

Flight Centre up on 08/09

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FLIGHT Centre's year to date profit is up about 15% on the same period two years ago - which was previously the company's best ever first quarter.

MD Graham Turner revealed the strong performance in his address to the Flight Centre agm this morning - and also confirmed that the company was continuing to consider its options to recover commission on fuel surcharges (*TD* breaking news) in the light of the landmark court decision against Qantas earlier this year.

Flight Centre opted out of the QF court case "for commercial

Sherry says sorry

THIS time it's the turn of Carnival Australia ceo Ann Sherry to make a public apology for the cancellation of yet more *Pacific Jewel* cruises (*TD* breaking news).

Last week Carnival vp Jenny Lourey produced a special video (*TD* 20 Oct) to apologise for the cancellation of the J032 departure to the South Pacific,

but Ann Sherry appears in the latest instalment which is now online at *Travel Daily TV*.

P&O has this time cancelled cruise J033 (Melbourne Cup on 30 Oct) and J035 (to Fiji on 13 Nov) due to an "extremely uncommon" engine fault.

As with the previous cancellation, disappointed passengers are being offered a full refund and a 25% discount on a future P&O cruise to be booked and deposited before 31 Dec, for travel up to 30 Nov 2011.

P&O said it would position staff at Flemington Racecourse next Tue to distribute entry tickets to the Melbourne Cup to passengers on the J033 cruise who present their photo ID.

Lots more cruise news in today's *Cruise Weekly* - subscribe free at www.cruiseweekly.com.au. reasons", but Turner said that there is other fuel surcharge money that should have been paid to the company.

As far as current trading is concerned, Turner said the company had seen a small slowdown in leisure but a strong rebound in its corporate business, reaffirming forecasts of a full year profit of \$220m-\$240m.

Turner also said that the firm would mainly focus on improving and growing its current businesses and brands, with any acquisitions in the short to medium term "likely to be niche opportunities that fast-track our growth in segments that we believe we are

under-represented in". He said ongoing strategies also

included enhancing Flight Centre's global distribution system, as well as "defending against and embracing" the web.

The proven FC business model can "reinforce and differentiate the offering of our bricks and mortar brands, and also use the internet as a tool to sell highly commoditised products".

15 years of JSA

QANTAS and British Airways are this week celebrating the 15th birthday of their Joint Services Agreement, with the carriers saying the pact had grown into "one of the world's most successful airline alliances".

8 pages of news

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news and photos, plus full pages from:

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TRAVEL Counsellors says its Australian turnover has doubled in the last 12 months, despite the departure of about 20 of its members here.

The company's founder David Speakman has been in Australia for the last few weeks, interviewing candidates for the general manager's job which was abruptly vacated by Peter Watson earlier this year (TD 10 May).

Currently Cathy Burke is running the Australian operation from its Melbourne offices, but also has responsibility for Travel Counsellors in Ireland, and will be heading back there in Feb.

At a briefing yesterday Speakman confirmed that there are now 95 Travel Counsellors in Australia, and the business is breaking even with a TTV of \$35.9 million for the year to 31 Oct.

"Business is up about 100% despite having less members," he said, with the group set to launch a further recruitment drive.

He said that some of the members who had left had been "not properly qualified" when they were signed up, with a number not complying with a policy that Travel Counsellors be their primary occupation.

Speakman reiterated previous comments about the importance

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of relationships as the travel industry evolves, with Travel Counsellors providing members with a framework to maximise the time building their businesses.

TC will shortly launch a new version of its Phenix reservations system, bringing together different back office systems currently used in various markets around the world to provide a "global platform," Speakman added.

Blue Mountains Fairmont upgrade

THE formerly iconic Fairmont Resort in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney may yet return to better days, with the mooted sale of the property to Sydney doctor Jerry Schwartz who is planning a \$20m refurbishment, according to today's Financial Review.

The decline of the 210-room hotel, which languished under its previous owner before being put into receivership in Mar, has been blamed by Blue Mountains Tourism for damaging the region's reputation.

The Schwartz family already owns several other hotels incl the Crowne Plaza Newcastle, the Mercure George Street in Sydney, the Rydges World Square, the Olims in Canberra and the Sydney Airport Holiday Inn.



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A CONTROVERSIAL 'Hobbit' law is expected to be debated in the New Zealand parliament this week, with PM (and tourism minister) John Key announcing the move after several days of "tense negotiations with studio executives" over the filming of the long-awaited Hobbit films.

The Lord of the Rings movies produced a tourism bonanza for NZ, and Tourism NZ is keen to ensure the continuation of the J.R.R. Tolkien franchise.

But to ensure the two movies are filmed there, the govt has agreed to change labour laws to clarify the status of film workers as contractors, as well as boosting funding including a \$10 million marketing increase.

The films have been estimated to be worth about \$1.5 billion to the New Zealand economy.

A LIFETIME of little plastic bricks is up for grabs at the new LEGOLAND Florida, which is set to open in Oct next year.

The new theme park, about 45 minutes southwest of Orlando, will offer ten different "lands" and owner Merlin Entertainment Group is already selling "preopening discounted tickets".

Real enthusiasts are also being offered a special lifetime pass, costing US\$2500, which includes unlimited admission, discounts on parking and food, plus invitations to special events.

CONCERNED parents in the USA can now hire sniffer dogs to check their children's bedrooms for drugs.

The Dogs Finding Drugs service costs \$200 per hour, with the company claiming the canines for hire can detect minute traces of a range of substances including marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamines.

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Major Sofitel growth | Snow drives strong

ACCOR has announced an expansion of its Asia-Pacific network with the opening of eight new Sofitel properties in the region in 2010-11.

Additions include the Sofitel Dongguan Humen Oriental in China which opened in Aug, while next cab off the rank is the Sofitel Phnom Penh Phokeethra in Cambodia, set for a Dec debut.

Next year further additions include the Sofitel Guanazhou Sunrich, the Sofitel Qingdao and the Sofitel Shanghai Jing'an in China - as well as the Sofitel Bangkok Sukhumvit and Sofitel So Bangkok in Thailand.

Sofitel is also expanding in India with the opening of the Sofitel Mumbai BKC next year.

Webjet tops NZ

WEBJET is today celebrating reaching the top position among online travel agencies in New Zealand for the last two weeks, according to figures from internet ratings agency Hitwise.

Webjet's share of internet visits in the category reached 12.36% for the week to 23 Oct - just ahead of House of Travel at 12.3%.

MD David Clarke said that while it was early days, "we are nevertheless delighted to have now eclipsed all of the established New Zealand operations".

half for LLA

LIVING and Leisure Australia, which operates the Falls Creek and Mount Hotham ski resorts in Vic, says it was very pleased with the recently concluded ski season.

"An abundance of snow at the end of the season generated strong bookings throughout September," said chair Juilanne Mary Shearer at the company's agm yesterday, held at the Melbourne Aquarium.

However the company has also faced several challenges in the last year, including the closure of its Siam Ocean World aquarium in Bangkok for 46 days due to the civil unrest in Thailand.

Total revenue for the Oceanis aquarium division was \$64.6m, according to ceo John Schryver, with a 20.4% decline in EBITDA to \$19.3m.

The ski resorts turned over \$47.9m for the 09/10 financial year, while the company's \$2.5m investment in snow-making infrastructure "augmented low natural snowfall during the start of the 2010 season".

LLA also operates the Otway Fly and Illawarra Fly treetop walks in Vic and NSW, with a strategy focused on driving repeat visitations and vields through "enhancing use of the sites".



Quito - Guayaquil - Galapagos Islands

TRAVEL agents are once again being reminded that the new US Transportation Security Administration 'Secure Flight' requirements become official from next Mon, 01 Nov.

Airlines can be fined up to US\$25,000 for non-compliance with the rules, which require them to collect passenger information and transmit it to the TSA for watch list matching purposes before departure.

Full name, gender and date of birth must be provided for all

No Leave magazine

TOURISM Australia will send out its latest issue of No Leave No Life Great Aussie Holiday Deals magazine from 28 Oct to 01 Nov.

780,000 copies will be distributed nationally through various print media, and an emagazine issue will be available online at noleavenolife.com.

MEANWHILE, TA's 'There's Nothing Like Australia' campaign has been launched in Kuala Lumpur and Germany.

passengers in a Secure Flight Passenger Data record at least 72 hours before scheduled departure, along with passport information and non-personally identifiable itinerary details "to support appropriate levels of regional security".

If the information is not provided, airlines will not be approved to issue a boarding pass for the passenger.

The new system was introduced last year, but with a 12 month grace period which expires Sun.

According to a TSA blog, "small differences in the name on the boarding pass and ID, like middle initials, should not impact travel".

Agency closures

THE Travel Compensation Fund has announced the voluntary withdrawal of the agents trading as Carefree Holidays in Southport QLD (ABN: 32 051 730 548) and The Hotel Network World Travel of Chatswood NSW (ABN: 51 135 263 946) as they have ceased trading as travel agents.



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Google roadblock

ONLINE search giant Google may have its move into the travel industry railroaded after a group of web-based travel companies teamed up to oppose its deal with ITA Software (*TD* 27 Apr).

Expedia, Sabre and Kayak have created a FairSearch.org coalition which is sending a message to the US Justice Department that the entity would have the power to influence prices in the travel sector.

FairSearch said the sale of ITA "would five Goolge control over the software that powers most of its closest rivals in travel search and could enable Google to manipulate and dominate the online air travel marketplace."

Empire gets social

NEW York City's iconic Empire State Building has launched new social media channels through Facebook and Twitter, offering users info on the structure and the ability to purchase tickets, view images and share photos for details see www.esbnyc.com.

OOL arrivals up 10%

DOMESTIC and international movements through Gold Coast Airport during Sep 2010 were up 10.2% compared to the same time last year, Queensland Airports Limited has reported.

Overseas arrivals to the Gold Coast rose 9.9% to 69,358 people during the period, while domestic figures were up 10.3% to 408,253.



Singapore Airlines, one of the world's most respected travel brands, currently has two exciting opportunities for highly motivated individuals to join the marketing team.

Senior Corporate Account Executive Australia

Reporting to the Manager Area Marketing Australia, you will be responsible for generating sales and revenue from direct corporate accounts in Australia. The successful applicant will be expected to develop mutually beneficial commercial relationships with Australian business houses and travel management companies.

- Key areas of responsibility include:
- Development of policy and strategy for acquisition; account management; and productiveness of global, regional and local corporate accounts headquartered in Australia.
- Providing guidance to the national corporate sales team and state corporate sales executives.

Applicants for the position should have the following qualifications and attributes:

- · Tertiary qualifications within a relevant field.
- Results driven with a sound knowledge of the national corporate travel markets.
- Experience in developing and successfully implementing sales/ marketing strategies.
- Strong organization, planning and time management skills.
- High-level of communication and negotiation skills.
- Understanding of airline pricing and distribution will be an advantage.

Management Trainee

A rare opportunity exists for a graduate seeking a career in international aviation. The successful candidate will receive the benefit of a two-year on-the-job training programme across key commercial and operational parts of the business, with a view to moving into a commercial management role. Applicants for the position should have the following qualifications and attributes:

- A good honors or post graduate degree in Economics, Business or similar.
- · Strong analytical, problem solving and communication skills.
- A high level of self-reliance, adaptability and motivation.
- Working experience in sales or marketing, preferably with some people management responsibility.

Both positions are based in Sydney however candidates must be willing to relocate in due course to other Australian and overseas cities where Singapore Airlines is represented. Both positions also attract a package including free and concessional travel and subsidized medical benefits.

Applications for both positions close on 03 November 2010 and successful candidates must be able to start immediately.

To apply, clearly mark the position you're applying for and forward your application to Mr Kieran O'Toole, Human Resource/Administration Manager Australia, either by email to

Katrina_malonzo@singaporeair.com.sg or by mail to Locked Bag A3008, Sydney South NSW 1235.

All applications will be treated in strict confidence and only successful applicants will be contacted.

Getaway tonight

TONIGHT'S episode of Channel Nine's dedicated travel program *Getaway* at 7:30pm features stories on:

- Paris, France
- Newcastle, New South Wales
- Royal Mail Hotel, Victoria
- Part 2 of the US road-trip
- Heli-flight to Tuhua Is, NZLilo Bar in Cairns, Queensland

Starbucks on Allure

ROYAL Caribbean International has announced it will be the first cruise line in the world to offer Starbucks coffee at sea.

RCI says its soon to debut *Allure* of the Seas will have a Starbucks store in the Royal Promenade neighbourhood, with the outlet to open between 7am-11pm daily.

Seattle's Best Coffee, a brand of Starbucks, will also be served in dining rooms, conference rooms and restaurants across the ship.

Africa sleep illness

TRAVELVAX Australia is advising travellers heading to game parks in Zambia and Zimbabwe to ensure they cover up when on game drives to avoid bites from mosquiots and tsetse flies.

The call comes after two British tourists returned home recently after visiting the region suffering Human African trypanosomiasis (a sleeping sickness) after being exposed to the insects.



Oww, my AS hurts

TWO Alakan Airlines (AS) jets have been involved in a 'bumping' incident at Seattle Tacoma Airport overnight, when one aircraft's right wing made contact with the rear tail of another on pushback.

The aircraft reversing was about to depart for Dallas/Fort Worth, but passengers were unloaded and put on alternative jet.

Both planes have been pulled out of service while AS assesses the damage incurred.

New Peppers opens

PEPPERS Broadbeach on the Gold Coast has introductory rates priced from \$265/night in a onebedroom apartment, for stays from early Nov through to 01 Mar.

The five-star hotel will have a 'soft' launch on Sun 07 Nov ahead of its official launch in Mar 2011.

CA/Qatar bilateral

QATARI and Canadian govt officials are expected to sign an aviation agreement in coming days that will pave the way for Qatar Airways to operate services to Canada in the future.

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TOURISM Queensland chief exec. Anthony Hayes has referred to negative comments made by a predecessor Jim Kennedy about the state of tourism in QLD as being "quite ignorant" and lacking "any real understanding of the facts."

Kennedy, who was responsible for the creation of Queensland Tourism & Travel Corporation in 1979, was reported in *The Courier* Mail yesterday saying that the organisation has "run out of ideas" about marketing.

Haves said in this week's TQ newsletter sent out yesterday: "I'm not sure why he feels he has

LAN buys AIRES

ONEWORLD's South American carrier LAN Airlines has signed an agreement with Colombian airline AIRES to aquire 98.942% of shares of its parent entities to the cost of US\$32.5 million.

The purchase is subject to a due diligence process which will take between 30-60 days from the signing date.

MEANWHILE, LAN has doubled its net profit in the 2010 Q3 to US\$106.2 million on passenger/ cargo business against the same time last year.

The carriers Jan to Sep profit sits at a healthy US\$255m.

SKAL Nov luncheon

SKAL International Sydney will hold next month's luncheon at the Italian Village, Sydney on 10 Nov.

RSVPs to attend are required by 12pm on 08 Nov, visit the website sydney.skalaustralia.travel.

TQ ceo slams former boss

any understanding of our business plan or long term strategy. (But that of course is the prerogative of elder statesmem, isn't it..)."

The current TQ boss defended the organisation's current work, saying "I could not be more proud of the work we have done here at TQ over the last couple of years." Hayes highlighted past

marketing achievements included the Best Job in the World promo, the state's new branding (TD 28 Sep), aggressive sales activity during the GFC, and doubling of budgets for China and NZ.

"I realise I am completely biased, but I believe our accomplishments are many despite our ongoing challenge to lift visitor numbers and further lift visitor expenditure," he said.

Hayes said TQ's marketing projects are based "on far more than a single uninformed opinion" and encouraged TQ staff to be proud of what has been achieved in "one of the toughest periods in the history of tourism."

He also reaffirmed Tourism Queensland's commitment to travel industry partners, adding: "All I can do is assure you we are throwing everything we have at the market, and we will continue to do so '

Sinking sand for Fraser Is. firm

TOUR operator and real estate Fraser Island Company, which owns a backpacker resort on the Queensland island, has called in the administrators.

The company owes more than \$3 million to a range of creditors including the tax office and the Fraser Coast Regional Council, according to the Financial Review.

However the administrator Julie Williams, of Insolvency and Turnaround Solutions in Brisbane,

says she's confident the business will be sold as a going concern.

Tours have been suspended because vehicles are undergoing checks as a matter of standard procedure, but all staff have been retained and tours are expected to resume shortly.

"There is every intention of selling the business, and doing that quickly, and to ensure the future of the business and the staff," she said.

Here's the latest EK winners



ABOVE: Emirates' Victorian sales manager Dean Cleaver presented Donald Pitt from Flight Centre West Melbourne with his prize for being one the travel agent winners of the Emirates to Europe competition.

Pitt chose Venice as his European destination of choice saying he would advise this clients to "make sure you book the water

taxi airport transfer". He said he reads Travel Daily everyday and uses it as a "great way to keep up with the ever changing travel industry".

Other winners for week four include Naomi Alexander, Flight Centre Katoomba, NSW; Andi Von Zeppelin, Zeppelin Travel, QLD; and Pamela Hughes, Paramount Travel, Perth, WA.





Industry Appointments

WELCOME to Industry Appointments, Travel Daily's Thu 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.

Novotel Melbourne on Collins has appointed Josie Armao as Director of Sales and Marketing, replacing Emily Howard who has moved on to the hotel's sister property, Novotel Melbourne Glen Waverley, taking up a similar role.

Irene Williams has been appointed as Supply Manager at the Lido Group. She has previously worked with high profile companies including HotelClub.com and Ratestogo.com, GTA and most recently with Destinations of the World.

Accor has appointed Henrik Berglind as National Director of Sales - Australia. He succeeds Kerrie Hannaford who has moved to New York as Accor's Vice President Global Sales for North America. Accor has also announced Yesh Mudaliar as its Associate Director of Sales with the Brisbane team.

Staywell Hospitality Group's 203-room hotel the Park Regis Singapore has appointed Jason Dowd as General Manager. Dowd moves across from the Group Operations Manager role which he held in Staywell's Sydney head office.

Singapore Airlines has appointed James Lim as General Manager based in New Zealand. He moves from SIA's Copenhagen office.

Sally de Swart will replace Rosemarie Sama as the new Event Director for the Asia-Pacific Incentives and Meetings Expo (AIME). Swart was Acting Event Director for past AIME functions.

Lebua Hotels and Resorts in Australia/New Zealand has appointed Anne Wild and Associates as its new PR representative. The hotel brand has expansion plans in the pipeline including a new restaurant in Sydney next year.

TAROM on EU-US **BW TAS self-drive**

AIR France has applied to the US Dept of Transport requesting to place the designator code of TAROM on transAtlantic services from Paris to Detroit, New York, and Washington DC, in the future. Air France and TAROM are both

SkyTeam alliance members.

BEST Western is encouraging travellers to the Apple Isle to take a self-drive holiday, offering a 'pack up, drive and discover' deal priced from \$125/night, including accom and brekkie, valid at any Tasmania property until 31 Mar bestwestern.com.au/tasdrive.

ROH top gong for prod

ADVENTURE World Royal Orchid Holidays were the proud winners of the Top Seller 2009 Award at the **Royal Orchid Holidays** Worldwide Conference held in Thailand recently.

Strategic partnership manager Greg Martin was in Chiang Mai, where he accepted the accolade (pictured right).

Martin says AW/ROH has released its most comprehensive program to date featuring exclusive products such as golfing packages, business lounge passes, pamper packages and dental and medical checkups"

ROH will also be offering a new range of products including niche packages such as The Four Seasons Hotel and the Mandarin Oriental



Dhara Devi in Chiang Mai, a destination that "has been neglected up until now", Martin said.

NCL results hike up

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line has reported a third quarter pre-tax profit rise of 21.4% to US\$184.1m, compared to US\$151.6m over the same time last year.

Kevin Sheehan, NCL ceo said "our 21% improvement in EBITDA was achieved despite one-time costs related to Norwegian Epic's start-up and inaugural activities, as well as an increase in the price of fuel".

Net Revenue increased from its '09 price of US\$390m to US\$470m, with the cruise line attributing the rise to the launch Epic in Jun.



Jetstar 50% off deal

JETSTAR has a clearance deal on domestic flights offering savings of up to 50% on its entire network, on sale until 01 Nov.

JetSaver Light fares are priced from \$39 between Adelaide and Melbourne, for travel between 24 Jan-05 Apr - www.jetstar.com.



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- Be experienced in driving and motivating a team to success
- Be able to develop strong relationships with a variety of clients
- · Have the ability to implement new initiatives that will positively impact the business
- Be passionate about closing the sale and have a hunger for success
- · Be able to successfully form multi level relationships both internally and externally
- Have the ability to step outside the square and deliver a fresh, new approach
- · Have outstanding presentation skills

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Travel Daily has teamed up with **Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority** this week and is giving five lucky readers the chance to win an Anti-Stress Facial from Jurlique valued at \$55.

To win this fantastic prize, simply be the first person to email the correct answer to the question below to: mtpacomp@traveldaily.com.au

How many continents does the local cuisine of Mauritius originate from?

Hint! Visit

www.tourism-mauritius.mu Congratulations to yesterday's lucky winner, Tennille Schell from TravelEdge.



CO to Caicos

CONTINENTAL Airlines has announced new four times weekly nonstop flights between New York Newark Liberty Int'l Airport to Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, effective 18 Feb.

The services, which are subject to approval, are planned to operate daily from 06 Mar 2011.



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20% off Greenland

BENTOURS is taking 20% off its 12-day Tale of Two Ice Lands voyage in Greenland on Jul 2011 departures, now priced from \$5,391ppts, a saving of \$1348.

Treasure extension

TREASURE Island in Fiji has extended the sale dates for its Stay 6, Pay 3 night Mega Sale until 19 Dec, for travel to 31 Mar 2011.

The deal is available through preffered wholesalers.

World on Show rsvp

CREATIVE Holidays is reminding travel agents that RSVPs for its five World On Show Roadshows need to be in by 29 Oct.

The events to take place in Brisbane on 08 Nov; Sydney on 09 Nov; Melbourne on 10 Nov; Adelaide on 15 Nov; and Perth on 16 Nov; showcasing products in Vietnam, Cambodia, the Arabian Peninsula, Hawaii, Thailand, Africa, Mauritius, China, Hong Kong, UK, Europe, Fiji, South Pacific, USA, Canada, NZ, Bali, Singapore and Malaysia.

For address details and RSVPs - events@creativeholidays.com.au.

VIE BKK website

MGALLERY Collection member VIE Hotel Bangkok has launched its new viehotelbangkok.com website featuring room packages, information about the property and the brands latest news.

IHG tickets to U2

INTERCONTINENTAL Hotels Group is offering six Holiday Inn VIP packages to the U2 360° show in Sydney on 13 Dec, as part of a new competition tied to the brand's global relaunch.

The 'Stay You-2' comp requires entrants to upload a photo of themselves doing something they love, and then posting the image on the Holiday Inn Facebook page.

The prize package includes a night at the Holiday Inn Potts Point and VIP transfers to ANZ stadium for the concert - for info see facebook.com/hiaustralasia.

Etihad/Asiana c'share pals ETIHAD - ASIANA



ABOVE: Etihad Airways and Asiana Airlines have announced they will begin codesharing on services between Abu Dhabi and South Korea, with fares going on sale from mid-Nov.

EY will launch services from the United Arab Emirates capital to Korea, effective 10 Dec.

Etihad and Asiana said they plan to align their loyalty rewards program so members of Etihad Guest and Asiana Club can earn and burn points on each other's services. The airlines plan to broaden their pact in time to also cover Europe, Africa and other points in the Middle East and Korea.

EY ceo James Hogan, pictured above (left) with OZ's president and ceo Young-Doo Yoon, said "we are confident that this relationship will increase the flow of traffic between the two countries."

MEANWHILE, the first of 10 Etihad Airbus A380 aircraft frames has been moved into the production line in the aircraft manufacturer's plant in France.



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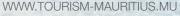
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BARA Sydney curfew push

THE Board of Airline Representatives is urging for an "alignment of conflicting Sydney curfew provisions," with different numbers of take-offs and landings permitted under the 'Sydney Airport Curfew Regulations 1995', when compared to the 'Sydney Airport Curfew Act'.

The Act permits 14 weekly take-offs and landings of international passenger aircraft between 11pm and midnight compared to the Regulations which ban any flight operations at all in this period.

Similarly between 5am and 6am the Act allows 35 landings a week, versus the Regulations which limit these to 24 a week.

BARA executive director Warren Bennett said that while airlines agree there is bipartisan support for the continuation of the curfew at Sydney, there would be significant benefits if the rules according to the Act were implemented as standard practice.



BKK accom deals

VENTURE Holidays has a six night package to Bangkok staying at the Bel-Aire Princess Sukhumvit, and return Thai Airways International flights ex Australia, priced from \$1,109ppts.

The deal, which is for various dates from 31 Oct, includes two free nights at the hotel, along with brekkie and transfers.

Other deals are offered at the Indra Hotel (priced from \$1,259) and the Grand Sukhumvit (priced from \$1,379).

Bookings need to be made by 05 Nov - see ventureholidays.com.au.

Avalon earlybirds

AVALON Waterways is offering earlybird savings of up to \$400 per couple on its 2011 European river cruise program.

The cruise line said prices for next year are down by 21% yearon-year as a result of the strong Australian dollar.

The deal is on sale until 15 Dec and covers nine European river cruises of 12 days or more for sailings between Mar and Jul 2011

Royal profits rise

ROYAL Caribbean saw a 55% rise in net profits over the three months ending Sep to US\$356.8m year on year.

Also up is the company's net yields to US\$2.1 billion a 5.2% increase "profitability momentum moving into 2011 is also quite strong with our newest vessels performing exceptionally well and our management team controlling cost very effectively", said ce Richard Fain.

New forecasts for the year say the cruise line is on track to make £537m, with Fain adding he expectes passenger yields to be higher for the 2011 cruise season.



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Marriott growth

MARRIOTT International has said it plans to roll out its newest hotel brands, EDITION and the Autograph Collection, to markets outside of the United States.

Marriott said it plans to add at least 80,000-90,000 hotel rooms to its global portfolio between 2011 and 2013, with other opportunites for 22,000 rooms in Europe and to Asia.

NZ's new campaign

TOURISM New Zealand saw 1,121,761 Australian visitors to the country for the year ending Sep, an increase of 7.3% year on year, with a greater jump in figures expected with the launch of new advertising campaign "What's ours is yours".

The joint campaign with Pacific Blue will offer Aussies discounted airfares and travel packages to "stimulate bookings over the preand post- Christmas and New Year peaks" said Tourism New Zealand ce Kevin Bowler.

The campaign coincides with the Christchurch and Canterbury Tourism's 'Best Kept Secrets Campaign' featuring *The Amazing Races*' Phil Keoghan.

Record high KE Q3

KOREAN Air has achieved a record high level for international passenger and cargo traffic for the quarter ending 30 Sep, with 3,126.2 billion KRW (AU\$2.83b), a rise of 26.2% year-on-year.



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Applications for the position closes on 05 November 2010.

To apply forward your application and CV to Dejan_Eminagic@singaporeair.com.sg. All applications will be treated in strict confidence and only successful applicants will be contacted.

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