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VIRGIN Australia is giving away a whopping 10 million Velocity loyalty points this month, with clients using VA's *accelerate* SME platform going into a draw to win a share of the booty when they book and fly a VA flight 01-31 Mar - see the **cover page** for details.

ACA extends Abel contract

JILL Abel's tenure as CEO of the Australian Cruise Association (ACA) has been extended through until 2022, with ACA Chair Grant Gilfillan saying the move had been "unanimously and enthusiastically supported" by the organisation's committee.

Abel has led ACA, formerly known as Cruise Down Under, for 14 years, working with members to help support the huge increase in ships operating in local waters.

ACA members include ports, regional, state and international tourism bodies, shipping agents, ground handlers, activities providers and tour operators.

Abel said she was pleased to

have led the Association through some truly exciting times.

"Cruise has grown exponentially in the last decade," she said, with key opportunities including working with accommodation partners to drive more pre- and post-cruise visitation, as well as helping regional destinations to become "cruise ready".

NRL tipping now!

DON'T forget to register for this year's *Travel Daily* footy tipping competitions, with the NRL season kicking off this Thu 14 Mar.

Participation is free for all *Travel Daily* readers, with the competitions offering prizes of \$100 Expedia vouchers for the top tippers each week.

The grand prize for the overall NRL winner this year is tickets for two people to Europe, courtesy of major sponsor Emirates.

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Windstar Grand Prix

WINDSTAR Cruises is promoting Monaco Grand Prix fly, cruise & stay packages priced from just \$9,999 per person.

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Ballard joins Voyages

HOLLY Ballard has taken a new role as Business Events Sales Executive for Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia.

She returns to Voyages after more than six years as MICE Account Manager at Hawaii Tourism Oceania.

ASIC to probe insurance

TRAVEL insurers may be put under the regulatory microscope in the aftermath of the Hayne Royal Commission, with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) confirming it was “scoping a review of the travel insurance market this year”.

The Royal Commission into the financial sector recommended the introduction of “unfair contract” laws in relation to insurance, as well as boosting ASIC’s powers to oversee the management of insurance claims.

ASIC Executive Director for Financial Services, Michael Saadat, told *Nine Publishing* that travel insurance was one of the most complained-about financial products in Australia, with policy wording sometimes making it difficult to lodge a claim.

Key issues include wide-ranging exclusions, claims for stolen items amid difficulties obtaining local

police reports, and claims for motorcycle injuries being denied.

The report quoted John Price from the Australian Financial Complaints Authority who also cited common disputes around pre-existing medical conditions.

“Often the exclusions contained in insurance policies, travel insurance policies in particular, are quite broad,” he said.

Price suggested the implementation of a “minimum cover regime” which would force insurers to provide set coverage under different levels such as basic, intermediate and premium.

MH, EY cooperate

MALAYSIA Airlines has expanded its codeshare agreement with Etihad Airways, with the MH code added earlier this month to Etihad services from Abu Dhabi to Amsterdam, Barcelona, Madrid and Zurich.

VIA Rail flash sale

RAILBOOKERS today launched a VIA Rail special, offering savings of up to \$600 when upgrading to private sleeping accommodation aboard Canada’s VIA Rail trains.

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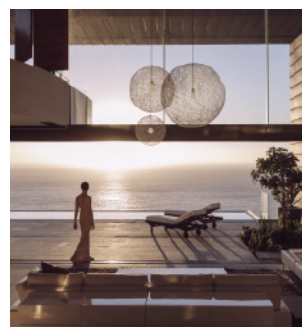
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737 MAX crisis hits Boeing

SHARES in Boeing dived more than 10% yesterday amid rising speculation that the second fatal crash of its new 737 MAX may be linked to a fault with the aircraft.

The black box flight recorders have been recovered from the Ethiopian Airlines flight which hit the ground minutes after take-off on Sun, killing all 157 people on board (**TD** yesterday).

ET has grounded its remaining four 737 MAX aircraft as a precaution, while China's Civil Aviation Administration has also ordered the grounding of all similar planes operating in the country in line with a principle of "zero tolerance for security risks".

The 737 MAX is operated by Air China, China Eastern, Hainan Airlines and China Southern.

Authorities in Indonesia have also grounded all 11 737 MAX 8 jets used by Lion Air and Garuda, while South African carrier Comair, which operates services

on behalf of British Airways and under its own kulula brand, has also removed the 737 MAX from its flight schedules.

However other carriers such as American Airlines, flydubai, Southwest and Norwegian along with Fiji Airways and SilkAir, both of which operate the aircraft type on Australian routes, are continuing to utilise 737 MAXs.

The US Federal Aviation Administration has confirmed it will order "design changes" to the aircraft which Boeing must implement by next month.

The regulator said Boeing was working on "flight control system enhancements, which provide reduced reliance on procedures associated with required pilot memory items," as well as updating training requirements and manuals in connection with an automated system called the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System (MCAS).



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Hitchen to Creative Cruising GM

CAROLINE Hitchen has been appointed as the new General Manager for Creative Cruising.

She takes over from Peter Forsyth, who has run the business for the last five years including steering it through its acquisition from The Travel Corporation by the owners of the Express Travel Group (**TD** 13 Dec 2017).

Forsyth will step into a new role as Head of Business Development, shifting his focus to dedicating time expanding Creative Cruising across Australia and into new markets.

Hitchen has been consulting to Creative Cruising for the last 12 months in the role of Head of Marketing and Sales, which has seen her oversee the development and delivery of the cruise specialist wholesaler's website and online booking platform, helping drive double-digit sales growth.



Window Seat

SAUDI Arabian Airlines last week undertook a fairly unusual emergency procedure, after one of the passengers on board a flight from Jeddah to Kuala Lumpur realised she'd left her newborn child behind.

The severe case of "baby brain" saw the woman suddenly remember she had left the infant in the departure lounge, a few minutes after flight SV832 pushed back, reports *Gulf News*.

A video recording of the conversation between the pilot and bemused air traffic controllers was uploaded to Youtube, and has now been viewed almost 300,000 times.

"Can we come back or what," the pilot says, with controllers confirming "this is a totally new one for us!" - [CLICK HERE](#).

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Quest Robina underway



QUEST Hotels has begun construction of its first Gold Coast property, Quest Robina.

The mixed-use development, which is due for completion in 2020, will feature 80 serviced apartments, 37m² of ground floor retail, a two-level carpark, and 24

residential apartments.

Pictured are: Gold Coast Councillor Hermann Vorster; Quest Apartment Hotels General Manager - Growth James Shields and Pellicano Development Operations Manager for Queensland Michael Kent.

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Aqua iFrame launch

AQUA Expeditions has launched a new online marketing tool called iFrame, providing the company's Australian trade partners free and exclusive access to current content.

The new offering has been designed to assist with sales of the brand's *Aqua Mekong* and *Aria Amazon* cruises by providing "the most important and useful information" in one location.

Using the program, agents can present all the latest information to their clients while also learning about cruise highlights and current offers.

For info on the new program, contact BDM Jodie Weeks [HERE](#).



Brand Tas chair

THE new branding authority Brand Tasmania has announced the appointment of Nick Haddow as its inaugural Chair, as the business puts the focus on "standing out from the crowd" and competing in the global market place.

Founder of the Bruny Island Cheese Co, Haddow is a "passionate Tasmanian" who has spent much of his time promoting the state by supporting, showcasing and mentoring local producers and agri-food companies.

Previous roles include Presenter of SBS' *Gourmet Farmer* series, authoring several books, plus serving on the board of Wine Tasmania.

"This is an exciting initiative for Tas and I look forward to working with Nick and the rest of Brand Tasmania's team on promoting our state to the world," said Tas Premier Will Hodgman.

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WA airfare update

THE West Australian Government is continuing its assessment of the price of airfares on unregulated air routes under its review of the State Aviation Strategy.

Through Mar to Apr, Department of Transport representatives will visit the towns of the nine unregulated air routes (Broome, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Karratha, Kununurra, Newman, Paraburdoo, Port Hedland and Onslow) to meet with stakeholders and offer community information drop-in opportunities.

Queensland Transport Minister Rita Saffioti said the survey and gathered information is set to “help find ways to reduce airfares on regional air routes, in addition to reviewing the State Aviation Strategy”.

A revised draft State Aviation Strategy will be released for public comment in late 2019.

Sheraton's logo

SHERATON Hotels & Resorts, Marriott International has unveiled a new logo that “pays homage to its past and depicts its vision for the future”.

The brand is in the midst of a global brand overhaul (**TD** 16 Nov), with the new Sheraton experience to be showcased later this year at the 1,000-room Sheraton Grand Phoenix hotel.

“This new logo offers a modernised look and feel to match the reimagined space while maintaining the powerful equity and recognition of the original logo,” said Mara Hannula, VP, Global Brand Marketing, Classic Premium Brands.

Guests will start to see the new logo (**pictured**) on collateral and websites from Apr.



Agents indulge in Maldives



CLUB Med celebrated the sales success of its top Aussie travel agents last week in the Maldives during its 2019 Top Achievers trip.

The four-day VIP event saw the agents enjoy the vibrancy of Club Med Kani and indulge at Club Med Finolhu Villas.

Some of the highlights included a snorkelling trip with sightings of turtles, manta rays, eagle rays and reef sharks, along with a surprise visit from the Youssef Tobrouki, Club Med Kani's Chef de Village, arriving on a speed boat to meet the returning snorkelling boat bearing Magnum ice creams.

“We couldn't think of a more ideal setting to congratulate and

celebrate our VIP trade partners,” said General Manager of the Pacific, Rachael Harding.

“Their contribution to our business is so incredibly important and appreciated from within our region and beyond.

“We promise next year will be even better and anyone can be a part of this as we open up to not only our VIP agents but budding VIPs who demonstrate the Club Med spirit and potential with new wildcard spots.”

Five top agencies were also recognised and awarded for their support of Club Med.

Pictured are some of the agents enjoying the Maldives beaches.



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Rex Gambier dispute

REGIONAL Express (Rex) GM of Network Strategy, Warrick Lodge, has welcomed news that the "hostile actions" of the District Council of Grant's (DCG) CEO David Singe have been taken seriously, after Singe requested the airline not be invited to the Mount Gambier Regional Strategy Committee (**TD 06 Mar**).

DCG Mayor said he looked forward to Rex's contribution to the Mount Gambier Regional Airport Strategy Committee.

25% off Karma

KARMA Reef Resort on the Indonesian island of Gili Meno is celebrating its grand reopening by offering guests 25% off bookings throughout Mar and Apr.

The resort, which has been undergoing renovations since the earthquake in Lombok last Aug, has also launched the Karma Beach Gili Meno, a bar and restaurant that serves locally sourced seafood along with sushi and sashimi sharing plates.

More info is available [HERE](#).



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- Reservations and ticketing experience
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- Strong communication and presentation skills
- MS office experience
- The ability to organise and prioritise within an ever changing and demanding work place
- French speaker preferred but not essential

Applications should be sent to SYDSALES@UNITED.COM

Atout's fabulous French soiree



A GROUP of 300 travel agents gathered at the Sofitel Wentworth in Sydney last night to celebrate the Good France event.

Hosted by Atout France in conjunction with Air France, Etihad and Scenic, the event included cheese, crepes and a giant macaroon tower, along with a presentation by the team who noted that bookings to the country have showed a 15% increase so far in 2019.

Pictured at the event are Anthony Laver, GM Sales & Marketing Scenic; Linda Pellaers, Commercial Coordinator Air France; and Neil Ager, Sales Manager, Etihad.

United meetings

UNITED Airlines has launched a new product called United Meetings that aims to "make managing travel and redeeming rewards for meetings and events quicker and more streamlined".

Available via the airline's business portal, United Jetstream, United Meetings can be accessed by businesses around the world who are interested in hosting a meeting of 10 or more people and includes discounts and coupons - more [HERE](#).

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Viking champ announced



VIKING Cruises has crowned Kelly Hutchinson, City Beach Travel (pictured above) as the winner of its latest *Travel Daily* comp, where Aussie & NZ agents submitted a photo showing their favourite Viking inclusion.

Hutchinson has won a DV4 stateroom on New York, Bermuda & West Indies departure 10 Oct.

Other notable participants

were Kathy Thomaidis, MTA Travel (inset); Rose Febo, TravelManagers (pictured right) and Alison Dipaolo, Claremont Cruise and Travel Centre.



Solomon dives okay

TOURISM Solomons has stated the Rennell Island oil spill has not impacted Solomon Islands' main dive sites.

Tourism Solomons CEO, Josefa 'Jo' Tuamoto said while he did not want to be seen to be downplaying the situation, Rennell Island lies close to 250km away from the nearest main dive location, the Florida and Russell Islands, and this area was not under threat from the oil spill.

Additionally other dive sites on Guadalcanal and in Munda and Gizo are unaffected.

"The best thing our int'l visitors can do to help the people of Rennell Island, and by extension the people of the Solomon Islands who are so dependent on tourism, is to keep their travel plans on track," said Tuamoto.

Hawaiian app out

HAWAIIAN Airlines has launched its new mobile app to assist guests with travel plans.

The app features access to boarding passes up to 24 hours before travelling and updates the boarding pass if there are any flight changes.

Additionally, travellers can stay informed with up-to-the minute alerts and notifications, and reach out to an agent through the in-app chat.

Other inclusions are in-flight entertainment, airport maps, and standby or upgrade waitlist.

Travellers can also go in the draw to win a free trip to Hawaii until 18 Mar.

Competition details can be viewed [HERE](#).

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Journese incentive

LUXURY travel brand Journese has revealed a new sales incentive that offers agents the chance to earn 500 bonus TRIP Points for Journese bookings made at select Marriott International Resorts.

Any activity bookings made in the Journese portfolio in combination with select Marriott hotels will also receive an additional 100 bonus TRIP Points.

The deal ends 30 Apr & is valid for travel through to 30 Apr 2020.

AirAsia mega sale

AIRASIA has announced the return of its Mega Sale which offers discounts on fares, meals and duty-free items.

Flights start from \$99 for a one-way ticket from Perth to Bali for travel between 01 Sep 2019 and 02 Jun 2020.

Other deals include a Sydney to Kuala Lumpur flight for \$159, 20% off all Santan combo meals, plus 30% off all duty-free items and AirAsia merchandise.

The offer ends 17 Mar.

For more information on terms & conditions, [CLICK HERE](#).

Dream enhances

DREAM Cruises has announced the enhancement of The Palace by adding a range of new benefits in the luxury area for passengers.

New services offered in the "ship within a ship" concept include all-inclusive set meal entitlements, free premium beverage package, a dedicated kids' program, and complimentary choice of select shore excursions.

The Palace is comprised of 10,000m² of suites, a restaurant, gym, sundeck, swimming pool and other facilities.

Agoda partnership

ONLINE travel agent Agoda has partnered with payment platform Adyen in a bid to improve the payment process for its customers.

Through the partnership, Agoda is now able to offer alternative payment methods to clients such as ATM bank transfers, in addition to the ability to update expired or lost card details.

Adyen also offers Agoda the ability to enhance its global reporting capabilities.

Steps in the right direction



RESPONDING to concerns that being tethered to a desk can increase the risk of social, physical and emotional distress, TravelManagers has implemented a new "walking meetings" initiative.

The innovative concept was born out of the company's annual National Conference in Hawaii last year, where a wellness workshop identified the benefits associated with the concept.

"Typically, the walks have lasted just over an hour and have concluded with a coffee - on

each walk we've tracked at least 10,000 steps, or five to seven kilometres, and have been a great setting in which to exchange ideas," said TravelManagers Business Partnership Manager Julia McLean.

The walking meetings concept was famously pioneered by Apple founder Steve Jobs.

Pictured: TravelManagers' Business Partnership Manager, Julia McLean enjoys views of the Opera House with Danielle Goncalves, Andy Hallinan and Janice Lee.



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Essence Suites Taringa opens



ESSENCE Suites Taringa in Brisbane was officially opened by Queensland Tourism Minister Kate Jones (pictured centre), who cut the ribbon last week to celebrate Australia's first hotel

and hospital in the one building.

Essence Suites Taringa's 63 appointed suites are situated directly above the Westside Private Hospital and forms part of the \$65-million 10-storey development that is managed by Essence Apartments and UniLodge Australia (**TD** 17 Jan).

UniLodge CEO Tomas Johnsson said while the hotel's convenient location is perfect for outpatients, who have discharged from the hospital, Essence Suites Taringa is also ideal for short and long term business and leisure stays.

"As a uniquely integrated hotel and hospital building, Essence Suites Taringa is a fantastic new addition to our growing portfolio of healthcare accommodation properties and cements our role in the tourism space," he said.

Rocky Stay & Play

CANADIAN tourist train Rocky Mountaineer has extended its "Stay and Play" value-add offer, giving travellers until 29 Mar to earn up to \$550 credit per couple.

The credit can be applied to a number of different options, including the addition of a meal plan at their hotel, airport transfers, an extra night's accommodation in Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria or Calgary or car rental.

The credit can also be used to add an Alaska cruise.

For more info, [CLICK HERE](#).

AFTA UPDATE

from Jayson Westbury



THE global aviation and travel industry is reeling from its latest tragedy following news that Ethiopian

Airlines Flight ET302, bound for Nairobi, Kenya, crashed over the weekend. Reports have confirmed that the disaster claimed the lives of 149 passengers and eight crew.

Everyone in the industry and across the globe sends out their heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of the victims of this crash.

The pax and crew came from some 30 countries (none from Australia) and included many who work with the United Nations or in support of organisations within the African region. It is a truly sad event and one that will no doubt attract attention from aviation authorities as the details become more available, with the aircraft involved being a new Boeing 737 Max 8.

In fact, the aircraft had been delivered to the airline in Nov last year, so it was a very new plane. Boeing hold orders for some 4,500 737 Max-8 aircraft from over 100 airlines and I have no doubt that given this is the second tragic incident involving this new aircraft since being put into service, some serious investigations will be afoot.

The 737 aircraft has been a workhorse for the aviation industry for decades and the new Max-8 has had very high expectations to continue in this vein.

Ethiopian Airlines is regarded as Africa's leading airline, and has been working to build a broad route network to help support Africa.

It is always difficult to know what advice to give consumers and the broader industry when events of this magnitude occur. It is never easy, as these events will always place doubt and concern into people's minds about flying and their travel plans.

History has shown that this does not last long as life must go on, and I am sure that will be the case, but I suspect that our industry will be looking for strong and decisive answers regarding the circumstances around this incident and the response from both the airline and the manufacturer going forward.

The situation is dreadful. The pictures on the TV and all over the internet are confronting and for the families of these victims we can only hope that the authorities involved do the right thing in what I am sure is a difficult recovery mission and provide some understandable answers in the future.

Our hearts go out to those who have lost so much in this incident.

Air France deal

FRANCE is set to be promoted to a wider international market thanks to a new partnership between Air France-KLM and Atout France.

The agreement aims to highlight the diversity of French tourism at a number of destinations while strengthening the service offered to Air France customers.

"By developing joint actions to increase the number of tourists, not only to Paris, but also to our French regions, we are committed to maintaining France's attractiveness at the heart of our commercial strategy," said Patrick Alexandre, EVP Commercial Sales and Alliances at Air France-KLM.

New promotions include the provision of magazines and brochures, comms campaigns plus training for professionals.

La Mer Sky Princess

PRINCESS Cruises has announced its upcoming ship *Sky Princess* will feature the cruise line's popular French dining bistro La Mer when it makes its debut in Oct in the Mediterranean.

The new restaurant, which currently features on board *Majestic Princess*, is headed up by Michelin-star Chef Emmanuel Renaut, and will be the first time the cruise line has introduced a French restaurant to North American guests.

"The new La Mer dishes I've designed for *Sky Princess* are inspired to satisfy every palate by bringing retro French classics and blending favourite ingredients with fresh and unique touches to make each dish memorable," said Chef Renaut.

More info is available [HERE](#).

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MONEY

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

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THE Australian dollar has risen slightly over the weekend to reach 70.42 US cents, up from 70.22 posted last week.

With no word yet on further developments regarding the US-China trade dispute, the local currency has effectively remained in a holding pattern against most of the majors.

News of a possible Brexit deal has also seen the British Pound rise slightly against the Aussie.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.707
UK	£0.534
NZ	\$1.034
Euro	€0.628
Japan	¥78.73
Thailand	฿24.66
China	¥4.756
South Africa	10.122
Canada	\$0.947
Crude oil	US\$66.58

NETWORK 10's *Sunday Night Takeaway* hosted by comedy duo Julia Morris and Dr. Chris Brown saw six winners walk away with a 10-day trip for two to South Africa.

The prize is the result of a deal between South African Tourism, Swagman Africa and South African Airways, featuring return Economy flights, a safari experience, six nights at Makutsi Safari Springs, and three nights in Cape Town at the Sun Square City Bowl.

A scene from the episode is **pictured** above.

BHMA appoints

FLIGHT Centre subsidiary BHMA has appointed hotel management executive Jens O. Reichert to the role of Chief Development Officer.

Reichert boasts an extensive background operating hotels across the Asia Pacific, the UAE, Africa and Europe, and will be charged with leading a business development team with the goal of growing BHMA's portfolio in line with its global expansion objectives.



JINGLE YOUR WAY TO LA

Delta Air Lines has partnered with *Travel Daily* to give agents the chance to win flights from Sydney to LAX in Delta's Premium Select cabin.

Delta launches the refurbished B777 in April on the daily Sydney–Los Angeles route. Help them sell the new Delta One and Delta Premium Select cabins – and you could win return tickets to LA!

To enter, come up with a jingCairnle (max 200 words) about the new cabins and the Delta experience. You must include the following words; 'suite', 'daily', 'bed' and 'WiFi'.

Get creative for your chance to experience the Delta Premium Select cabin. **CLICK HERE** for some more information about Delta's new cabins. Send entries to delta@traveldaily.com.au

Inspiring definite

INSPIRING Journeys can confirm 100% definite departures available across its Northern Territory itineraries for 2019.

The NT collection features four trips ranging from five to 10 days through to the end of the year.

Elysee addition

ELYSEE Collective has welcomed a new selection of luxury resorts to its portfolio in Resplendent Ceylon, a chain of properties located in Sri Lanka.

Resplendent Ceylon was founded by Malik Fernando alongside his father Merrill Fernando who is also involved with the Dilmah tea brand.

The portfolio includes Ceylon Tea Trails, Cape Weligama, with the next luxury lodge, Sigiriya, due to open in 2021.

Cairns flt training

A FEDERAL Labor plan to deliver \$10 million in funding to help Cairns take off as a hub for training pilots has been announced by the party's Deputy Leader Tanya Plibersek.

The move would see CQUniversity's APAC base receive a flight simulator & equipment.

Hapag marine oil

HAPAG-LLOYD Cruises has announced that low-pollutant marine gas oil (MGO) will be used on all routes sailed by its expedition ships from Jul 2020.

"We have always set the standard for this segment..acting responsibly towards nature and the environment is always, therefore, a top priority for us," said Hapag-Lloyd Cruises Chief Executive Officer Karl J. Pojer.

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Celebrating 25 years in Travel Recruitment Global Conference - Bangkok

Over the weekend the TMS Talent team and our international counterparts across the globe, came together for our yearly conference in Thailand. It was a time to commemorate 25 years in travel recruitment, celebrate our teams successes and formulate plans for the future growth of the TMS Talent brand.

The team were thoroughly spoilt at the luxurious Siam@Siam Design Hotel in Bangkok, with an infinity pool and panoramic views across the city skyline.

The following 3 days were filled with multiple work shops, strategy planning sessions, team building activities, gala dinners, award presentations, sightseeing and more!

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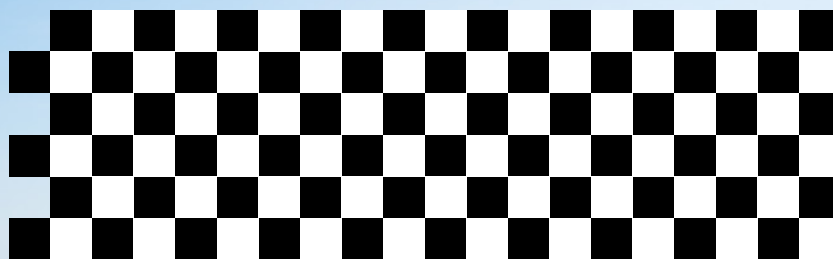


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