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NTIA award winning major travel agency group Travellers Choice has today reported a 15% operating profit increase for the 2014/15 financial year, with a final pre-tax result of \$1.86 million.

The new record figure for the independent member-owned network is the third successive year the mark has been beaten.

Travellers Choice is still riding the crest of the wave which saw it named as Best Travel Agency Group (100 outlets or more) at the NTIA Awards in Jul.

Members will now share in 95% of the group's result, with the Travellers Choice Board of Directors confirming an unfranked dividend of \$0.25c per share.

Overall income jumped 14% due to an increase in member agencies joining the firm.

The company said remaining operating profit will be distributed through trading rebates for airline and wholesale partners.

Over the year, the company also returned \$2.1 million in extra commissions, incentives and overrides, a figure which soared 39% compared to the prior year. Travellers Choice ceo Christian Hunter said members had also earned supplementary override commissions through the group's preferred supplier network.

"Given that our membership fees are among the lowest of any major network in Australia, and our support services are second-to-none, Travellers Choice member shareholders continue to receive an outstanding return on investment," Hunter said.

Member shareholders will next gather in Melbourne later this year for the group's AGM and Shareholder Conference.

Escape to One&Only

ONE&ONLY Hayman Island has released a new Travel Industry Escape offer of \$799 per night incl yacht transfers - see **page ten**.

Eight pages of news!

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news and photos, plus full pages from: (*click*)

- AA Appointments jobs
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ICC reaches its peak

FIFTEEN months ahead of its scheduled opening, Sydney's new International Convention Centre has reached its operating height.

A topping out ceremony took place at the site yesterday, with NSW Premier Mike Baird and Treasurer Andrew Constance both in attendance.

"By the end of next year, we'll have a state-of-the-art convention centre that truly befits a global city and cements Sydney as the number one place to do business," the Premier said.

Constance added the centre and the Darling Harbour waterfront will ensure international delegates to Sydney enjoy an "unmatched visitor experience".

\$250 to SIN and HNL

LOW-COST carriers Scoot and Jetstar are both offering cheap fares to Singapore and Hawaii respectively in new promotions.

Scoot's fares start from \$250 ex Perth, \$330 ex Gold Coast and \$350 ex Sydney & Melbourne, on sale until 08 Sep for select dates.

Jetstar today released fares to Honolulu from \$249 ex Sydney & Melbourne, on sale until 07 Sep.



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QF retro charity flight

A ONE-OFF return charity flight from Sydney to Longreach to raise funds for the Western Queensland Drought Appeal operating on Sat 31 Oct by Qantas' retro-liveried Boeing 737 jet has sold out.

The flight will feature crew in retro Qantas uniforms, a 1970's themed Neil Perry inflight menu complete with old-time cocktails, a musical performance prior to departure & champagne brekkie.

Support for the venture has been provided by Shell, Air BP, Sydney Airport and Queensland Airports Limited, as well as QF pilots and crew, all donating their services for the fundraiser.

IAG finalises EI deal

SHAREHOLDERS representing 98.05% of Irish carrier Aer Lingus have voted in favour of the takeover offer put forth by International Airlines Group.

IAG ceo Willie Walsh will now take a place on the Aer Lingus board of directors, with payment for shares expected in 14 days.

The move adds El to the stable of IAG carriers including British Airways, Iberia and Vueling.

Dual Blu opening

RADISSON Blu has opened two resorts on the Indian Ocean tourist destination of Mauritius.

The 160-room Radisson Blu Azuri Resort & Spa, Mauritius is a family-friendly resort and offers suites, townhouses & penthouses with kitchens for long-term stays.

It is joined by the adults-only 100-room Radisson Blu Poste Lafayette Resort & Spa, Mauritius.

Both properties are located on the northeast coast of Mauritius.

TA #notatourist Visa pact

A NEW campaign focused on Australia's unique coastal & aquatic experiences and exceptional food & wine offering will tempt audiences in Asia Pacific to act now to boost tourism expenditure across the entire country.

Announced today, Tourism Australia has commenced a three year partnership with Visa to use the credit card company's Cross Border '#notatourist' campaign.

The #notatourist hashtag began in Jun and in Aug locally, with a mission to drive overseas tourism on 'the road less travelled'.

Building on the highly successful 'There's Nothing Like Australia' promo and the prowess of the RTO's social media expertise, TA & Visa will encourage visitors to disperse throughout the nation. "We will be providing local knowledge to travellers to help them explore destinations beyond the regular tourist spots, with our platform enabling them to be ambassadors or tour guides for their favourite travel spots," Visa Inc group executive for Asia Pacific Chris Clark said.

Tourism Australia md John O'Sullivan said China would be the launch market, targeting 'free and independent' millennials.

Other markets include Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, India, Indonesia, Japan & South Korea.

"The Visa #NotATourist message speaks strongly to this audience, encouraging young Chinese travellers to get off the beaten path & experience Australia as locals, not just as tourists."

Stalemate on Bali visa

AUSTRALIA'S outright refusal to grant Indonesia reciprocal free entry visas for short-term stays appears to have scuppered plans by Indonesia to extend the offer to Australian citizens.

According to *News Corp* reports, less than a day after Indonesia said it would add Australia among a list of 47 new countries to receive visa-free entry, the move now appears to be off the table.

Holidays to Bali will therefore still see Aussies cough up US\$35 at the border for entry passes.

Indonesia's move was expected to take effect from Oct - a sign of warming relations between the two countries after a number of high-profile diplomatic spats.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has ruled out reciprocity, saying the policy was "across the board".

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Restaurant Australia delivers

TOURISM Australia is hailing the results of the International Visitor Survey results for the 12 months ending 30 Jun, which saw multiple new records set, including visitor spend which jumped 10% to \$33.4b (**TD** yest).

The national tourism authority blitzed its expenditure target for the Restaurant Australia promo with six months to spare.

TA set itself the ambitious goal



of boosting expenditure growth by 6% year-on-year from Dec 2013 to Dec 2015.

In Dec 2013, visitors spent \$4.2b on food & wine when in Australia, with the 6% growth target aiming for an increase of a bit more than \$500 million over a 2 year period.

Since that time, food & wine spend has grown 12.6% to \$531 million, fuelled by the Restaurant Australia campaign.

"Drawing attention to the people, produce & places that lie behind our country's exceptional food and wine experiences has been a major focus of Tourism Australia's global marketing activities for the past 18 months," Tourism Australia managing director John O'Sullivan said.

He said it was pleasing to see the benefits of the initiative already delivering results, with 1 in 5 tourism dollars spent by international visitors in Australia spent now on food and wine.

"We've achieved our target with two quarters still left to go," O'Sullivan remarked.

MEANWHILE, according to the IVS results, the fastest growing activities undertaken by visitors to Australia for the year ending 30 Jun were visiting history/ heritage buildings, monuments & sites, up 23% to 2.1 million. Attending festivals, cultural events or fairs were up 22% and snow sports jumped 21%.

SPTE Gold Coast show

THE South Pacific Tourism Exchange will be held on the Gold Coast on 20-21 May, tying in with Tourism Australia's ATE 2016 which runs from 15-19 May.

MSC Lirica China base

EUROPEAN line MSC Cruises has joined the horde of operators flocking to Chinese shores, announcing overnight it will base *MSC Lirica* in Shanghai.

The 2,600-passenger vessel will sail into its new home on 01 May, following a 60-day repositioning Grand Voyage from Rio de Janeiro which cruises via Europe.

Lirica has just entered drydock as the final ship to undergo the MSC Renaissance program, which will lengthen the ship by 24m and add capacity for 611 new pax.

More details in today's issue of *Cruise Weekly* - CLICK HERE.

Melb more incredible

MELBOURNE has trumped Sydney to be voted ahead in the latest *International Traveller* look at the 100 Most Incredible Cities, which features in its Sep issue.

The Vic capital ranked highest of Australia's eight state & territory capital cities, coming eighth with its northern neighbour at nine.

Claiming the top gong as the world's most incredible city was Paris, which featured ahead of London, New York and Istanbul, with Rome closing the top five.



TECHNOLOGY is taking over the world, and has now spread to the humble meal of breakfast.

An innovative machine capable of imprinting selfie photos onto a pancake has begun a tour of nine Holiday Inn Express properties along the US Southwest and West Coast.

Dubbed the 'Pancake Selfie Express', the device is the brainchild of the budget IHG brand's Creative Director and self-styled comedian Rob Riggle.

IHG is using the concept to promote the importance of a daily breakfast, combined with our insatiable love of selfies.

Using a connected mobile phone camera, the pancake maker uses finely-tuned lasers to imprint an image directly into one of the yummy pastries.

Tipped to be hugely popular, five pancakes per minute can be made using the machine.

See the Holiday Inn Express Facebook page for info as the Selfie Express tour progresses.



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Record year for CDU

CRUISE Down Under has highlighted the massive contribution cruising makes to the Australian tourism sector, with the organisation's soon to be released Economic Impact Report summarising a record year for the sector in 2014/15.

By collating ship visits as well as passenger and crew spending, the report estimates a total impact of more than \$3.3 billion, with record levels of ship arrivals, turnarounds and transits.

It's estimated that more than 2.5 million cruise ship passengers also overnighted in ports - up fivefold in the last decade.

And indicators going forward are also very positive, with P&O Cruises' upcoming "five ship" spectacle in Sydney Harbour on 25 Nov, as well as next year's arrival of Royal Caribbean's *Ovation of the Seas* set to keep cruising front of mind.

More from the report in today's issue of *Cruise Weekly*.

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Your invitation to **Discover the Age of Traveller Power.**

LAST night Tourism NT helped

welcome delegates to the Cruise

Darwin, with participants from

across Australia gathering for

drinks on the city's waterfront.

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sightseeing activities including

a Jumping Crocs tour, harbour

exploring Darwin with a range of

Down Under conference in



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Monika Townsend from Sydney

Richard Schoonrad and Athena

at facebook.com/cruiseweekly.

Lots more pics from CDU Darwin

Opera House, Tourism NT's

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Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you courtesy of Tourism NT and Cruise Down Under which is running its 19th annual conference in Darwin this week.

DELEGATES at the Cruise Down Under conference have today been informed and challenged to capitalise on the fast-growing cruise sector, with many participants representing ports and destinations across Australia.

The challenge of making product "cruise-ready" has been explored, with presentations on the potential of Asia as well as western markets, with experts on stage including Star Cruises' Michael Hackman, Claudius Docekal of Crystal Cruises and Silversea's Daris Mehta - see today's **Cruise Weekly** for more.





MANTRA Group has opened its first property under the premium Peppers brand in Adelaide.

The five-star, 202-room Peppers Waymouth Hotel (**below**) is centrally located among many of the South Australia capital's major sites including the Adelaide Convention Centre, Rundle Mall and Casino.

Peppers Waymouth Hotel is a rebrand of the city's former Rendezvous Hotel and also features two F&B outlets.

Other guest facilities include a heated indoor lap pool, gym, spa, sauna and 120sqm conference centre for meetings and events offering capacity for up to 150.

The new Peppers is the Mantra Group's fifth property in Adelaide alongside two Mantra brand and two BreakFree properties.

Opening rates start from \$149. The team at Peppers Waymouth Hotel are **pictured** above.



Stage & Screen UK

FLIGHT Centre Travel Group's entertainment and sports travel brand, Stage and Screen Travel Services has debuted in the UK.

Stage and Screen gm, Tiziano Galipo, said the company's UK opening would provide a wider selection of airfares, specialist transport, hotel products and benefits to its clients in Australia.

The company plans to expand the reach of the UK office into Europe, which Galipo says will "provide even broader product choice and value" to local clients.

Devils Marbles swap

THE Wauchope Hotel in the Northern Territory has been reopened as the Devils Marbles Hotel, following upgrades that have doubled its accom capacity.

The \$400k upgrades included new concreting, an extension of the Beer Garden, relocation of the single man cabins, and interior improvements.

Phi Phi Island reps

COMPLETE Travel Marketing are now managing the marketing of Phi Phi Island Village Beach Resort in Australia and NZ.

The 4.5-star beachfront resort has 144 Thai style bungalows and 12 private Hillside Pool Villas.



QF change fee change

QANTAS has issued a bulletin advising agents of a change to the way ticket change fees are to be collected and receipted.

All changes require a reissue whenever a fare change occurs, with ticket change fees receipted separately from any fare increase using EMD-S, with GST shown separately as a 'UO' amount.

EMD-S must be cross-referenced with the ticket number, raised at the time of the ticket reissue.

Only one EMD-S is required per pax, even for multiple changes.

The carrier has updated its industry website with the new information - **CLICK HERE** to read.

ATL still busiest apt

ATLANTA Hartsfield-Jackson Int'l has retained the title of the world's busiest airport in 2014, with 96 million passengers, rising 2% on the year prior.

Beijing was the second busiest domestic airport with 86m pax, with Tokyo Haneda next at 62m.

Dubai (DXB) is the world's busiest int'l airport, with 69.9m pax.



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Anticipation high at COMO The Treasury, Perth

THE countdown to the opening of COMO Hotels & Resorts first Australian property was celebrated in Sydney yesterday, with COMO The Treasury in Perth set to begin welcoming guests inside 60 days. Located on

Cathedral Avenue in the CBD, COMO The Treasury presents an entirely new level of "elegance & sophistication" to the hotel sector in Perth, general manager Anneke Brown said.

Housed in what was originally Perth's town hall before being occupied by state gov't offices - including the treasury, the four-storey building sat unused for nearly 20 years prior to the restoration of the site in 2012.

Opening 15 Oct, the boutique 43-room property consists of a mix of room & suites ranging from 55m² City Rooms, 70m² Treasury Balcony Rooms, through to the COMO Suite at a massive 120m².

Each accommodation floor will have its own butler service, with nightly rates inclusive of breakfast, wi-fi & in-room bar stocked daily, offering water, juices & craft beers, as well as freshly made treats.

Rooms & suites are spread across three floors, with the ground floor dedicated to 10 retail and seven food & beverage outlets.

COMO The Treasury will offer two dining restaurants - all day dining at *Post* and the fancy rooftop *Wildflower*, which will be open for lunch and dinner daily.

A range of conference facilities, the signature COMO Shambhala Urban Escape spa, a gym and



20m indoor pool are among the other guest features.

Regional director of sales & marketing, Australia & South Asia Elliott Miller likened the property to the Park Hyatt Sydney and The Langham, Sydney.

"We're providing a standard of luxury that hasn't been seen in the Perth market before," he said.

The hotel takes the Singaporebased group's portfolio to 13, joining locations in London, Bali, Bangkok, Bhutan, Maldives, Turks & Caicos, Phuket & Miami Beach.

The Treasury slots into COMO's 'Urban Hotels' collection, in the same league as its two London based properties - The Halkin by COMO & Metropolitian by COMO.

Other hotel categories include 'Adventure Retreats', 'Island Getaways' & 'Wellness Resorts'.

Most popular for Australian travellers are COMO's Bali options - Uma by COMO in Ubud and COMO Shambala Estate - with the

local market accounting for about 20% of bookings. Quizzed by *Travel Daily* as to

why Perth was chosen as its first site in Australia, Miller said the historic, boutique-style and

Business Manager NSW

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centrally located site "ticked all the boxes" for COMO boss Christina Ong. Cost was also an influencing factor, with the property snapped up while there was a lull in the mining boom. Miller said Perth is in the midst of a renaissance period, with the new Elizabeth Quay precinct coming along and expected to breathe new life

to the city.

COMO predicts about 75% of bookings will come from the domestic market, while the split of business is likely to be 60/40 corporate versus leisure.

Reservations opened around 10 days ago for the Perth property, with early bookings tracking well.

Rates start at \$595 per night - see comohotels.com/thetreasury.

Due to its intimate size, the hotel is also in the unique position of being able to be taken over for sole use - enquire for prices.

Miller and Brown are **pictured** at yesterday's event at Chiswick.



EK begins Orlando

EMIRATES commenced flights to its 10th US gateway this week, launching daily services between Dubai and Orlando.

Onboard the inaugural flight was Emirates Group chairman & chief executive Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, who referred to Orlando as "one of the world's premiere leisure destinations and a dynamic business centre".

The debut flight was operated by an A380 however EK will utilise triple-class Boeing 777-200LRs for its regular scheduled service.

Bench to Madagascar

SPECIALITY wholesaler Bench International has revealed it will be introducing holidays to Madagascar in its upcoming 2016 Africa brochure.

Slated for release in coming weeks, next year's program will also feature new self-drive holidays in South Africa and Namibia, along with a suite of new product in Kenya, Tanzania and South Africa, Bench said.

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Home to 40 museums, Basel is a city of culture with the highest concentration of museums in the country. The contrast between new and old is celebrated with various events throughout the year.

To win the watch have the best answer to all the questions. Send all of your answers to switzerland@traveldaily.com.au

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HA sign Raiders deal

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Adventure earlybirds

INTREPID Travel and Peregrine Adventures are offering up to 15% and 10% respectively on tours departing in 2016.

The earlybird deals include 15% off a range of new Europe trips & 10% off all other Europe, Turkey and Morocco trips departing from 01 Apr to 30 Sep.

New trips include Halloween in Transylvania, Active in Slovenia and The Canal du Midi.

Peregrine has a 10% discount on all of Europe, Morocco & Turkey trips for travel 1 Jan-30 Sep. Among its new trips are the Western Balkans Unveiled, Highlights of Northern France and Walk the Camino de Santiago.

Book by 31 Oct to avail the deal.

VIP Tiger cub tours

DREAMWORLD on the Gold Coast is offering a VIP Tiger Cub Experience program from 08 Sep for 10 people per session.

The package includes a close encounter with Dreamworld's tiger cub, Kai, and a chat with his handlers in a back-of-house enclosure at Tiger Island.

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HA hops on the Hayne plane



JARRYD Hayne's mum and sisters were flown as guests of Hawaiian Airlines to the US to cheer on the ex-NRL player in his final trial match for the 49ers.

Gai Tyrrell (second from left), regional director Australia & NZ, Hawaiian Airlines is **pictured** with Jodie Haynes and his sisters Jessi-Lee and Taygan.

DoubleTree Victoria

DOUBLETREE by Hilton Hotel & Suites Victoria has opened on Vancouver Island, Canada.

Previously the Executive House Hotel, the 181-room hotel has undergone a multi-million dollar renovation, including a complete redesign of the lobby, public space and guest rooms.

#SheratonMoments

SHERATON Hotels & Resorts has launched a campaign encouraging the public to upload photos of a Sheraton moment for the chance to win a holiday.

Photos must be uploaded to Instagram, Twitter, Facebook or via the campaign landing page with the hashtag #SheratonMoments.

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See sheraton-moments.com.



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Industry Appointments

WELCOME to Industry Appointments, *Travel Daily*'s Thursday 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.

AccorHotels has named Danesh Bamji as General Manager Franchise Australia. Bamji comes from a General Manager role at Pullman Sydney Hyde Park and has previously worked at Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach and Novotel Sydney Central.

Malaysia Airlines has promoted Lee Poh Kait (PK Lee) to Regional Manager for Australia, New Zealand and the South West Pacific to help drive the carrier's turnaround locally. He has worked for Malaysia Airlines for the past eight years.

Qantas has appointed Alan Chang as Country Manager China, based in Shanghai. Most recently, Chang was the Regional Sales Manager for Emirates in Taiwan and prior to that, Chang served as General Manager for Holiday Tours and Travel, representing Qantas and Jetstar as General Sales Agent in Taiwan.

Etihad Airways has appointed three executive positions. Hareb Al Muhairy becomes Senior Vice President Corporate and International Affairs; Mohammed Al Bulooki joins Etihad Airways from Abu Dhabi Airports Company to become Vice President UAE Commercial; and Haitham Al Subaihi becomes Vice President UAE Sales. The airline has also announced Lindsay White will take on the new position of Vice President for Australia and Asia Pacific.

Peter Seah Lim Huat has taken on the role of Deputy Chairman of Singapore Airlines' board on Tue. Seah will be an independent nonexecutive director. He will join the Board Executive Committee, the Compensation Board and Industrial Relations Committee

InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa has announced two promotions. Robert Miletic has moved into the role of Area Director of Sales & Marketing - South Pacific, while Kamal Haer will become the Area Director of Sales & Marketing - Bali Resorts.

One&Only Resorts has named Ed Brea as the new General Manager at its Hayman Island property. Brea brings over 30 years trade experience including roles with Hyatt and Shangri-La Hotels and will be responsible for the entire operation of the property.

Broome & the Kimberley Holidays has employed Amanda Reynolds as Business Development Manager for Victoria/Tasmania. Reynolds comes from Excite Holidays and prior to that Territory Discoveries, where she worked for five years.

Craig Syphers has been named as the General Manager of Pan Pacific Orchard, Singapore. Syphers comes from three years as General Manager of PARKROYAL Melbourne Airport.

Asia next for Tribute

Transaero acquisition

ONE day after announcing the expansion of its Tribute Portfolio network of independent properties to Europe, Starwood Hotels & Resorts has further broadened the network into Asia.

Travel Daily is Australia's leading travel industry publication.

The first Asian member is The Kiroro, on Hokkaido in Japan, which is due to open in Dec along with Starwood's new Sheraton Hokkaido Kiroro Resort.

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Russia's largest airline, Aeroflot, will take over one of the first private Russian airlines, Transaero Airlines.

Transaero confirmed in a statement the acquisition will create one of "largest in the world group of airlines".

The move was given the green light by the Russian government commission on Mon.

Wyndham Myanmar

WYNDHAM Hotel Group has inked a franchise agreement for a 260-room Wyndham Grand hotel in Yangon, Myanmar.

The five-star Wyndham Grand Yangon Royal Lake will be part of the \$224 million Kantharyar Centre Project, which will include residential building, serviced apartments, an office tower and a retail centre.

The hotel will offer a banquet hall, two conference rooms, a meeting room, swimming pool, gym, spa and restaurants.

TSV Bali flt departs

JETSTAR inaugurated its first ever international flight to Bali from Townsville last night, the start of thrice weekly flights.

The full capacity flight was the first int'l service since 2011 and the route has seen more than 10,000 seats booked in by locals since fares went on sale in Apr.



QF adds HBA flights

QANTASLINK has scheduled 78 extra flights to Hobart over the Christmas and New Year period to meet increasing demand over the peak period, adding over 14,000 additional seats to the Tasmanian capital through new flights and larger aircraft.

From 20 Dec-16 Jan, QantasLink will crank up frequencies on the Sydney-Hobart city pair from a daily service to double daily.

Over the same period, the Melbourne-Hobart route will add 29 flights and a number of services will be upgauged from a Boeing 717 to 737 aircraft.

Brisbane-Hobart will also operate five return flights utilising Boeing 737s.



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WANT YOUR CAREER SEARCH HANDLED CONFIDENTIALLY? CALL THE EXPERTS

ARE YOU AN AGGRESSIVE HUNTER? CORPORATE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER MELBOURNE – PACKAGE TO \$150K+ (OTE)

This leading travel management company is looking for an experienced & driven BDM to join their team. You will be responsible for acquiring new business, developing relationships & implementing sales strategies to optimise client spend. Attractive salary with uncapped earning potential. Experience as a travel BDM with a proven sales track record along with strong customer service, presentation, communication and negotiation skills essential.

JOIN THE BIG GUNS

BUSINESS SOLUTIONS MANAGER (CORPORATE SALES) BRISBANE – SALARY PACKAGE \$75K+ (OTE) Your role will be managing an existing client base assisting in the ongoing growth of the brand, whilst also using your polished sales skills to achieve new business & continued growth. You will support the AM team managing an existing client base, together with working with the BDMs to achieve new business leads. You will be responsible for identifying growth opportunities & travel trends in the industry, together with devising strategies to build new business.

STEP UP INTO A GREAT ROLE! TRAVEL MANAGER ROCKHAMPTON – OTE TO \$75K

Are you a travel manager or assistant manager looking for a new challenge? Come join this reputable travel agency located in Rockhampton as a hands on travel manager. Lead and develop a small team of consultants, motivating them to achieve goals whilst providing exceptional customer service. Overseeing the daily running of the office you'll be involved in local area marketing and identifying avenues to increase the agency's client base. Top salary package on offer.

RARE MARKETING OPPORTUNITY MARKETING MANAGER P/T SYDNEY – \$70K PACKAGE

Working for a leading travel company in the market, you will be a driven individual who is capable of developing strategy and implementing marketing plans. The role is office based 3 days per week, you will be hands on across digital and traditional channels. You will demonstrate an eye for design and be able to write all marketing collateral brochures and press releases. 5 years + experience preferred. Fantastic rare marketing opportunity not to be missed!

STRATEGY FOCUSED INDUSTRY ACCOUNT MANAGER MELB – PKG \$70K + CAR + COMMS PKG + INCENTIVES

MELB – PKG \$70K + CAR + COMMS PKG + INCENTIVES Looking after the SA market, you will be responsible for developing strategies to grow this travel company's network, increasing revenue & building strong ongoing relationships with key clients. Working as part of the business development team you will be on the road frequently & using your hunting skills to secure new business. Strong presentation skills together with Business Development experience is essential.

ARE YOU A NATURAL BORN LEADER? CORPORATE TEAM LEADER / MANAGER PERTH - SALARY PACKAGE TO \$86K

Due to an increase in business, this Global Travel Management Company is seeking a competent travel manager with a proven track record managing a team of consultants. Working with this established team, you will be responsible for developing and driving the team to achieve results and maintain service levels. Management experience in a corporate travel environment is essential together with a hands on consulting approach when required.

OWN THIS SENIOR ACCOUNT MANAGER ROLE SENIOR ACCOUNT MANAGER - TMC SYDNEY – FROM \$90K+ DOE

Are you the master in keeping relationships? We are looking for a strong Account Manager with 4 years + experience to join a market leader. You will be a polished and professional individual who knows how to deliver outstanding account management services for large market clients, building rapport and analyzing data to effectively manage their business. Strong communication and negotiation skills are essential. Take your career to the next step!

HUNT DOWN YOUR NEXT GREAT ROLE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER SYDNEY – SALARY PACKAGE \$80K

Create a valuable impression when you join this outstanding corporate travel company. You will have experience in sourcing and winning new business with great negotiation skills and a fantastic personality. Representing a well-known brand in the market you will be proud to be part of this vast organization, showing off your sales skills and getting new clients to sign on the dotted line. Your career development is assured, B2B hunters come running!

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