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Turtle Island on sale

THE owner of Queensland's Turtle Island, off the coast of Gladstone, has placed it on the market with a \$4 million price tag.

The 23-acre island has development approval for a tourist resort, and is currently held by Sydney actor Brendon Lunney, who bought it in 2014.

There are helicopter pads, water tanks and a private jetty, as well as a "luxurious four-bedroom house" with a music room and swimming pool.

It's about a 10 minute boat ride from Gladstone, with real estate group Colliers International expected to market the property in mainland China.

According to *Fairfax Media*, previous prospective purchasers of the island included TV personality Kim Kardashian and movie star Julia Roberts.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has ten pages of news, including a photo page for **Express Travel Group** plus full pages: (*click*)

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Webjet bags agents, again

ONLINE travel agent Webjet has done it again, with a new ad ridiculing front-line agents rolled out on free-to-air TV last week.

Not intent with rubbishing travel consultants enough with its first TVC campaign seven months ago - flagged first by *Travel Daily* (TD 05 Jan) - the latest instalment continues the verbal bashing.

Webjet's ad features a couple discussing a quote for an overseas trip he "went to all the trouble of going to the travel agent" to obtain, only to learn from his companion the quote is "out of date", to which he discards.

AFTA chief executive Jayson Westbury is once again fuming over the new ad blitz.

"Webjet have once again shown that they are not serious about being a part of the travel industry," he told *Travel Daily*.

"Their latest advertisement is just another pathetic attempt to be noticed."

"It is a real shame that the people who are leading that business have forgotten where they came from and who has helped build their little business, -

the travel agent," Westbury said.

"Go well 'Webjet', it will take more than another swipe at travel agents to get consumers rethinking who they trust."

The 30-sec TVC has been viewed on YouTube (*HERE*) 100,000 times already, while Webjet's Facebook page has already born a tirade of negative publicity.

Posts on the page include:

"I have just seen the new Webjet ad - another cheap hit at travel agents. Disgraceful!...How sad that a company like this has to attack this group within their own industry. It's sad and cheap", said Julia VanHuisstede, and;

"Just watched the latest Webjet ad and seriously if you believe that then you believe in the tooth fairy. Unscrupulous and factually incorrect advertising should be illegal. Hang your head in shame Webjet," said Justin Lawson.

Comments posted by the public also urge Webjet's customers to book with a "real person", while other feedback slams the OTA for their lack of customer service.

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Vic's \$36.5b tourism goal

THE Victorian Government today announced it is aiming to boost the state's visitor expenditure to \$36.5 billion in 2024-2025.

The goal would be a \$13 billion jump from Victoria's \$23.1 billion tourist spend in 2014-15.

Figures were revealed this morning at the Victorian Tourism Conference in Bendigo by Minister for Tourism and Major Events John Eren.

A Victorian Visitor Economy Strategy has been mapped out focusing on nine key points.

They include increased private sector investment, building on regional and rural campaigns, maximising benefits of events, improved branding and marketing,

enhanced experiences for Asian tourists, better tourism infrastructure, more access into and around Victoria, a skill sector and more effective coordination.

Luring visitors from interstate & overseas to regional areas is also a key element of the strategy.

"We've got ambitious goals, and this is how we achieve them," Eren said of the economic plan.

SQ A380 back to MEL

SINGAPORE Airlines will redeploy Airbus A380 aircraft on the Melbourne route from Oct to cater for increased demand over the year-end holiday season.

SQ's double-decker will operate as SQ217/218 from 30 Oct to 25 Mar, boosting capacity to MEL by five percent.

The reassignment sees SQ bring two variations of its A380 to MEL - the four class, 379-seat jet as its mainstay, accompanied by the higher density 441-seat plane in peak season (01 Dec to 15 Jan).

SQ regional vice president Tan Tiow Kor said the boost "reinforces our commitment to the Victorian market".

Serko Sydney office

NZ-LISTED travel technology firm Serko has signed a lease for a 220m² office in the Sydney CBD.

The three-year deal will see Serko operate from Level 8, 756 Elizabeth Street, with the news following the formal launch yesterday of the new SME-focused serko.travel portal.

Air France strikes

AIR France cabin crew will be striking from 27 Jul to 02 Aug causing the carrier's flight schedule to be disrupted.

Flight cancellations are to be expected, particularly on routes to and from France and Europe.

The airline has also advised that "in order to ensure a maximum number of flights with a reduced crew composition" they may have to limit the number of passengers on board some of their flights.

Customers whose flights are affected will be advised via text or email the day prior to departure.

Pax wishing to postpone trips can push flights back to 03-12 Aug at no extra cost while customers who no longer wish to travel can receive a non-refundable voucher valid for one year on Air France, KLM or Hop!

Star Ratings Aus gm

STAR Ratings Australia has appointed Sarah McCully as its new general manager.

McCully, who was previously gm of park acquisition and support services at BIG4 Holiday Parks, brings 20 years' industry experience with her to the role.

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Starwood Aloft for Melbourne

STARWOOD Hotels & Resorts has announced the development of a new 176-room Aloft hotel in Melbourne's Chapel Street.

Set to open in 2019, the property will be located in a new \$120 million mixed-use project undertaken by Spotlight Holdings, a firm associated with the wealthy Fried family.

Aloft Melbourne South Yarra

is the fourth Aloft property to be announced in Australia, with the brand aimed at "tech-savvy travellers with a focus on fashion, music and design," according to Starwood director of development, Andrew Taylor.

The first Aloft scheduled to open in Australia is Aloft Sydney Pitt Street which will debut in Nov this year, followed by Aloft Perth Rivervale in 2017, then Aloft Adelaide the following year.

Other Starwood properties in the pipeline include the new Westin on the Sunshine Coast as well as two Four Points by Sheraton hotels in the Sydney CBD and Parramatta.

ATAB earlybird

EARLYBIRD registrations for the upcoming ATAB Business Builders conference close on 01 Aug, with the full day event taking place at Pullman Hotel Hyde Park Sydney on Wed 07 Sep.

The conference and networking function offers presentations from a range of travel marketing experts, with sessions on social media, digital marketing, business valuation and staffing.

See www.atab.net.au.

Alaska lifts Calgary

ALASKA Airlines will boost capacity on the Seattle-Calgary route from 03 Oct, with one of its three daily Dash8-Q400 flights replaced with a B737.

Sunshine Coast recruiting in NZ

VISIT Sunshine Coast is advertising for expressions of interest for an Auckland-based representative, with the aim of promoting the destination which is accessible via Air NZ's seasonal non-stop services.

The in-market representative will be required to "continue the positive outcomes that have been achieved to date," with the appointment subject to an initial 12 month contract period.

Tonga off Zika list

THE Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has removed Tonga from its list of countries experiencing transmission of the Zika virus, with no reported new cases of the mosquito-borne virus in the past three months.

A Smartraveller update issued yesterday continues to advise all travellers to protect themselves from mosquito bites.



Window Seat

CANADA is the latest nation looking to put itself on the culinary map, with the launch of the country's first ever 'Poop Cafe Dessert Bar'.

The restroom-themed eatery in Toronto offers an "all-brown menu," modelled on a concept the owner Lien Nguyen first spotted on a visit to Taiwan.

"I'm trying to make poop cute...it's funny to put food and poop together," she insisted.

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Sydney losing its appeal?

THE NSW Government's plan to expand the scope of Destination NSW's work into regional & rural areas of the state (**TD** 06 Jul), appears to be insync with visitor intention trends, data released by Roy Morgan Research shows.

According to figures out on Mon, 40.7% of Aussies said they would like to visit New South Wales on a

holiday within the next two years, down slightly from the year prior.

The survey specialists said the 1.2% decline appears to be a result of fewer people interested in visiting Sydney.

This month, DNSW said it would develop Destination Networks for Sydney Surrounds North & South, Riverina Murray, Southern NSW North Coast, Country & Outback, allocating substantial funding to support tourism growth to areas outside of major cities (**TD** 06 Jul).

According to the data, all regions outside Sydney have increased in appeal as a future holiday spot, with Sydney Surrounds North and the North Coast (at more than 3.1 million visits) well ahead of Sydney (2.5 million).

The Murray Riverina is the least likely Destination Network to be on the radar of big-spending holiday-goers, Roy Morgan said.

View the full report [here](#).

Air China to Poland

AIR China is planning to launch new services to Europe, including a non-stop service between Beijing and Warsaw.

The Star Alliance carrier has proposed flights to Poland's capital from Sep, along with a new service to Rome from Chengdu, via Urumqi from Nov.

AC's existing flights on the Beijing-Rome route will be scaled back as a result of the new route to the Italian capital city.

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AAA Albanese support

THE Accommodation Assoc of Australia (AAA) has applauded the reappointment of Anthony Albanese as the Shadow Cabinet Minister responsible for tourism.

CEO Richard Munro said his designation "provides continuity and stability".

"Since taking on tourism, Mr Albanese has consulted extensively with the sector and this was apparent in the detailed tourism policy Labor took to the federal election," he said.

Munro added there are several short-term "policy challenges" for Labour which directly affect operators of tourism accommodation businesses, including cutting company tax rates as it would "directly result in lifting the level of employment in the industry".

The AAA chief also flagged it was important for Sun and public holiday rates in the accom industry be reined in.

Cuba flight objections

THE US Government has been inundated with objections from US cities and airlines based on its tentative allocation of flights between America and Cuba.

Eastern Air Lines, Silver Airways and JetBlue Airways expressed disappointment to the US Dept of Transportation's (DOT) recent draft decision, despite B6 being allocated a number of routes.

Miami-based Eastern Air Lines argued there was "no practical reason" not to grant it approval.

The City and County of Denver, Massachusetts Port Authority, Arlington Chamber of Commerce, & the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority were all also unhappy about the assignment of flights to the Cuban capital.

Not surprisingly, United Airlines and Delta Air Lines - between them allocated five slots to HAV - commended the DOT, along with the Mayor of Houston office in favour of UA's IAH/HAV service.



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Emirates e-gate ID

PASSENGERS travelling through Dubai International will now be able to bypass long queues and clear passport control procedures by presenting Emirates Identity cards through electronic gates.

Using the ID card through the e-gate has a lot of benefits, said Major General Bin Surour of the General Directorate of Residency and Foreigners Affairs.

"As part of the first phase, we have implemented it at the arrival wing of Terminal three, but in the following phases of the project, the service will be activated in Terminals one, two, and three at both the arrivals and departures wings," he said.

Surour explained that no further charges or prior registration is needed for the service, it only requires a valid EK ID.

MEANWHILE, Copa Airlines will commence a codeshare with EK between Panama City and Rio and from Panama to Sao Paulo.

Tourism Biz GDP

AUSTRALIA'S GDP has seen an uptick of almost 18% over the last four years, amounting to \$47.5 billion amassed by the travel sector alone, according to Tourism Research Australia latest investment pipeline study (**TD** Fri).

The report comprised figures from around 273,500 travel businesses in Jun 2015, which represented over 13% of the country's total of 2.1 million businesses.

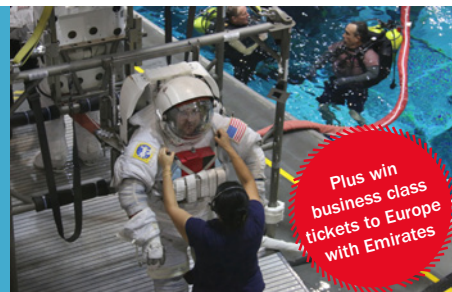
Newly sworn-in Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steven Ciobo said "while visitor spending continues to grow, there is still work ahead to meet the upper band of the industry's \$140b annual target".

MAH plots 737 MAX

MALAYSIA Airlines is expected to announce an order of Boeing narrow-body 737 MAX aircraft as early as tomorrow, according to a report by *Reuters*.

Explore space in Houston in the July issue of *travelBulletin*.

CLICK HERE to read **travelBulletin**



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EY debuts new LA Biz lounge



ETIHAD Airways has officially opened its new First Class and Business Class lounge within the Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX.

The new facility offers luxurious appointed seating, an a la carte dining area, a showcase bar, TV area, showers, high-speed wi-fi and a selection of magazines and daily newspapers.

EY senior vp Americas, Martin

Drew, said the new lounge demonstrates the airline's "unwavering commitment to travellers on the US and West Coast...by providing them with the intuitive hospitality they have come to expect from our people and our brand".

The new LA lounge adds to the airline's expanding collection of 15 Premium Lounges located around the world.

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Vienna bednights up

VIENNA has recorded more than 6.6 million visitor bednights between Jan and Jun this year, up 4.9% on the same period in 2015.

Germany was Vienna's most important source market for the year, with over 1.3 million nights recorded, up a strong 8% on the same period in the previous year.

This was followed by Austria, the USA, Italy and the UK with Vienna's hotel rooms seeing an average occupancy rate of 67%.

HELLOWORLD members were treated to the Qantas Suite at the Sydney Cricket Ground to watch Sydney Swans prevail over the Carlton Blues last Sat.

Pictured are David Padman, Helloworld; Neil Ager, Qantas; Tricia Gibb, Travel by Design; Gil McLachlan, Ovation Travel & Cruise; Paul and Cathy, Eastern Hill Travel; Tom Goldman, Goldman Travel; Sarah Bush, The Travel Authority; Phil Paterson from BCD; Kris Chippendale, Qantas and their partners.

Antalya theme park

TURKEY'S biggest leisure and entertainment attraction The Land of Legends Theme Park has begun welcoming guests.

Developed as a joint venture between Rixos Hotels, Dubai-based Emaar and Dragone Productions, the project is reportedly worth US\$1 billion and is spread over 639,000m².

Located in Belek, Antalya it includes the world's first musical boat parade and 'Kingdom' - the realm of children, Turkey's first hotel designed specifically for children.

Also included is Water World, the Tower of Legends and the Water Coaster along with a 5D cinema where guests enter with swimsuits on.

See more information on the attraction, [CLICK HERE](#).

Le Boat earlybirds

LE BOAT is offering 15% off self-drive boating holidays for 2017 earlybird bookings confirmed by 31 Aug.

Le Boat sailings allow travellers to captain their own vessel along the waterways of France, Holland, Italy, Belgium, Germany, England, Ireland or Scotland while exploring regional Europe.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view discounts.

Medical tourism index

THE Medical Tourism industry has been valued US\$439 billion in a new report issued by VISA and Oxford Economics.

The report predicts the industry will grow by up to 25% year-over-year for the next decade as an estimated three to four percent of the world's population will travel internationally for healthcare and health-related treatment.

"We believe that medical tourism is primed for accelerated growth as more of these travellers seek new treatments, as well as lower cost or higher-quality care not available in their home country," VISA concluded.

Sheraton Park Lane

SHERATON Grand London Park Lane has joined the brand in London following a multi-million dollar top-to-bottom renovation.

Built 90 years ago, the hotel which opened in the height of the Roaring Twenties has seen a complete transformation of its guest rooms and public spaces.

Boasting 303-rooms, the hotel now features Sheraton Club rooms & suites, a Sheraton Club Lounge and a new Italian eatery.

Sheraton Grand's official launch is set to take place in Oct.



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Asia Pac hotel sales

HOTEL investment volumes in the Asia Pacific region climbed 13.2% to US\$3.8 billion compared to pre-financial crisis levels, according to a report by real estate consultancy group JLL.

A total of 14,035 keys were traded across APAC during the first six months of year - a total of 10,976 more than the same period a year ago.

The top 10 single-asset transactions in the first six months of this year collectively amounted to almost US\$1.7b.

Japan led the way with US\$2.1b, followed by Australia (US\$278m), Mainland China (US\$252.6m), Vietnam (US\$237.6m), Taiwan (US\$217.6m) and Thailand at US\$138.3m.

Little Hotelier app

LITTLE Hotelier has unveiled a new application which will allow existing customers to manage their small property's rooms and reservations on-the-go.

The app is available from an iPhone or iPad, with users to be instantly notified of new guest bookings, as well as given the ability to manage multiple properties in different locations.

CLICK HERE to download.

Boutique S America agent incentive

BOUTIQUE South America is giving five agents the change to win a double pass to the Cine Latino Film Festival.

To enter, answer: "What three words would you use to describe Latin America?" and **CLICK HERE** to submit your answer.

Cina Latino will screen nationally in theatres across NSW, Vic, Qld, SA and the ACT.

A total of 34 films from 11 different Latin American countries will showcase at the festival.

Entries for the agent incentive close 08 Aug.

WS adds YQR/MCO

WESTJET is set to expand its growing domestic and international networks, this week announcing the inclusion of dozens of new flights for the 2016-17 winter season.

New flight highlights include a non-stop weekly service between Regina and Orlando Florida in Oct; an increase of 41 weekly operations between Vancouver and Kelowna, Prince George, Toronto, Honolulu, Cancun, Cabo San Lucas and Los Angeles; and additional frequencies from Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

Routes from Halifax will also increase with seven extra weekly flights to Sydney and Nova Scotia - to view the full updated winter schedule, **CLICK HERE**.

First SKALarship awarded



SKAL Sydney North's inaugural SKALarship was last week rewarded to inPlace Recruitment's Ben Carnegie.

The scholarship was formulated in partnership with the Travel Industry Mentor Experience, which will see Carnegie participate as a mentee on the TIME program.

"I'm thrilled to be taking part in such a worthy program, one that

is gaining such positive credibility with each intake of mentees," said Carnegie of the win.

Pictured at the event in Sydney are Scott Thompson, president, SKAL Sydney North; Ben Carnegie, business mgr - APRCSA inPlace Recruitment and Christine Rupp, secretariat, SKAL Sydney North.

SLH new additions

THE Terrace Club at Busena, Japan; Le Clos Saint Marin Hotel and Spa, France; The Grand hotel Centrale, Spain and the Principal Madrid have all been added to Small Luxury Hotel's growing portfolio.

More at www.slh.com.



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Queensland in Brisbane today.

Thea Monks, Institute for



Molecular Bio Science; Alison Smyth, Extra Mile Company and Trish McKendry, David Reid

Homes Ltd are pictured above at the Honeysuckle Hill Farm.

Soaking up the surroundings with champagne on the Noosa River left are Gaille Smith, Creative Incentives; Vanessa Lawrey, IAG Insurance and Rachel Henning, from Foxtel.



EKKA Airtrain deal

GUESTS travelling to Brisbane for the 139th Annual Royal Queensland Show in Aug can access a \$20 return airport transfer with Airtrain.

Valid for trips between 01-17 Aug, the deal can be booked at www.airtrain.com.au using the promo code ekka2016.

The code will also provide a single one-way ticket for \$13.50.

The Airtrain stops at Fortitude Valley, a short walk from the grounds where EKKA is staged.

Sichuan to Auckland

AN APPLICATION has been submitted by Sichuan Airlines to the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) to launch two services to Vancouver, Canada and Auckland, New Zealand.

The carrier plans to fly Chengdu-Auckland thrice-weekly from Dec, China Aviation Daily reports.

Pending government approval, the carrier would adjust its Vancouver service to make a stopover in Zhengzhou two times a week.

Syd Harbour Br lifts

LIFTS will be installed at Kirribilli and The Rocks to make the Sydney Harbour Bridge walkway more accessible for the less able or those with prams.



AFTA update

From AFTA's chief executive, Jayson Westbury



THERE is no doubt that the latest spray of terrorism and unrest in Europe will impact on the travel plans of Australians and others in the immediate term and possibly even in the longer term. It does feel like the last few months have been a time of significant unrest and it really is so sad that these random acts continue to happen.

While the situation in Turkey was not terrorism, the dramatic situation, the likes of a civil war will take that country some time to recover. It is a country that Australians have a very symbolic connection to and while 2015 was a very important year for Gallipoli, thousands of young Aussies will want to travel to Turkey for many many years to come. Hopefully, the government will be able to bring the stability that is needed back to the country and they can rebuild the peace that is needed to give stable and consistent visitation by tourists.

Meanwhile, France is once again in the spotlight for the wrong reasons. As the most visited country for tourism in the world, they will need to find solutions to give everyone the peace of mind necessary to continue to flock to the country. DFAT has France at a travel advisory of "Exercise a high degree of Caution", which is an elevated level from the standard level. This is reasonable given the level of activity that has gone on in both Paris and most recently Nice.

As has often happened in the past, it is unlikely that these various events will have a dramatic impact on the desire for Australians to travel overseas. It may however, make some think about the destination they choose and perhaps even the region of the world they choose.

The continued efforts of governments across the globe is to be commended as it is difficult to fight an enemy that is hiding in the shadows and strikes without warning.

My thoughts go out across the industry for those that have been impacted by the many and varied events over the past months and I hope that peace can prevail in the end.

Hawaii storm update

TROPICAL Storm Darby has passed over the Hawaiian islands and been downgraded to a tropical depression.

A storm warning (**TD** yesterday) has been called off for all the islands and it is business as usual statewide, with the exception of the clearing of debris where rainfall was heaviest and some lingering showers.

All airports, highways and roads are open, but travellers planning on visiting a park should check its status as all parks were closed for safety reasons and will be reopening throughout the week.

DOT US-Mexico pact

A HIGHLY unrestricted air services agreement between the United States and Mexico will enter into force next month, after the two countries exchanged diplomatic notes on Fri.

The deal will allow increased market access for passenger and cargo airlines to fly between any city in Mexico and any city in the United States.

Anthony Foxx, US secretary of transportation said the increase in competition will "drive the airlines to offer more attractive services and should result in lower prices".

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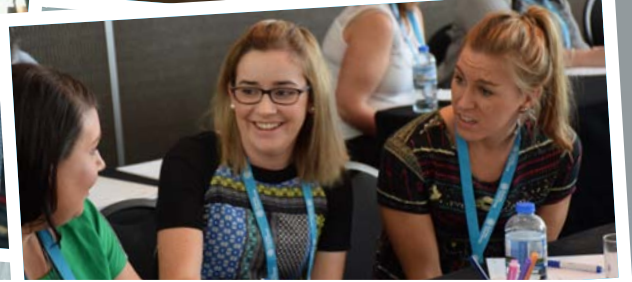
Express Travel Group's 'Oprah moment'

EXPRESS Travel Group kicked off its inaugural CONNECT Consultant Conference on the Gold Coast over the weekend. Close to 100 attendees from across all three of ETG's brands (Select Travel Group, Independent Travel Group and franchise group italktravel) gathered at the RACV Royal Pines.

A jam packed weekend where Learn. Engage. Succeed was the theme, saw consultants workshoping with Cornerstone Solutions, attending exclusive speed dating styled sessions with a selection of preferred partners and hearing from Keynote Speaker – Lauren Clemett on the importance of personal brand building.

Everyone attended a celebration dinner with a live band, a delicious meal and of course prizes from generous suppliers.

In a true 'Oprah' moment attendees at the conference were celebrating at the closing of the night when company ceo Tom Manwaring announced that each and every delegate would receive an iPad Mini as a special gift for being at the inaugural event. Sabre and ETG teamed up for this very generous giveaway which left everyone walking away a winner.



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Q18. In what city is the new gala spectacular Scenic Rouge Enrich experience offered?

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PHR/UnionPay pact

PREFERRED Hotels & Resorts has inked a deal with UnionPay International in a bid to court Chinese travellers.

The arrangement will be valid from now until 2019, and sees UnionPay cards accepted at Preferred Hotels & Resorts' many properties.

It is also UnionPay's first ever partnership with a global independent hotel brand.

Vomo reopening

LUXURY Fiji resort, Vomo, is set to reopen on 01 Sep following substantial upgrades and repairs in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Winston seven months ago.

The island will also unveil two new beachfront homes available for nightly or weekly rental when it reopens.

Book by 31 Aug for stays between 10 Oct-23 Dec 2017 and receive a F\$500 resort credit.

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First with the news



ROY Krishna (pictured), the captain of the Fijian National football team, has been named Fiji Airways' newest brand ambassador.

"I'm honoured and excited to join the Fiji Airways team and my fellow Ambassadors to promote our home to the world," he said.

Krishna highlighted northern Fiji as a spot he was keen to share with the world, commenting "I hope more and more people choose to visit there".

Fiji Airways managing director and ceo, Andrew Viljoen, said

he was delighted to welcome Krishna to the airline's pool of ambassadors.

"Our brand is all about being uniquely Fijian, and having someone like Roy will help us reach a bigger audience who will be interested in visiting Fiji".



Money

WELCOME to Money, TD's Tue feature on what the Australian dollar is doing.

\$1AUD = US0.744

Financial markets were mostly cautious overnight, with investors focused on this week's meeting of the Federal Reserve. Western Union strategist Steven Dooley is speculating that the Fed may soon raise interest rates again due to a recent run of better US data.

The AUD rose slightly by 0.1% when compared to the green back, with small losses observed against the euro and Swiss frank. Falling oil prices also caused the AUD to rise up against the CAD.

Wholesale rates this morning:

US	\$0.744
UK	£0.566
NZ	\$1.0587
Euro	€0.677
Japan	¥78.84
Thailand	฿25.99
China	¥4.837
South Africa	R10.640
Canada	\$0.980
Crude oil	US\$43.13

US Capital mate rates

THE Washington DC hospitality industry is offering mates rates to the travel sector in acknowledgement of its annual Travel Professionals Month.

Deals include discounted hotel rates at 14 hotels in the DC metro area; a VIP card with special discounts to restaurants and retail outlets; access to a DC travel expert and much more.

The special is available from now until 31 Aug.

CLICK HERE to learn more.

Terrace Travel switch

BRISBANE inner city agency Terrace Travel has changed ownership and address.

Effective last Fri, the company is owned by Anna Goffage & Rachel Baker and relocated to 15 Bentinck St, Sherwood 4075.

Phone number, email, agency remain unchanged.

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For more information please call Kate on
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For more information please call Sarah on
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