advises, including the Big Duck Boat Tour, Adelaide Photography Tours and a Rawnsley Park Station Art Tour.

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## TASC shows off wild beasts



ABOVE: The Africa Safari Co and South African Airways were the hosts of the Wild Animal Encounters film crew in Botswana and South Africa last month.

The crew were on location to film a number of segments for their show, with highlights including Elephant Back Safaris in the Okavango Delta in Botswana, leopard tracking and darting in the Kwanwe Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, along with a whale watching and Great White Shark dive off the coast of Gansbaai.

Pictured above from left are: Aaron Smith, WAE cameraman; Ben Britton, WAE presenter; and their courageous guide Wayne Hamilton, marketing manager The

## LAN halts Quito flts

ONEWORLD alliance carrier LAN has suspended services to and from Mariscal Sucre Int'l Airport in Quito following political unrest in Ecuador, and also shutting up its sales offices in Guayaquil, Quito, Cuenca and Galapagos.

Demonstrations have broken out across the country following the President's cancellation of bonuses and promotions.

The airline said it "laments the inconveniences that these circumstances...cause to its passengers."

"The company will inform the reestablishment of flights via [www.lan.com](http://www.lan.com) once public order has been restored." LAN said on its website.

LAN says while Guayaquil Airport is not closed, the passenger check-in process is not being carried out there.

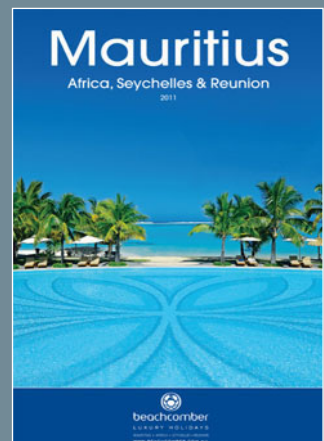
The disorder has seen the shut down of the Ecuador/Peru border.



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Inset: Getting a bit close for comfort, with a one of the great whites giving a tooth grin.

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