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Qantas ADL AGM

QANTAS will hold its Annual General Meeting in Adelaide this Fri, with chairman Leigh Clifford and ceo Alan Joyce to speak.

In contrast to previous Qantas AGMs, a media conference after their addresses will not be webcast and TV and still cameras will also be banned after the conclusion of their speeches.







Walshe gets Scandinavian

REPRESENTATION firm The Walshe Group has scored a coup with its appointment to look after Scandinavian Airlines in Australia.

The move is effective 01 Nov, and was exclusively foreshadowed earlier this month (*TD* 01 Oct), continuing a strong performance for Walshe which was also recently appointed to represent SriLankan Airlines here.

Walshe has represented SAS in New Zealand since 2001, but the carrier has had its own sales organisation in Australia since 1984 - one of the longest running operations here by an offline carrier, supporting and developing business on SAS intercontinental and European routes.

"With the involvement of the current team at SAS, we are confident that The Walshe Group will ensure a continuation of the

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highest standards of professional services to the Australian travel industry and our valued customers," said local SAS gm Irmgard Goetjes-Pedersen.

Contact phone and email details for SAS will not change, but existing staff will relocate to the Walshe Group office at 117 York Street Sydney and it will be "business as usual," she said.

Etihad Tasman OK

ETIHAD has been granted rights to codeshare on Pacific Blue flights between Australia and New Zealand, with the pact being a free sale type arrangment with co-ordinated pricing and marketing but no revenue sharing.

The International Air Services Commission has also granted applications which will allow V Australia to operate to the United Arab Emirates and to code share on EY services to France, Greece, the UAE, Thailand and Bangladesh.

The IASC has also granted a request from Qantas allocating 531 seats per week to Jetstar for its planned operation between Darwin and the Philippines.

CTM might float

CORPORATE Travel Management today confirmed that a share float is one of several options it's considering to fund growth, after appointing stockbroker RBS Morgans as an adviser.

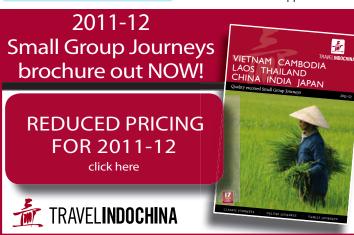
But the firm downplayed rumours of an imminent offering, telling *TD*: "We will make a formal statement about our growth plans soon".

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Webjet pushes for DJ/D

ONLINE Travel Agency Webjet is hoping its support of the proposed Virgin Blue/Delta Air Lines joint venture will "swing the pendulum" in favour of antitrust immunity.

CEO of Webjet North America Mathias Friess told the US Dept of Transportation last Fri that the carriers should be allowed to partner on trans-Pacific flights "to ensure the continuation of benefits to consumers."

Friess said: "Sustainable competition is in our view not possible in an environment where there are two dominant players [QF and UA] operating by themselves unchallenged.

"It requires new entrants to shake up the market and that's why we are trying to make a case for the two new entrants to succeed in their venture," he said.

Friess said that to appeal to the corporate market and to be competitive, "key decision factors" like frequency, frequent flyer access, loyalty point status recognition and seamless access to beyond points was needed.

The Webjet North America boss said he expects that if antitrust immunity is not granted, "the marketplace as a whole will be less efficient", with the airlines all competing head-on for the small number of corporate

customers that are "not locked in" by QF/AA and UA.

Should the JV be knocked back Friess raised the likelihood of cutting services, meaning "fewer choices which will drive up fares which will reduce demand, which in turn means we can sell less."

Webjet North America is a joint venture between Freiss (who was formerly the senior vp of sales/ distribution at V Australia and the Virgin Blue Group), and the Australian listed Webjet Ltd.

MEANWHILE, two US Senators from Georgia have also voiced their support for the alliance.

"We believe the Australian government's approval of the application, the terms of the open skies agreement between Australia and the US, and the carrier's response should compel DoT to approve the application," Senators Johnny Isakson and Saxby Chambliss said last week.

AND, Seattle-Tacoma Intl Airport has also stated that it is pro the airline pact, stating to DoT that it hopes the alliance, if approved, could see direct Sydney-Seattle services in the future.

"Seattle needs a strong airline team to support South Pacific. Delta has Alaska at the US end and will need the Virgin Blue Group at the Australian end," the port said.



THE soccer world is today deeply in mourning, after the sudden death overnight of Paul the Octopus, who made headlines by predicting the winners of seven consecutive matches during the recent World Cup in South Africa.

The mystic mollusc "appears to have passed away peacefully during the night, of natural causes, and we are consoled by the knowledge that he enjoyed a good life," said the manager of the Oberhausen Sea Life Centre in western Germany.

Paul's body is being kept in "cold storage" (i.e. the fridge) until the aquarium decides how to mark the oracle's life.

"We may decide to give Paul his own burial plot and erect a modest permanent shrine in our grounds," the centre said.

THIS is a fairly unusual round the world journey.

A Canadian man has spent the last 10 years travelling around the world, after deciding to go for a nice long walk on his 45th birthday in 2000.

Jean Beliveau from Montreal said he started the stroll in order to address feelings of a "mid-life crisis" - and he just kept walking.

Since then he has walked more than 68,000 kilometres and visited 64 countries, raising money for charity along the way.

Believe it or not, he's married, with his wife joining him for a month each year during his global odyssey.

He's now getting closer to home, having arrived in what he says is his final country, New Zealand, last week.

Beliveau will return to Canada before the end of the year, and then the couple plan to publish a book about the adventure.



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Ramada Vanuatu

WYNDHAM Hotel Group has confirmed signing a management deal with Breakas Beach Resort in Vanuatu, which will see the hotel rebadged under the Ramada brand, as flagged by *Travel Daily* two months ago (*TD* 26 Aug).

The Ramada Resort Breakas Beach is tipped to have a sister property announced at Rentapow, also in Vanuatu, in the future.

MU/FM lift c'share

CHINA Eastern Airlines and Shanghai Airlines have expanded codeshare services to cover flights between Shanghai and Japan, Korea and Vietnam.

14 Shanghai Airlines and 10 China Eastern routes are included.

Brisbane inside out

BRISBANE Marketing has rolled out new collataral aimed at driving tourism from local, domestic and international markets.

The *Brisbane Inside Out Guide* features an expansive list of attractions on offer across the greater Brisbane region.

The directory is available in hard copy at Visitor Information Centres, or online for the first time at www.visitbrisbane.com.au.

Outbound travel to Japan surges

LATEST statistics from Japan National Tourism Organisation has revealed a near 25% year-on-year swing into positive growth for Aussies heading to Japan in Sep.

Combined preliminary overseas arrivals to Japan rose 34% during the month to 717,800, fueled by a massive 83% increase in visitors from South Korea.

Around 23,500 Aussies travelled to Japan last month, the second highest result achieved this calender year (the Jan figure was 26,904 people), and about 20% more than Sep last year.

This Sep's figure was close to double that of Aug, when only 12,900 Aussies travelled to Japan.

From Jan to Sep, 169,100 Aussie travellers have visited Japan, which is currently sitting at a 12.6% increase on last year.

For all markets, total visitors to Japan are up 33.6% to 6.6 million.

Based on last month's results, Australia has moved up to Japan's sixth most important source market, behind South Korea (193,800), China (137,500), Taiwan (102,800), the USA (56,600) and Hong Kong (33,700).

Smiling for South America

THE Classic Safari Company (TCSC) officially launched its South America product last night and showcased Argentina and the Galapagos Islands with special quests Jakob von Plessen. horseman and quide of Jakotango Riding Safaris; and Guy

Cooper, Governor of the Taronga Foundation.

The first of only six Argentinian luxury riding tours is scheduled to depart on 22 Nov with a maximum group size of eight people staying in mixed five star accommodation for 10 nights.

The tours will take guests to Patagonia, Don Felipe Island and the East coast of Argentina, offering cattle mustering and fly fishing, and transported by pack mules and on charter flights.

von Plessen, pictured above with TCSC director Julie McIntosh,

told *Travel Daily* that the pair have been working together for three years leading trips to Kenya, and said his Australian clientele has gone from zero to 40% to become his biggest market.

Guy Cooper will accompany a tailored 10-night Galapagos trip on 18 Nov next year, which visits Quito, Ecuador and includes a seven night Galapagos voyage.

Extensions can be added to Machu Picchu & Amazon, Atacama and Salta, Patagonia and Iguazu Falls - for more information visit www.classicsafaricompany.com.au.







A lifetime of bragging rights Otahuna reopening



INTERCONTINENTAL Hotels Group in the Northern Territory rewarded two loyal clients by flying them to the NT for an exclusive two day fishing trip off Coburg Peninsula.

Maureen Styles from APT and Mark Biggs of Core Staff (pictured above) were flown to Darwin where they spent the night,

before heading out the next morning on a charter plane to Cape Don homestead.

A highlight of the trip included having co-host Justin Harrison, the former Australian Wallaby and current forward coach of the Super 14 Brumbies, onboard.

One of the catches of the day included a 40lb Spanish Mackerel.

CHRISTCHURCH'S Otahuna Lodge will reopen on 10 Jan 2011, which comes in the wake of a restoration program brought on by last month's earthquake.

Otahuna's owner, Hall Cannon, said he was working with "peer properties" in New Zealand to reaccommodate guests during this "extraordinary situation."

NCL to float - really

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line this morning announced a proposed Initial Public Offering of its shares next year, with the filing of a socalled "S-1 document" with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

No further details are available at this stage, but the move follows the announcement of an order for two 4000-passenger newbuilds set to enter service in 2013 and 2014 (TD yesterday).

NCL is 50% owned by Genting Hong Kong - formerly named Star Cruises Limited, with the other half owned by private equity firm Apollo Management.

Apollo Management also owns Oceania Cruises.



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China Hols earlybird

CHINA Holidays has significantly increased the value offered in its 2011/12 China program, with most packages now including China Visa processing, tipping of drivers and guides in China and standard comprehensive travel insurance at no extra cost.

Earlybird offers save clients up to \$1304 per couple, and on all earlybird bookings the specialist wholesaler is paying 12% commission at source as well as a \$50 Myer Card for the consultant.

"With the Australian Dollar making China a very cost effective destination, there has never been a better time to travel to China," the firm said

Brochures for the new season will shortly be available via Tifs, and bookings can be made 7 days a week on 1300 224 462 or 24/7 online at chinaholidays.com.au.



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Directions agenda

TOURISM Australia ceo Andrew McEvoy will speak about Achieving the potential of the Tourism Industry at next month's Australia Tourism Directions Conference.

The event will include keynote addresses on 'Tourism in Australia: Where to now', from Professor Ian Harper and 'The future has already happened - it's just not well distributed', from Chris Sanderson of FutureLab.

Discussions on the National Long Term Tourism Strategy will also be presented by Drew Clarke, secretary for the Deparment of Resources, Energy and Tourism.

The conference is being held in Canberra on Mon 15 Nov - for more info see the ad on page 2.



Viator buys OurExplorer.com

GLOBAL tour and attraction provider Viator - originally founded in Australia and now with headquarters in San Francisco - has announced the purchase of OurExplorer.com.

Our Explorer is described as "an online resource for discovering and booking private tour guides around the world", and was established in Sydney in 2008 by Dave Cunningham.

The company, which has a partnership with the World Federation of Tourist Guide Associations, offers information on more than 2000 registered tour guides in 500 destinations including London, New York, Paris and other off-the-beaten-track locations around the globe such as La Paz, Dar es Salaam and even Thimpu in Bhutan.

The OurExplorer brand will continue to operate under its existing name, and travellers seeking a "customised local experience" in their destination can use the network to find a local expert who will "craft a private tour that will complement their activities itinerary".

Viator ceo Barrie Seidenberg said the move followed increasing demand for private tour options in the past couple of years, with Viator to look at ways of enhancing the OurExplorer offering including "increased marketing efforts and potential cross-links to the Viator flagship site".

Financial details of the deal were not disclosed.



Accommodation Updates

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

Q STATION RETREAT MANLY will open a new dining venue at the beginning of Nov. The dining room will offer a spacious private balcony and anteroom, and a contemporary interior with the capacity to hold up to 90 guests. Bookings are being accepted for



Christmas parties at unique.venues@uniquevenues.com.au.

Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide has announced the opening of the SHERATON TRIBECA in New York City. The move follows the Apr opening of the Sheraton Brooklyn, with the Tribeca property including the brand's new inclusions such as Link@Sheraton, Link Cafe and Club Lounge.



Park Hotel Group has reopened the GRAND PARK ORCHARD in Singapore on the 'lucky' 10/10/10, after the completion of a multi million dollar refurbishment of the former Park Hotel Orchard. The hotel has a fabulous herringbone design glass facade as well as fashion inspired wall murals in each room.



Design Hotels' newest Laos member the ALILA LUANG PRABANG opened its doors earlier this month. The resort features a contemporary design in keeping with the historial aspect of the building, with 23 suites: 2 Governor Suites, 4 Pool Suites, 2 Heritage Suites and 15



The ICE HOTEL ROMANIA is scheduled to be reopened on 25 Dec, with four artistically themed rooms. Ice sculptures, animal skins, woollen blankets and arctic sleeping bags create a unique style and ambience in the -2°C hotel.



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Amadeus currently has an exciting opportunity to join our Operations division as a Service Delivery Consultant. The key purpose of this role is to enable world class support to Amadeus IT Pacific customers, ensuring the appropriate procedures and documentation are in place and to act as a point of escalation for our first level help desk. Key accountabilities include:

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Qikbook upgrades

TRAVELSCENE Holidays has made it easier for TSAX agents to book popular 'fly & flop', making packages to Phuket, Fiji, Bali, Honolulu or Vanuatu available through Qikbook, via calypsonet.

National sales manager Melissa Watt told delegates at last week's TSAX Owners Managers conference that other enhancements include the ability to book more than one country in the same reservation.

Also new is Star Cruises content, an option to book and hold Virgin Blue flights and Hawaii outer island packages that can be tied in with Honolulu stays.

The division has also just launched a new Holiday Bargains 12-page catalogue which features exclusive deals to select destinations.

MEANWHILE, Travelscene Rail Tickets has upgraded its webbased booking engine to offer a shopping cart button, component pricing and book & pay online.

An option to retrieve and amend bookings is also to be rolled out soon, Watt said.

Worldhotels + VS

VIRGIN Atlantic has become the 18th airline partner of Worldhotels allowing VS Flying Club members access to earn miles as more than 450 hotels in 65 countries.

Flying Club members can earn up to 500 mile points per stay.

Other airline partners include QF, MH, CA, AA, DL, and UA.

RJ profits down

ROYAL Jordanian airline has announced a profit of JD19.6m (A\$28m) for the first nine months of the year, down from JD25.5m recorded for the same time in 09.

Gross profits also dropped from JD73.3m to JD65.5m in 2010.



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Winter deals in London properties include a 'Stay 6/Pay 5' deal at 44 Curzon Street; and 1&2 The Mansions on various dates from 01 Nov-30 Apr.

For more details visit www.tempoholidays.com.au.



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U Hotels to Qatar

ABSOLUTE Hotel Services is making a move into the Middle East market, with its U Hotels & Resorts brand to launch in Qatar.

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Indigenous tourism push in WA

TOURISM Western Australia and the Western Australian Indigenous Tourism Operators Committee has signed a new marketing deal aimed at boosing the profile of Indigenous tourism product.

Under the agreement, WAITOC will receive \$1.3m over three years to promote experiences and products in the state's five Regional Tourism Organisations, at a local, interstate and international level.

"Essentially, it's about ensuring visitors in our key markets are well aware of the vast range of Indigenous experiences available here in WA," Tourism WA chair Kate Lamont said.

WAITOC chairman Neville Poelina said the support will "hopefully encourage more Indigenous people to get involved with the tourism and hospitality

TM sales soaring

TRAVELMANAGERS has reported a 72% increase in Total Transaction Value for the Jul to Sep period, fuelled by "major increases" from coach touring and air ticket sales.

CEO Joe Araullo said coach touring figures had soared 144%, air tickets were up 77%, self-drive holidays had risen 64% and travel insurance was up 63%, compared to the same period last year.

Araullo also said he believes the personal travel manager and online travel agent, such as Webjet or Wotif, in some instances offer complementary services, rather than competing head-to-head.

Hawaii Safari cruise

AMERICAN Safari Cruises will launch inaugural yacht sailings to Hawaii next year, with seven-night and 10-night voyages ex Kona on its 36-berth Safari Explorer, from 26 Oct 2011 to Mid-May 2012.



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Wendv Wu Mega conference



ABOVE: Wendy Wu Tours and Cathay Pacific's recent Mega Famil to China ended with a conference in Beijing, attended by the 60 agents on the educational.

The event provided consultants with a comprehensive overview of what a Wendy Wu Tour itinerary encompasses and how the fully inclusive tours operate.

CX marketing mgr Australia, Nigel Chynoweth stressed the importance of retaining the current relationship between the two companies.

"Cathay's mission is to be the most progressive airline in the world and this can only happen with the support of the great

Australian consultants".

Pictured here at the conference from left are: Alan Alcock, Wendy Wu Tours; with Helen Grant and Nigel Chynoweth from Cathay Pacific.

Tucan Rio famil

TUCAN Travel is offering travel agents the chance to gain one of three places on 'The world's biggest party famil', spending 10 days in Rio de Janerio in Mar.

The grand prize winner, the top seller of bookings made from 01 Nov-31 Jan, will also get the chance to compete as a member of a Samba school during Carnival. 3D plasma TVs are also on offer.

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QF slams union

QANTAS says claims by the Australian Licenced Aircraft Engineers Association about cockpit doors on some QantasLink planes are an "irresponsible escalation of an industrial campaign" being waged by the union in Queensland.

QF spokesman David Epstein said the cockpit doors in question had been validated by the Office of Transport Security and CASA.

He said the "spurious claims" about the doors were a well-worn tactic of union official Steve Purvinas, which were "needlessly alarming the public and damaging Qantas".

IHG Vegas Priority

INTERCONTINENTAL Hotels Group has signed a new deal with the operator of Las Vegas casino resorts the Venetian and Palazzo, which will allow members of IHG's Priority Club to earn and redeem points for stays on the Las Vegas strip.

The move will see the Venetian and Palazzo also added to IHG's reservations system, with the Nevada gambling capital one of the most requested destinations.

Under the agreement, the casino resort operator Las Vegas Sands will also have the right to market vacations in Las Vegas to IHG customers.



Very tasty Macau

MORE than 125 restaurants - for the first time including some from mainland China's Henan province will take part in the upcoming Macau Food Festival, which kicks off in the enclave's Sai Van Lake Square from 05-21 Nov.



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Sep airline traffic surges 10.5%

THE International Air Transport Association has announced global aviation statistics for Sep, with int'l passenger traffic up 10.5% compared to the previous year.

That was significantly better than the 6.5% growth in Aug, with IATA saying the rebound in passenger markets during sep "can be attributed to normal volatility in travel patterns accentuated by special factors such as the effect of Ramadan".

There was particularly strong demand in North America, where carriers saw traffic climb back to levels last experienced in early 2008, up 11.1% and outstripping a 7.2% capacity expansion - leading

to more crowded planes with an average 84.1% load factor.

In the Asia-Pacific region airlines posted an 8.6% traffic increase, with an average load factor of 82.6%.

IATA said growth had slowed in Asia-Pacific, which had initially led the recovery with an early surge in demand but growth in 2010 had been largely flat - and traffic in the region is still 2% below the pre-crisis peak.

Middle Eastern airlines led the industry growth, with passenger traffic up 23.9% compared to last year, with the earlier occurrence of Ramadan this year dampening Aug but boosting Sep.



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