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Garuda to Moscow

GARUDA Indonesia is planning to introduce services between Jakarta and Moscow from Aug.

The thrice weekly service will be operated by Airbus A330-200s.

MEANWHILE, GA's president & ceo Arif Wibowo confirmed the launch of the SkyTeam member carrier's first route to the USA.

Wibowo said Garuda Indonesia would begin flying from Jakarta to Los Angeles, via Tokyo, however, a start date hadn't been revealed.

GA already codeshares on the Tokyo Haneda-Los Angeles route with SkyTeam's Delta Air Lines.

AAT Kings training

THE Travel Corporation's Australia & New Zealand touring brand AAT Kings has introduced interactive agent training sessions with local sales managers.

Aimed at arming consultants with more knowledge on the AAT Kings' product range, the sessions will cover topics including deciphering which holiday option suits clients, how the company's agent portal can support agents, booking processes and more.

For more information, go to www.agents.aatkings.com

Operator targets 45+ solos

A NEW niche touring company targeting solo travellers over the age of 45 is gaining traction, with the firm's inaugural tour to Italy in early May almost full.

Melbourne-based Individual Traveller is headed up by Liz Young, a director/partner of The Travel Avenue and Italia Mia.

Young says the company was created to cater for a growing demand for male and female travellers wanting to explore the world with like-minded travellers.

Commissionable to agents, Individual Traveller operates

"small group bespoke itineraries", with options also available across the UK & Ireland, with France, Spain, Portugal, India and Sri Lanka coming online soon.

The concept allows single people (or those with a partner who is unable to travel) the opportunity "to enjoy the experience and have as much or little contact as they wish with other people on the tour," Young said.

"Solo travellers have been waiting for a product like this. It gives people who normally travel alone the opportunity to share their experiences in style with a small group of fellow travellers."

Young emphasises that Individual Traveller "is not about match making" travellers.

"Our unique selling point is the bar is open most evenings to get people connected at the end of the day as it is the night life that solo travellers tend to miss out on as they don't always like to go out by themselves in the evening."

A marketing campaign targeting males is planned to entice more solo men onto tours, she added.

See individualtraveller.com.au.

Win a Fiji famil spot

AGENTS selling Fiji Airways through Consolidated Travel this month have the chance to win famil to Nadi - info on **page 11**.

Today's issue of TD

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NRMA buys ATPM

THE NRMA will rapidly expand its collection of Holiday Parks around Australia following the acquisition of Australia Tourist Park Management (**TD** breaking news yesterday).

ATPM owns and manages a collection of 30 holiday parks in Qld, NSW, Vic, SA and Tas, including NRMA's four locations on the Gold Coast, Darlington Beach, Merimbula and Umina, along with franchise parks.

"Most of these parks are located on Australia's most beautiful beaches and nature locations and the NRMA is committed to ensuring Australian families can holiday at these destinations in quality, safe and affordable accom for generations to come," NRMA exec Paul Davies said.

NRMA said the deal significantly bolstered its tourism and travel investment in Australia, which spanned Travelodge Hotels, Thrifty Car Rental and Kurrajong Hotel.

SYD earnings reach \$1.1b

SYDNEY Airport increased its earnings by 10.3% during 2016 as international passenger growth reached its highest levels in more than a decade.

The airport today released its 12-month results for the 2016 calendar year showing earnings (EBITDA) up 10.3% to \$1.1 billion and passenger numbers up 5.6% to 41.9 million.

Overseas pax grew strongest at 8.9%, with domestic pax up 3.8%.

"International passenger growth was the strongest in 12 years, with Sydney Airport welcoming 1.2 million additional passengers," said managing director and ceo Kerrie Mather.

"We experienced double digit growth in many of our major markets to deliver a diverse passenger base that provides a high degree of resilience.

"These included China, the United States, India, Korea, Japan and Indonesia," she said.

The airport said it was still evaluating the option of operating Sydney's planned second airport at Badgery's Creek and was working to establish likely construction costs.

It is aiming to meet the Federal Govt's 08 May deadline for a response, despite objecting to the time it had been allowed.

EK mulls narrowbody

EMIRATES president Tim Clark has said the Dubai-based carrier was considering the addition of a narrowbody fleet of aircraft, with Airbus A320 and Boeing 737s being evaluated, *CNN* reports.

Clark said the "tighter cabins and fewer amenities" were of appeal to Qantas' partner.

"When the time is right we will decide...but so far, we are just biding our time to see which way it all pans out," Clark added.

Eventhouse launch

EVENT Hospitality & Entertainment has created a new hotel brand to join its existing range of Rydges, QT, Atura and Art Series properties.

With the opening of the 84-room Eventhouse Cronulla, the group aims to create a boutique brand for "the modern business and leisure traveller".

Formerly the Rydges Cronulla, the southern Sydney property has been refitted with a "beach chic" theme by the same design team responsible for QT.

A second Eventhouse under development in Hobart is scheduled to open later this year.

"Eventhouse offers an immersive yet approachable boutique hotel experience with a local touch," said EHE group md David Seargeant.

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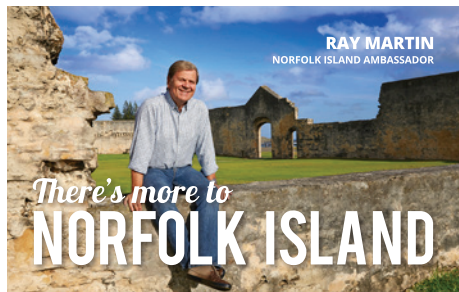
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'Best of All, It's in Hong Kong'

THAT'S the brand new global marketing campaign unveiled by Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb) this week in Sydney.

Aiming to highlight the rich diversity and quality of local experiences across Hong Kong, the campaign is steered towards the 45+ repeat traveller, as well as first-time millennials.

The 'Best of All, It's in Hong

Kong' promotion features four videos, starring local celebrities, focused on Hong Kong's variety of Gourmet Dining, Fashion and Entertainment, Family Adventures and the Great Outdoors.

HKTb regional director Andrew Clark said the strategy of the new drive was to invite visitors "to see, feel and taste the best Hong Kong has to offer from a local's perspective".

"Australian travellers, of all ages, are savvier than ever, desperate to find that authentic, off-the-beaten-track local experience while on holiday," Clark said.

The campaign will be pushed across digital channels locally.

Melb holiday appeal

MELBOURNE is the most preferred domestic location for Aussie holidaymakers, according to the latest Roy Morgan Research Holiday Tracking Survey.

The study found that in 2016, 4.2m Aussies said they would like to visit the Victorian capital in the next two years, whereas Sydney appealed to 2.4m holidaygoers.

Hobart and Brisbane were the third and fourth most popular locations with intent to visit by over 1.7m each, then Canberra, Perth, Adelaide and Darwin.

Over the past decade, Perth was the only destination to see holiday intention retreat, from 1.7m in 2006 to 1.5m in 2016.

Menzler promotion

FLIGHT Centre Travel Group has promoted former gm of Land and Cruise contracting Rod Menzler to the new role of Head of Tourism and Global Partnerships.

The position will see Menzler drive new partnerships with select tourism organisations and external partners across FCTG's global network.

More appointments on **page 8**.

MU BOGOF promo

CHINA Eastern Airlines is offering an unbelievable Buy One Get One Free (BOGOF) special on flights from Australia to North America, Europe, Japan and South Korea, via Shanghai.

The promotion is based on travel between 01 Mar and 15 Nov in 'Q' class, when ticketed between now and 31 Mar.

Route options include Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane to LAX, ORD, SFO, YVR, YYZ, HNL, SFO, ORD and JFK in North America; LHR, AMS, CDG, FRA, ROM, SVO, LED, PRG and MAD in Europe.

China Eastern gm Oceania Kathy Zhang told **Travel Daily** it was "very important" for the carrier to develop its sixth-traffic right routes in Australia.

As MU's hub, Shanghai also provides foreign travellers a 144-hr visa free transit.

The promotion reflects China Eastern's support of the recently launched Australia-China Tourism Year 2017 strategy.

MU currently operates 10 weekly services to Shanghai from Sydney and Melbourne, coupled with four weekly frequencies ex Brisbane which launched in Dec.



Window Seat

TOURISM New Zealand stopped traffic at New York City's Penn Station when a traditional haka was performed this week in front of commuters on their daily grind, to generate greater awareness of the destination.

The promotion inspired lots of interest, with many New Yorkers saying a trip to New Zealand was on their 'must do' list.

SPEAKING of stopping traffic in their tracks, **Travel Daily** staff came to a halt on Valentine's Day when we took delivery of some Doughnut Time sweets, courtesy of Excite Holidays as a sign of their love for partners.

The limited edition 'Be Mine' themed doughnuts had lashings of raspberry and strawberry glaze, topped with chocolate hearts and garnished with mini white chocolate curls and sprinkles (see **TD's Instagram**).

Needless to say, we are still feeling the love,... some days later (mostly on the hips!).

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TA Wildlife focus

TOURISM Australia this week launched its Australian Wildlife Collection, bringing together the top-rated 'wildlife in the wild' encounters to be had in Australia.

The online collection - which can be viewed **HERE** - features experiences from the Maria Island Walk in Tasmania to exploring Lady Elliot Island in Queensland.

The site provides information for every state and territory and features a selection of operators with a shared commitment for conservation.

Founder of Wild Bush Luxury Charles Carlow has expressed his approval for the new portal, saying he is proud to be a part of Tourism Australia's collection.

"The Australian Wildlife Collection allows us to align with other tourism operators with similar aspirations, collectively working towards a more sustainable Australian tourism industry," Carlow said.

SANAD DA approval

THE Sunshine Coast Council has granted SANAD Capital development approval for phase one of its \$400 million Active Lifestyle destination (**TD** 25 Aug).

The project will see a 25 hectare plot on the coast's Steve Irwin Way turned into a four-star family hotel and theme park.

Phase 1 will be built over 14 hectares and includes a water park, a lawn for major events, an adventure park & a 6,000 m² retail zone with ground to be broken in the next few months.

Win a THAI holiday

THE Tourism Authority of Thailand is giving travel professionals a chance to win a trip to the destination in exchange for completing new training modules on its website.

CLICK HERE to access the workshop which covers popular attractions as well as lesser known, alternate experiences.

Explore Malaysia's Langkawi and Penang in the February issue of *travelBulletin*.

CLICK HERE to read **travelBulletin**



THE Travel Corporation made the most of a superb day on Sydney Harbour yesterday, hosting key industry partners on its annual Sailing Regatta.

Teams from various TTC brands including Insight Vacations, Trafalgar, Uniworld, Adventure World, Contiki and Busabout competed - some fiercely, others not so much - for the coveted Travel Corporation Cup. The afternoon also featured plenty of conviviality both on the water and off, with participants plied with plenty of Travel Corporation hospitality and a post race function at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia to top off the afternoon.

The winner this year was the



Adventure World team, who by all accounts worked as a well oiled machine to clinch the victory for the second year running.

They're **pictured** above on their yacht in front of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, while **inset** Adventure World md Neil Rodgers is shown accepting the cup from TTC ceo John Veitch.

More pics from the day at facebook.com/traveldaily.



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Amatara's brain health program

PHUKET'S Amatara Wellness Resort has launched a unique Brain Health Enhancement program in partnership with Bangkok Hospital Phuket's Brain Health Institute.

During a visit to Sydney yesterday, Amatara Wellness Resort's director of sales and marketing, Mr. Athipat Jitchaiwat, explained to **Travel Daily** the program focuses on Alzheimer's prevention.

It is recommended for three groups of people - those with a family history of the disease, those wishing to improve or maintain their brain health and cognition and people whose daily life includes a lot of stress or long working hours such as chief executive officers.

The brain health enhancement program commences with three days at the Brain Health Institute where patients undergo a series of tests and treatments by a team of medical experts.

This is followed by a five-night stay at Amatara Wellness Resort, located at Cape Panwa, where interventions, dietary plan and exercise recommended by the institute is integrated into the resort stay of the patient.

Having undergone a refurbishment 18 months ago, a section of the resort was created to nurture patient wellbeing following treatment, accommodating them in spacious rooms that boast views of the Andaman Sea.

Additionally, wellness professionals are on-hand to



assist with exercise programs, mindfulness practice, nutrition and luxury spa treatments tailored to their health goals.

"Australia is the resort's second largest market for wellness programs", said Jitchaiwat.

The resort offers a total of eight-signature wellness retreat programs including detox, weight management, active and yoga, and also accommodates for general leisure travellers.

Prices for the brain health program start from 376,200 Baht for a single person (approx. AUD14,000).

Pictured above at Café Sydney yesterday is Athipat Jitchaiwat.

Port Arthur works

CONSTRUCTION is underway on expanding and renovating the Port Arthur Visitor centre in Tas.

The \$12 million redevelopment is the largest construction project ever undertaken by The Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority and is in response to visitor demand (**TD** 08 Dec).

Last financial year over 340,000 visitors headed to the destination and current visitor numbers are tracking at 10% higher than this time last year.

Air Astana LHR boost

AIR Astana is upping its frequency between Astana and London Heathrow from four to five flights weekly from Jun.

The route is serviced by Boeing 757 aircraft, offering Business class, Economy Sleeper and Economy class.

Mudgee Weekender

TV PERSONALTY Mike Whitney paid a visit to Mudgee to explore the best local wine and produce the region has to offer for the *Sydney Weekender*.

The episode which features NSW Tourism award winners will air on the Seven Network at 5.30pm this Sun, 19 Feb.

Legoland Hotel Dubai

LEGOLAND has revealed it will be opening its first middle eastern hotel in Dubai.

An opening date is yet to be set for the 250-key hotel which will built opposite Legoland Dubai.

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Singapore boom

TOURISM in Singapore hit historical highs last year with international visitor arrivals growing by 7.7% to 16.4 million and tourism receipts soaring even higher by 13.9% to SG\$24.8b.

Chief executive of Singapore Tourism Board (STB) Lionel Yeo said he was heartened by the performance, despite challenges faced such as the Zika outbreak.

Top growth markets for visitor arrivals when compared to 2015 were China (+36%), Indonesia (+6%) and India (+8%).

Visitation from Australia, however, slid 2% year-on-year.

STB said arrivals from Western Australia dropped due to the slowing mining industry while there was also a drop in Australia's outbound travel to Europe, affecting stopover traffic.

Sabre 2016 results

SABRE Corporation has reported its fourth quarter and full year 2016 financial results for its two business segments Sabre Travel Network (revenue jumped 12.9%) and Airline and Hospitality Solutions (revenue up 16.9%).

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Corporate Chatter

With Tony O'Connor

THE GBTA has powered back to life in Australia and New Zealand after a brief absence. Headquartered in Washington DC, the Global Business Travel Association is the world's largest business travel association with operations on six continents. GBTA's 7,000-plus buyer members manage more than \$450 billion of travel spend annually. Its annual global conference in July is the world's largest. There is also a busy schedule of conferences and events in many countries.

The association delivers accredited training and education in partnership with a flagship university. It provides extensive information and research services, and offers a large range of useful papers and procurement tools to its members. The network includes 28,000 travel supplier members and has a list of 125,000 active contacts. Most of the world's leading business travel suppliers are supporters.

In Australia, GBTA has formed a partnership with btTB. Run by Nigel Wardropper, btTB has delivered the region's largest business travel conference every year since 2000. It is more than twice the size of any other industry conference in Australia. btTB will provide the admin, marketing and management, taking the association model in Australia to a more professional level. In addition to the main conference in May, there will be smaller events in all capitals.

A unique aspect of GBTA/btTB is that it will tap into the procurement network of PASA, the parent company of btTB. PASA (Procurement And Supply Australasia) engages with over 20,000 members of the procurement community in the region. It runs dozens of events and seminars across many supply

categories, including Australia's largest procurement conference every October. Travel buying decisions are now dominated by procurement managers, and these are exactly the people that travel suppliers need to connect with.

Global Business Travel Association is a great source of information for buyers and suppliers alike. The organisation is in the middle of major industry developments. Its Advocacy branch helps to guide and advise policy makers on travel related issues at top levels.

If you want to know what the Global GBTA Conference is like, picture a vast hall with hundreds of the world's leading travel companies on display, including an almost endless array of the latest software and apps. If you want to look around for a competitive tech-edge; if you want to get pole position with a great new piece of IT, this is the place. Picture a choice of 20 different seminars at the breakout seminars. Picture having lunch with George Bush one day and then Bill Clinton the next (admittedly with six thousand others). The Australian Conference won't be quite that big, but with the new support and input from the GBTA it will be bigger and better than ever. Take your clients along. It's a great way to build the relationship by helping them to learn more about travel management. And informed clients tend to understand the value of their travel suppliers better. Better still, become a sponsor!

The Global Business Travel Association's website is www.GBTA.org.

For any enquiries please contact me on 0409 944 911 or email toc@butlercaroye.com.

Tony O'Connor is the Founder and Director of Butler Caroye Asia Pacific, which has been running TMC, airline, hotel, and card tenders for corporate travel buyers since 1998.

ACTE event program

REGISTRATIONS are now open for next month's Canberra Aviation & Corporate Travel Summit, held by the Association of Corporate Travel Executives (ACTE) in partnership with the CAPA Centre for Aviation.

The 15 Mar event's keynote speaker will be Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism & Investment Keith Pitt, with other speakers including Canberra Airport ceo Stephen Byron and Virgin Australia group exec govt relations Jane McKeon.

For details **CLICK HERE**.

Corporates call Uber

HALF of all corporate travel policies now allow the use of Uber and other ride-sharing services, according to a report by the Global Business Travel Association's (GBTA).

The study found policies permitting ride-sharing services had leapt dramatically from 44% in Jun 2016 to 50% in Jan 2017.

A majority of travellers expected to use these types of services about the same amount (71%) or more often (18%) in the three months following the survey.

Use of home-sharing services like Airbnb and HomeAway, also increased 20% from Jun 2016.

CWT tackles risk

CARLSON Wagonlit Travel (CWT) has appointed its former head of information security to the role of chief risk officer.

Kathy Orner, who joined CWT in 2006 as vp and chief information security officer, will oversee areas including client privacy, disaster recovery and crisis management.

She will also oversee risk governance strategy while continuing to lead enterprise risk management and security.

CWT exec vp and chief technology officer Andrew Jordan said a key ambition for the company was digital innovation.

"Delivering the digital difference 24/7 requires the highest levels of resiliency, so potential risks must be identified and countered," Jordan said.

"Kathy's extensive experience in governance, risk management, business resiliency, security and audit make her ideally placed to drive this critical function for us."

ATMC nominations

NOMINATIONS close on 24 Feb for the Association of Travel Management Companies (ATMC) 2017 Travel Executive of the Year.

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Magellan treats award winners

AWARD winners from Magellan Travel Group recently returned from five luxury nights in Dubai and Oman having flown business class courtesy of Emirates. Hosted by the group's ceo, Andrew Macfarlane, the 'CEO Journey' is a reward and recognition experience which this year saw the team staying at St. Regis Hotel in Dubai, enjoying dinner at At.Mosphere on the 122nd floor of the iconic Burj Khalifa, seeing Dubai's many attractions whilst on board a Seawings scenic flight, visiting Al Maha deep within Dubai's desert landscape, and spending three nights at the magical Six Senses – Zighy Bay in Oman.

The final night was at Jumeriah Zabeel Saray, on Dubai's iconic Palm Island. The group relaxed, marvelled, experienced and enjoyed the generous hospitality of Dubai Tourism, its partnering hotels and Six Senses Hotels Resorts and Spas.

Each of the award winners on the CEO Journey was announced at the 2016 Magellan Travel Group conference in Auckland; Gerd Wilmer from Landmark Travel NSW (True Spirit Award); Jodie Shelton from Travel Centre Bendigo VIC (Corporate Travel Consultant of the Year); Richard French from Platinum Travel Corporation VIC (Corporate Travel Consultant of the Year); Misha Treasure from Cathie Rice Travel WA (Leisure Travel Consultant of the Year); and Megan Hutton, Spencer Travel Eastside NSW (Rising Star Award).

Macfarlane commented that "it is an honour to host the stars of our member's businesses as nominated by their peers and judged by the Magellan board. Our award winners make an outstanding contribution to the success of their agencies, our Group and the industry at large."

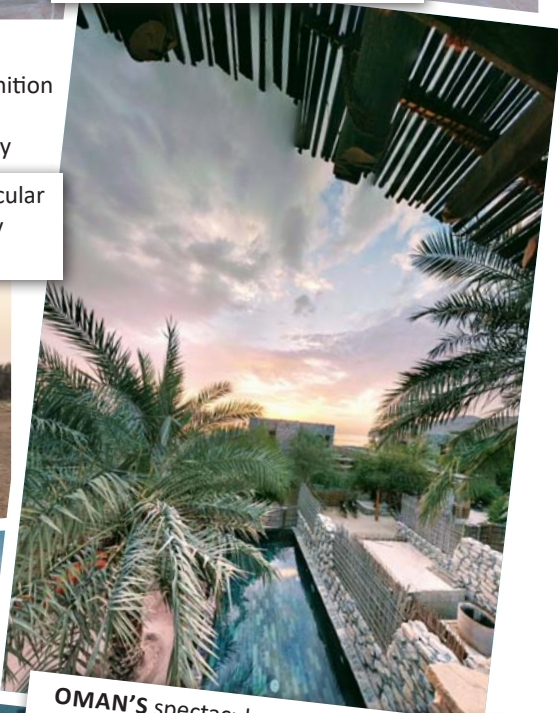
Macfarlane confirmed that the winners of the 2017 Magellan Travel Group awards would be announced at the Group's annual conference at Crown Towers Perth in Sep. "This sort of recognition from peers within our network is something that Magellan loves to foster and reward. The experiences we had whilst in Dubai and Oman over the last week are ones which I hope will stay with each of our award winners for the rest of their lives."



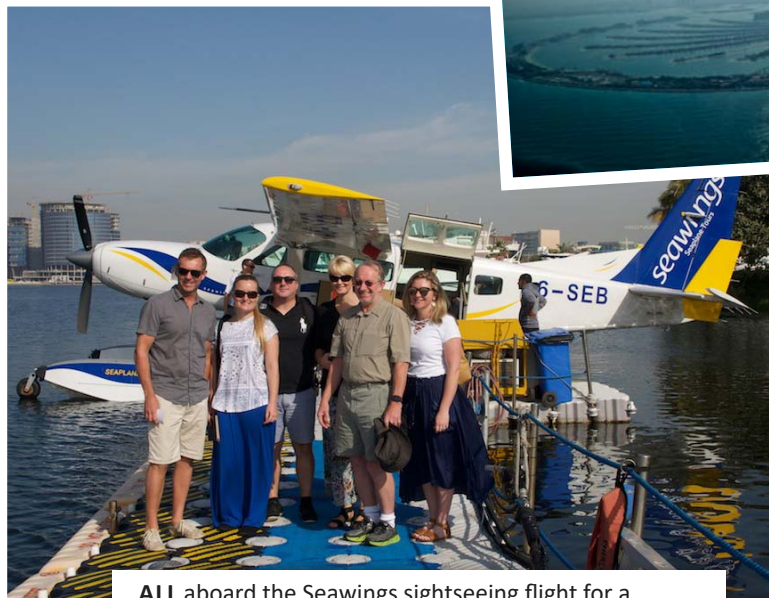
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Industry Appointments

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.

A restructure at **Travel the World** has seen the appointment of **Juliana Higgins** as Sydney-based National Marketing & Product Manager and **Sharon Hando** as Gold Coast-based National Sales Manager. **Sussanah Teng** becomes National Marketing & Product Executive.

The Association of Australian Convention Bureaux (AACB) has announced the appointment of **Annika Hofsink** as Marketing & Communications Executive.

Ramzy Fenianos has become Vice President Development for Europe, Middle East & Africa at **Minor Hotels**, joining the group from his previous role in acquisitions at Starwood Hotels & Resorts.

Flight Centre Travel Group has promoted **Jarrod Pask** to the role of General Manager Queensland and Northern New South Wales.

AKARYN Hotel Group has appointed **Daniel Steinke** as General Manager for two beachfront properties in Thailand - the Aleenta Phuket Resort & Spa and akya Beach Club Phuket.

Verteran hotelier **Nigel Tovey** has taken up the role of General Manager at the **Ananda Hua Hin Resort & Spa** in Thailand, operated by the Compass Hospitality group.

Sun Princess delay

SUN Princess will be delayed in Brisbane today to allow for a deep clean after an outbreak of Norovirus on its most recent cruise to New Zealand.

A Princess spokesman said 12 to 15 of the ship's guests had been in self-isolation on any given day during the cruise while symptoms ran their course.

"At no stage during the cruise was there a large number of guests ill at any one time," the spokesman said.

Christchurch fires

DFAT has warned travellers to NZ that a state of emergency has been declared in Christchurch and the Selwyn district due to the current Port Hill fires.

Myconian opening

DESIGN Hotels is opening the luxurious Myconian Kyma in Cycladic town on the Greek Island of Mykonos on 01 May.

The 52-room and 29-suite hotel will feature white washed structures throughout along with a multi-level infinity pool, steakhouse and full service spa.

LATAM MDE/SMR

LATAM Airlines Colombia will next month introduce two new domestic routes.

Flights between Medellin and Santa Marta will operate four times weekly aboard Airbus A319 and 320 aircraft.

Services from Cartagena to San Andres Island are scheduled to fly twice weekly using A319s.

Air NZ, FCTG get touchy



AIR New Zealand and Flight Centre went head to head in a friendly Valentine's Day touch footy match refereed by Warriors Halfback, Shaun Johnson.

The two teams headed up by Air New Zealand ceo Christopher Luxon and Flight Centre ceo Skroo Turner took to Victoria Park in Auckland with a thirteen man team on each side in.

Air NZ's chief revenue officer Cam Wallace said the game was a "unique opportunity to engage with one of our key partners in a casual and active event".



"We hope to continue this tradition in coming years," Wallace said.

Flight Centre took home the trophy with a final score of six points to four.

The two teams are **pictured** while Skroo Turner & Christopher Luxon are **pictured** inset.

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This month Travel Daily, Tempo Holidays and Tourism Ireland are giving agents the chance to win a trip for two to Ireland.

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