

Travel Daily First with the news

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Malindo ADL arrival

MALINDO Air's inaugural flight from Kuala Lumpur to Adelaide touched down at Adelaide Airport this morning, with the Boeing 737-800 greeted by a traditional water cannon salute upon its 6.40am arrival.

The new service, offering both **Business class and Economy** cabins, is expected to open up new connections through to other Indonesian destinations, and will depart four times per week on Mon, Wed, Fri and Sun at 7.40am (TD 21 Mar).

NTIA Agency voting

VOTING is now open for the **National Travel Industry Awards** (NTIA) People's Choice Travel Agency of the Year.

Voting closes Fri 31 May. APT is offering clients who vote the chance to win an 11-day

Kimberlev Coast Cruise for two. For details on how to vote and for further details see page nine.

Aust key for Star Alliance

THE dozen or so Star Alliance members operating here collectively make Australia one of the global group's largest markets without a home carrier, according to Star Alliance CEO Jeffrey Goh.

Speaking exclusively to **TD** this morning during a flying visit down under. Goh highlighted the huge array of destinations offered by Star members from the 10 Australian ports where they currently collectively operate.

And although membership

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has six pages of news and photos, a front cover page for Air New Zealand plus full pages from:

- Albatross Tours
- Travel Trade Recruitment
- AFTA People's Choice
- Exodus Travels
- Tempo Holidays Profile Page

growth isn't off the table, Goh noted that the scale of the Alliance is seeing it now focus on enhancing the customer journey, with a range of technology projects currently under way to revolutionise transit experiences.

One example is a recently completed trial at London Heathrow to facilitate passengers with tight connections, in which a "digital voucher" is automatically pushed to their smartphone as they land allowing them to bypass security and immigration queues.

Biometrics are also a key focus, with Star Alliance expecting to go live with a system later this year which allows its member carriers & airports to centrally access permission-based biometric info of flyers to facilitate automatic checkin, lounge access & boarding.

Star Alliance's Baggage Hub also now enables traceability of bag tracking across the Star network more in TD tomorrow.

Albatross Tool Kit

ALBATROSS Tours has launched its 2019 European Festive Touring Agent Tool Kit.

The new resource offers agents information on Europe's festive season with social media tiles. flyers, promotional videos, brochures, featured agent poster display and much more.

To find out how to order the tool kit, see page seven.

Tempo to Puglia

TEMPO Holidays is today highlighting Italy's Puglia region.

The tour company is offering a range of tours to Puglia including a seven-day Best of Puglia, the five-day Cooking in Puglia and the four-day Highlights of Puglia and Matera.

Destination highlights include the historic town of Otranto and Lecce, known as the "Florence of the South".

For more details and to view the tours available, see page 11.

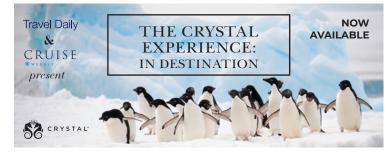










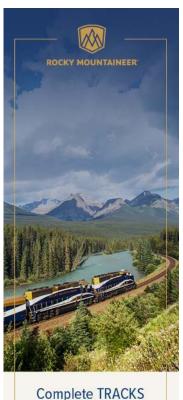


Roomlt appoints

ROOMIT by CWTO, the hotel distribution division of CWT, has appointed James Colguboun to the role of Vice President of Finance and CFO.

He will be based at the company's Chicago HQ and brings with him more than 10 years of experience with Hyatt Hotels.

His expertise is in improving profitability for both large corporations and start-ups, and executing disruptive strategies.



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ALL ABOARD AMAZING

HLO trading on target

HELLOWORLD'S share price surged more than 10% this morning after the company issued a trading update detailing ongoing increases in revenue and profit (TD breaking news).

As **TD** went to press today HLO was trading at \$4.56, after opening the day at around \$4.13.

Helloworld's Total Transaction Value for the nine months to 31 Mar was \$4.71 billion, up almost 9% on the previous corresponding period, while the company's revenue was 8% higher at \$260.5 million, with a 5.5% gross margin.

The company reaffirmed previous guidance, which forecast a full year EBITDA result for the year to 30 Jun of \$76m-\$80m.

Operating expenses for the first three quarters increased by \$12.3 million, and the overall earnings figure was \$54.9, up 14.7%, while EBITDA to revenue margins also improved to 21.1%.

WebBeds plans

WEBJET Managing Director John Guscic has outlined "significant growth opportunities" for its B2B hotels division WebBeds in a presentation uploaded to the Australian Securities Exchange today.

WebBeds is currently the number two global B2B player, but claims less than 4% of the market share.

The B2B market is worth US\$50b+ TTV, with the majority of participants having specialised, local offerings and relatively small market share.

He said WebBeds was "one of very few genuine global players".

Trading in Australia was particularly strong, with the company reporting TTV up 10.3%, including an 11% growth in its retail turnover.

The New Zealand segment grew 2.4% over the same period, while Helloworld's Rest of the World segment declined 8.3% but "off a relatively small base".

The company's performance vindicates recent on-market share purchases by CEO Andrew Burnes, who late last month acquired 16,000 additional shares for an average price of \$4.08.

Chairman Garry Hounsell has also been increasing his stake in the company, buying 30,000 HLO shares in early Apr.

Rep precedes Air NZ

AIR New Zealand has topped a list of companies rated on the basis of reputation for the third consecutive year, according to a report compiled by RepTrak.

Australians chose the New Zealand carrier ahead of Aussie carrier Qantas which came in second, and Virgin Australia, which slipped from fourth spot last year to outside the top 10 altogether in 2019.

"Customer focus underpins reputation leadership...by continuing to invest in our aircraft, products and services and by bringing genuine Kiwi warmth to the 17m journeys we're part of every year," said Air New Zealand CEO Christopher Luxon.

Air NZ currently operates the most trans-Tasman routes.

The airline is today promoting its top spot, see the cover page of today's issue.

Vietravel's air push

VIETNAMESE tour company Vietravel has applied to set up an new airline following a surge in domestic flight demand.

Vietravel said it saw the need for an additional carrier and cited other examples of travel companies making similar moves.

Papers have been filed for a license with transportation authorities in Thua Thien Hue, and if approved would be the country's seventh domestic carrier.







Seabourn updates training

LUXURY cruise operator Seabourn has made a series of updates to its Seabourn Academy training program, including the addition of new material, videos, the latest company news and information plus a range of updated incentive offers.

The program, launched in 2012, is designed to help travel agents broaden their skills and knowledge by providing the tools required to sell the cruise line's range of products.

"Seabourn Academy covers every angle in the luxury travel genre and challenges participants to learn and grow in their fields," said Seabourn Senior Vice President of Global Marketing and Sales Chris Austin.

"It's an invaluable tool for travel

advisors, including those who feel like they don't know how to sell luxury options but want to get started," he added.

Seabourn Academy is comprised of six courses divided into multiple lessons, with each module offering users a range of learning objectives, quizzes, as well as a final exam.

Agents who graduate from the program will receive a number of incentives and rewards, including certification as a "Seabourn Ultra-Luxury Travel Specialist" and an email signature logo, exclusive reduced Seabourn Advisor Appreciation Fares, as well as continuing education credits from CLIA.

The program is free to join, for more information **CLICK HERE**.

Highlights from the 18th annual CLIA cruise industry awards in the April issue of travelBulletin.

CLICK to read travelBulletin



Hotel price update

HOTELS.COM has released its latest Hotel Price Index data, with the Whitsunday Islands named the most expensive Australian destination of the top 20 most popular destinations for int'l travellers in 2018, showing a year-on-year price increase of 10%.

Sydney recorded the second highest average price per night at \$237, a 2% increase on 2017.

Townsville, Alice Springs, and Darwin reported the lowest accommodation prices in 2018, as well as the largest price drop, with Townsville down 2% to \$121 per night, Alice Springs down 1% to \$125 per night and Darwin dropping 2% to \$130.

Cruise sod turned

construction has begun on Brisbane's new multi-million dollar cruise terminal, with Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk officially turning the sod at a ceremony on Tue.

The terminal, which is expected to handle over 1,100 vessel calls and around 1.8m passengers in its first five years, will "provide a welcome boost" to the state's tourism sector.

"Last financial year we saw 520 ships port in Queensland - 11% growth year-on-year, making the Sunshine State Australia's undisputed cruise capital," said Queensland Tourism Industry Development Minister, Kate Jones.

The terminal is scheduled to open in Oct 2020.

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Window Seat

AS FAR as wedding photo bombs go, it doesn't get much cuter than this one.

Swiss couple Eva and Christophe Langer recently exchanged vows on the deck of a Sunlover boat cruising the Great Barrier Reef, before taking their nuptials under the water for some wedding photos.

Donning a tuxedo dive suit, veil and a bouquet, the pair splashed down and were "shell-shocked" to find a would-be guest waiting among the coral. Turtle-y awesome snap, guys.



Voyages appoints

VOYAGES Indigenous Tourism Australia has appointed three new members to the Voyages board of directors.

Former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tourism Australia Andrew McEvoy has been appointed, along with Aboriginal leader and founding Managing Director of Carey Mining Daniel Tucker and senior tourism professional Dana Ronan.

They replace outgoing board members Ian Ward Ambler, Peter Thomas and George Bedwani.





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Anscombe takes off

FLIGHT Centre General Manager Specialist Businesses Jessica Anscombe has departed the role after 17 years with the husiness

She finished up last Fri with Flight Centre, and was previously the General Manger Flight Centre Business Travel UK until 2013, before making the move across to Australia.

Ikon adds Mt Buller

THE Ikon Pass has expanded its list of ski partners with the addition of Mt Buller in Victoria, bringing its portfolio to 38 winter ski destinations available globally.

To celebrate, 19/20 Ikon Pass holders will receive bonus early access to Mt Buller for the 2019 season starting this Jun, along with access to the 2020 season.

The Ikon Pass offers seven-day access to Mt Buller per season, while the Ikon Base Pass offers five days each season.

Managers matter

MORE than 63% of global travellers believe their stay has been improved by the person managing their accommodation going "above and beyond", according to a recent study conducted by Booking.com.

The research conducted with over 21,500 global travellers found that 51% of people opted to stay in the same accommodation again primarily because of the host.

"Our research reveals just how important it is for accommodation owners and managers to get the balance right in order to ensure the most memorable stay," said Olivier Gremillon, Vice President at Booking.com.

For more than half of Aussies, the role of a host carries significant weight, with 54% stating they plan to stay in accommodation which allows for interaction with a property owner or manager in 2019.

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Kenya believe how good it is?



FOUR travel agents were recently treated to an exploration of Kenya to mark Bench Africa's 50th anniversary.

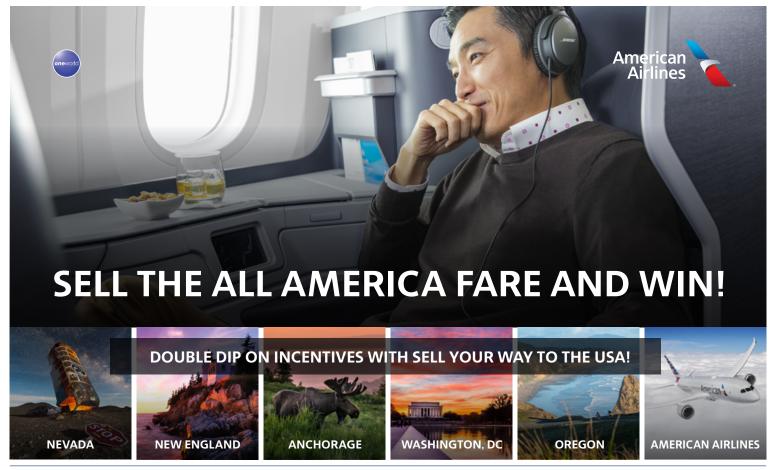
Each agent won their spot by attending a Bench Africa event in Sep which put them in the running to score the ticket.

Making their way to Africa for the first time, the group visited the historic Tsavo National Park where they had a sleepless night camping close to lions, before viewing the majesty of

Mt Kilimanjaro in the Amboseli National Park.

The famil concluded with a trip to Lake Nakuru and the Masai Mara Game Reserve.

Pictured: tour guide Kevin Apidi; Graham Ware, South African Airways; Adam Osborne, Travel Directors WA; Scott McGlynn, HW Winston Hills NSW; Nicky Oosthuizen, Bench Africa; Georgina Glass, Travel Associates Toorak and Samantha Mclean, Flight Centre Brookside.





TIME catches up with Melbourne



PLATINUM Travel Corporation hosted the Travel Industry Mentoring Experience (TIME) network and its guests to connect & share tales of their professional experience in Melbourne.

TIME graduate and GM Brand, Strategy & Partnerships at Evolution Travel Collective, Ingrid Kocijan was MC for the night.

Kocijan described her own experience in the TIME program, and was pleased with the interest from aspiring new mentees.

"It's so great to see this momentum from the travel community here," she said.

"Our next Melbourne gathering is set for Jun, and we encourage ambitious travel and hospitality professionals to join us and learn more about this incredible industry program."

TIME's 35th group of Mentees starts its six-month mentoring journey on 19 Jun, with expressions of interest for that intake due by 17 May.

Pictured are Casey Anderson, Hawthorn Travel; Ines Iniesta, Insight Vacations; Kate James, SureSave; and Julie O'Grady, Exclusively Cruising.

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Asiana Airlines sells

SOUTH Korea's second-largest carrier is set to sell a "one-third stake owned by its controlling family" in order to secure liquidity and improve its financial structure.

The buyer and price have yet to be decided.

ACCOMMODATION

WELCOME to Accommodation Updates, *Travel Daily*'s Wed feature. If your property has undergone some recent changes you would like to make the industry aware of, send a brief description with an image to accompdates@traveldaily.com.au.



The US\$50 million revitalisation of Fiji's largest stand-alone meeting and conference facility, **Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa**, Yanuca Island, has been unveiled. The resort features three large indoor meeting spaces, as well as a variety of indoor and outdoor

breakout spaces that can be reserved for exclusive use by MICE groups. All of the guestrooms have been upgraded during the refurbishment and an exclusive adults-only precinct has been established. A significant portion of the funds were used for a dining makeover and upgrade.



A new 200-seat restaurant, **Platform 818 Restaurant & Bar**, has opened at Mercure Sydney, serving classic Australian dishes.
Led by Executive Chef Simon Harrison and Sous Chef Richard Batchelor, the menu features items such as the sticky BBQ

pressed Riverina brisket, and pulled Break Out River lamb shoulder tart sourced from Cowra Lamb in the Riverina. The restaurant's signature drink is the highball cocktail.



Outrigger Hospitality Group has celebrated the reopening of **Waikiki Beachcomber by Outrigger** located in the centre of Waikiki following an extensive US\$35-million modernisation. The "by Outrigger" property now boasts 498 guest rooms with fresh,

coastal decor and renewed public spaces including two meeting areas, plus an all-new lobby. The pool deck has new furniture and an expanded infinity-style hot tub overlooking Kalakaua Avenue.

Marriott, Brand USA

DESTINATION-MARKETING

organisation for the US, Brand USA, has announced Marriott International as the official hotel sponsor of its United Stories campaign to inspire international travellers to visit the destination.

Marriott Bonvoy will be integrated within the United Stories campaign to generate awareness and create connectivity with its newly launched travel program.

This includes branding of the mobile content creation labs and hosting influencers and content creators at hotels across the US.

29th ACI drones

AIRPORTS Council Int'I (ACI) World Annual General Assembly, held this month in Hong Kong, provided advice for reducing the threat of drones to airports.

Practices suggested at the event included coordinating with drone experts to understand developments, and offering training to airport personnel on policies and procedures on the operation of authorised and unauthorised drones.

Etihad Amadeus

ETIHAD Airways has partnered with Amadeus to transform its global load control system.

The partnership will be launched worldwide to support Etihad Airways' ongoing efforts to improve operational capabilities and efficiencies.

Etihad Airways will use Amadeus Altea Departure Control Flight Management to improve productivity with increased automation and integration, in order to better manage capacity and reduce costs.

AWS Egypt 19/20

AFRICAN Wildlife Safaris (AWS) has released its 36-page Egypt brochure for 2019/20, with tourism to the region "once again on the increase".

The new program features Nile cruise boats, FIT itineraries and a range of luxury accommodation in Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Oman, the UAE and Morocco.

Travellers will be able to visit the sites of Egypt including the Pyramids of Giza, or the desert mountain landscapes of Oman and Jordan.



Qantas Hols' Brisbane feast



QANTAS Holidays hosted some of the top performing Queensland-based agents from its exclusive Premium Agency, at a special function in Brisbane.

The agents were treated to an evening at the city's awardwinning Alchemy Restaurant on the banks of the Brisbane River, with views of the Story Bridge.

Pictured are: Mick Boylan, Alicia McGregor and Kim Knight, Qantas Holidays; Tony Matheson and Mark Davidson, Helloworld

Travel Southport; Leisa Davis, Helloworld Travel Biloela: Tammi Sirett and Kylie Howard, Globenet Travel: Samantha Stiles and Diane Marshall, Helloworld Travel Daisy Hill; Jane Gaskin, Helloworld Travel Mackay; Ingrid Hay, New Farm Travel; Jacinta Blundell and Dianne Cosgrove, Helloworld Travel Buderim; Richard van Schouwen and Lynn Parker, Kawana Waters Travel; and Anita Duddy & Selena Petyt, Journey

Glass of Thrones

GAME of Thrones is leaving its mark on Northern Ireland, with six freestanding stained glass windows being displayed across Belfast as the final season unfolds.

The installations are part of Tourism Ireland's campaign to celebrate the show's links to Northern Ireland, with the first window overlooking City Hall.

Dream savings

DREAM Cruises is offering savings of up to 30% on cruises departing Sydney between 27 Oct 2019 and 23 Feb 2020, to celebrate the christening of Explorer Dream.

The offer includes a range of itineraries with prices starting from \$505ppts.

Contact Dream Cruises on 1300 658 666 for more information.



This month Acacia Africa and Travel Daily are teaming up to give two agents a 14-day Southern African Magic open age Small Group Safari. You can also take a friend for 50% off the tour price.



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sizes of Acacia's Small Group Safaris?

Bollywood in Syd

MADAME Tussauds Sydney is bringing Bollywood to Darling Harbour with its new Lights, Camera, Bollywood Experience.

The new zone allows visitors to go backstage on the set of a Bollywood blockbuster and rehearse a dance routine before going centre stage.

JO&JOE Paris

ACCOR'S JO&JOE brand has

The property is located 20 minutes from the Arc de

Fauchon Kyoto

FAUCHON Hospitality will open a 70-room five-star hotel in the centre of Kvoto in 2020.

Check-in will be located on the top floor, giving guests city views.

The hotel will be operated under a services and trademark license agreement with Hotel W Management.

Myanmar warning

THE Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is urging Australian tourists in Myanmar to exercise a high degree of caution, due to armed conflict in Rakhine State and the southern parts of Chin State.

DFAT has told travellers to avoid a number of townships as fighting between the Myanmar military and the Arakan Army continues.

CLICK HERE for more info.

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Tempo Holidays top tips for

exploring Puglia include heading to Lecce, known as the 'Florence of the South' due to its beautiful baroque churches and buildings. Here, you can uncover an 18th Century palace and visit the Jewish Medieval Museum where you can take part in a traditional papier-mache workshop.

Another must-see destination in Puglia is the lovely and historical coastal town of Otranto where you can visit the magnificent Cathedral of Santa Maria Annunziata, the biggest church in Puglia with an incredible medieval mosaic floor.

With direct flights into Bari, you can start your trip by exploring this wonderful capital of Puglia with its beautiful mazelike old town.

One highlight of Bari on our 5-day "Cooking in Puglia" tour is visiting an authentic "Masseria" — a fortified home which today is used as a local farm where you can meet a local host and cook a traditional Apulian recipe such as a typical "focaccia pugliese".

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