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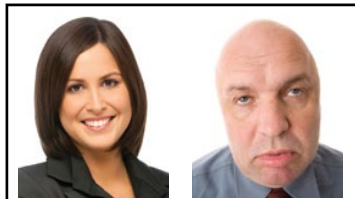
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India next tourism frontier

FEDERAL tourism minister Martin Ferguson has announced the creation of a new India 2020 Strategic Plan, as Tourism Australia targets another rapidly emerging travel market.

Speaking at ATE in Perth this morning, Ferguson said India is one of the key Asian markets driving growth in the Asian Century, with "strategic thinking and investment in the market

now [set to] reap rich dividends in the future."

"India contributed \$867m to the Australian economy and has the potential to contribute up to \$2.3b annually by the end of this decade if we successfully grow our market share," he said.

Ferguson said India differed to China and other areas & required a "strategic approach tailored to this unique and growing market."

India's expanding economy and emerging middle class means "the time to invest and stake Australia's claim to a share... is now."

Tourism Australia md Andrew McEvoy said India 2020 follows on from the China 2020 strategy rolled out in Jun last year, "but taking a much different approach."

TA will target affluent middle class travellers in Delhi & Mumbai, build "under-served" Australia-India aviation links and develop unique quality tourism experiences that "completely differentiate Australia."

He said working with airlines to provide an additional 345,000 seats between the nations was a top priority of the India 2020 plan.

1st QF A380 reconfig

QANTAS will introduce its first of 12 newly reconfigured A380 into service early next week.

The reconfiguration process will see the QF superjumbo modified to better suit long haul customer demand featuring 14 First suites, 64 Skybeds, 35 Premium Economy seats and 371 Economy seats - a total of 484 seats (TD 24 Nov).

Additional capacity was made by reducing the Business cabin and reshuffling some interiors.

All 12 QF A380s are scheduled to be reconfigured by Apr 2013.

VN agent incentive

CONSOLIDATED Travel is offering the top four travel agents selling Vietnam Airlines tickets between 11 Jun and 08 Jul \$500 cash and a trip to London.

Cash prizes are also available for Business and Economy sales from Australia - details on page 11.

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Orion not selling ship

ORION Expedition Cruises has categorically denied reports that it is looking to sell Orion (CW yest).

Speaking with TD, Orion Founder Sarina Bratton said the company has launched legal action against the marine sales website which, unbeknownst to Orion Expedition Cruises, had put a photo of Orion and its details up for listing in the hopes of being able to take an offer to Orion and score a commission.

"We have the most coveted expedition ship in the world, and there are lots of people who would love to have this ship, but we are not looking to sell," Bratton said.

"We also have the strongest forward bookings in the history of the business, and our guests love Orion," she added.

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Delaware into GDS

THE iconic Australian resorts operated by US hospitality giant Delaware North Companies are now live on Amadeus, Sabre, Worldspan and Galileo.

The move means that travel agents are now easily able to book clients into Lizard Island Resort, Heron and Wilson Islands, Kings Canyon Resort and the El Questro Kimberley properties.

They're all available under the YX code and a range of special offers are now available such as discounts, resort credits or free breakfasts.

THL acquires KEA Australia

THERE'S been a shakeout in the motorhome market today with the announcement that NZ-listed THL Limited has taken over the KEA Rentals and Sales brands in Australia from KEA New Zealand, with the previous agents for KEA Australia having ceased trading and a liquidator appointed.

THL said there should be minimal disruption to existing and future KEA Australia customers, who will be "seamlessly transitioned to THL branches in

the four Australian cities in which KEA operates," the firm said, and THL having also leased sufficient KEA-style fleet to deliver suitable product to clients.

"Our immediate focus is to ensure KEA Australia customers on the road and those with future bookings get to enjoy the holiday they are expecting," said THL ceo Grant Webster.

Etihad record sale day

ETIHAD Airways processed a massive 65,000 flight bookings in one day on Mon 11 Jun, its single busiest day on record & eclipsing its previous record by 13%.

MEANWHILE, EY has appointed airline executive David Ranger as Partner Relationship Manager for Asia Pacific South area, covering partnerships with Virgin Australia, Air New Zealand, Bangkok Airways, Malaysia Airlines, Philippine Airlines and Vietnam Airlines.

QR to add Tokyo direct

QATAR Airways is set to expand its operations in Japan, with the launch of non-stop services between Doha and Tokyo.

QR has been operating to Osaka since 2005 and in 2010 added an extension leg onward to Tokyo.

The new daily non-stops will commence effective 28 Oct.

NZ MICE push

TOURISM New Zealand has signalled a major expansion of its marketing for business events, with a new "Beyond Convention" campaign launched at the annual MEETINGS event in Auckland yesterday afternoon.

TNZ ceo Kevin Bowler said the MICE promotion would leverage from the long-running 100% Pure New Zealand campaign with a range of concepts such as "beyond the meet and greet" and "beyond the morning break".

More details in today's **Business Events News**.

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MAS Cargo fined \$6m + costs

MALAYSIA Airlines Cargo has been fined \$6 million by the Federal Court in Sydney, as part of the long-running Australian Competition and Consumer Commission probe into price fixing in the air cargo industry.

MH is the ninth airline to settle with the ACCC, which has so far managed to exact a record total of \$58m in fines from airlines.

ACCC chairman Rod Sims said

the organisation's focus on "stopping cartel conduct" has sent a strong message.

"It is crucial for the proper functioning of business in Australia that the ACCC continues to tackle cargo conduct with the full force of the law," he said.

The ACCC case alleges that MH reached and gave effect to understandings with other international airlines over fuel and security fees and surcharges.

Proceedings continue against other carriers including Emirates, Air New Zealand, Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines and Thai Airways International.

As well as the \$6 million fine MH was ordered to pay \$500,000 towards the ACCC's costs.

CZ to Cairns by Nov?

CHINA Southern Airlines has flagged intentions to launch A330 services to Cairns by Oct or Nov, according to a report by *Aviation Business Asia Pacific*.

The long touted Guangzhou-Cairns route (**TD** 09 Jun 11), now appears to be gaining momentum with regional manager Aus/NZ Henry He saying frequencies are currently being finalised.

When contacted by **TD**, a China Southern Airlines spokesperson said there was no confirmation of the Cairns services at this stage.

Rocky Lake Louise

ROCKY Mountaineer has added Lake Louise as a stop on the First Passage to the West route for the 2013 season - signalling the return of pax rail services to Lake Louise.

The Lake Louise stop enables pax to embark and disembark closer to the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise.

ASP a hit for CNS agt

CAIRNS Business and Leisure Travel has reported a 30% spike in sales & productivity improvements, 12 months on from adopting the Amadeus Selling Platform (ASP).

China growth forecast

A NEW report from US research firm PhoCusWright is predicting that China's total travel market will have doubled between 2008 and 2013 - driven by explosive growth in online bookings.

The report estimates that total transaction values from China will surpass US\$105 billion annually in 2013, of which around 17% will be made online fuelled by rapid adoption of internet technology.

A number of corporations including China's major search engine Baidu are investing heavily in online booking systems and driving strong growth in the Chinese travel sector.

PhoCusWright says the China online travel market will grow by about 500% over the five year period fuelled by the "rapid adoption of the internet for commerce".

More Bench escorts

BENCH International will prop up its escorted touring program to Egypt and East Africa with three new trips in each country planned for 2013.

The move follows industry and consumer response after its first foray with the product this year which has seen the 2012 tours nearing capacity.

Rendezvous changes

RENDEZVOUS Hospitality Group has announced the rebranding of two properties in Brisbane, as the firm looks to boost market position under a unified front.

Rendezvous Hotel Brisbane has been rebadged as Rendezvous Hotel Brisbane Anzac Square, effective immediately, and The Marque Hotel Brisbane will be renamed Rendezvous Studio Hotel Brisbane on George, from 02 Jul.

New names for other properties within the Rendezvous portfolio will be revealed in coming weeks and months, RHG said.

Sea World dinobots

SEA World on the Gold Coast will launch its newest attraction this weekend - Sea World's Dinosaur Island (**TD** 04 May).

The island features 14 life-size interactive animatronic dinosaurs with moving heads and tails - incl an 18-metre long Tyrannosaurus, an Excavation Site where guests can dig for fossilised footprints.

Abu Dhabi webinar

ABU Dhabi Tourism Authority will hold a 30-min travel agent 'advanced' webinar at 8:15am on 26 Jun - to participate, email kbrown@abudhabitourism.com.au.



Window Seat

VISITORS to Disney's new Cars Land at the California Adventure Park are certain to be wowed by the attraction - but you'd think that a Disney veteran would be a little jaded by now.

Not so, according to Bob Deuel, who's Public Relations Director for Disney Worldwide Sales and Travel Operations.

Deuel told **TD** this morning that he hadn't actually watched either of the Pixar *Cars* movies until after he had experienced the park's recreation of Radiator Springs, the setting of the films.

However, in the lead-up to the launch this week he thought he should do the right thing and watch the animated features - and he was stunned at how accurately they had captured the Disney precinct.

"I was going to call the lawyers about the movie makers using our copyright until I realised it was the other way around," he quipped.

AN ITALIAN mineral water company has come to the aid of Rome's iconic Trevi Fountain, which is starting to crumble due to a lack of maintenance.

Last weekend workers erected scaffolding around part of the famous attraction after pieces of a gargoyle's head fell off the famous 250-year-old monument.

Acqua Claudia executive Mauro De Dominicis said the Trevi is "a symbol not only of Rome but of water" and said he hoped that other companies would also step up and contribute to a full restoration.

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Today's issue of TD is coming to you from Disneyland Resort in California, where Cars Land is now officially open.

A GALA red carpet celebration took place overnight at Disneyland, with a galaxy of stars strutting the red carpet to help launch the much-anticipated new Cars Land precinct at Disney's California Adventure Park.

About 800 excited media from around the globe breathlessly welcomed the celebrities, many of whom provided the voices of key characters in the Cars films.

Sean Harrigan from Disney Australia was interviewed for Aussie TV news, and at the party celebration after the official opening guests rubbed shoulders - and shared the Radiator Springs rides - with Hollywood royalty.

Today the entire California Adventure Park is closed to the public for a special media and guest preview of the new attraction, while tomorrow the gates open for everyone to see Cars Land and the new Buena Vista Street entrance to the park.

For more from the launch see opposite and **page 7**.

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VS/US expansion

VIRGIN Atlantic has announced an expansion of its codeshare pact with US Airways, with the VS code to be displayed on US routes from Boston to Buffalo, Richmond, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Rochester and Syracuse.

The VS code will also appear on US Airways flights from London Heathrow to Philadelphia.

IATA 2013 in CPT

CAPE Town will host the 69th IATA Annual General Meeting and World Air Transport Summit next year, with the move announced at the completion of last week's 2012 event in Beijing.

The 2013 summit will take place 02-04 Jun, with South African Airlines as the host airline and a key topic being air transport safety on the African continent.

IATA director-general Tony Tyler said Cape Town was a particularly appropriate venue, with air connectivity "key to South Africa's economic success, contributing 2.1% to the country's GDP".

Cars Land to drive Disney



ABOVE: This group of erstwhile Aussie wholesalers were spotted last night wandering the streets of Radiator Springs, having participated in the official launch of Disneyland's new Cars Land at California Adventure Park.

Disney invited key travel partners from around the globe to attend the gala debut of Cars Land, which is expected to provide a significant boost to both first time and repeat visitation to the iconic resort.

And Australia is definitely in the frame, with Aussie visitors now the number two international

market for Disney, with Australians tending to stay longer and spend more.

It's a tough job, but someone has to experience the rides and other attractions in person, and these guys drew the short straw.

Pictured outside the *Cosy Cone Motel* having just enjoyed some churros and other Disney hospitality are, from left: Lauren Mullaly from Creative Holidays; Karen Prideaux, Disney Australia; Mark Brooker, Jetset Travelworld Group product coordinator for North America; and Creative Hols marketing mgr Damien Cerini.



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Snow conditions

WELCOME to **TD's** regular snow conditions update, providing info on the latest snow falls, depths and lifts in operation across key Australia and New Zealand ski-fields.

Here's the latest snow reports:

- Perisher - 37cm / 12 lifts
- Thredbo - 37cm / 6 lifts
- Charlotte Pass - opens 22 Jun
- Falls Creek - 24cm / 4 lifts
- Mt Hotham - 35cm / 4 lifts
- Mt Baw Baw - 8cm / 1 lift
- Mt Buller - 13cm / 1 lift
- Coronet Peak - 35cm / 5 lifts
- The Remarkables - opens Sat
- Mt Hutt - 70cm / 2 lifts

Murray snow express

MURRAYS is rolling out a new luxury express coach service to the NSW ski fields from Sydney.

Operating on Sat and Sun in Jul and Aug, Murrays Snow Express service departs the Sydney CBD at 1:00am & travels via Canberra to Perisher and Thredbo, allowing passengers a full day on the snow before returning the same day.

Coach only return tickets are \$144 and \$151 respectively, while packages (lift passes, ski, stocks & boot hire and skitube passes) are \$242 and \$246.

More at www.murrays.com.au.

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Perth hotel upgrade

COUNTRY Comfort Perth will have room capacity boosted from 99 to 161 rooms under a \$14m investment by SilverNeedle.

The upgrade is a direct response to escalating demand from the mining and resources sector, and builds on SilverNeedle's recent addition of 7 hotels (**TD** 02 May).

Uluwatu packages

SEMARA Luxury Villa Resort Uluwatu in Bali is offering new three-, five- and seven-night luxury accom and spa treatment experiences, priced from US\$679 per room per night (+21% tax) valid for travel to 31 Mar 2013.

Explore Cappadocia

PETER Sommer Travels has introduced a six-day Exploring Cappadocia tour of Turkey, which delves into ancient caves and includes a ballooning adventure.

The trip departs Uschisar and is priced from £1,375ppts (\$2,145), beginning 03 Sep 2012.

Info at www.petersommer.com.

Travel Specials

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THIS week's *Travel Specials* is brought to you by **Travel Industry Club**. If your firm has released a travel special you'd like to make the industry aware of send the details to specials@traveldaily.com.au.

Tiger Airways Australia kicked off a 72-hr 'Go 2 for 1' airfare sale today on select routes, including Melbourne-Sydney and Gold Coast-Sydney (priced at \$59.95 for 2) and Brisbane-Sydney (\$74.95 for 2). Travel dates vary based on city pairings. The online promo ends at midnight 17 Jun.

Malaysia Airlines has Economy class fares to Malaysia, South East Asia, North and South Asia priced from \$718 ex Perth, or \$788 ex Sydney, in its Winter Warmer Seat Sale campaign. The promo runs until 26 Jun and is valid for sale between 02 Jul-30 Nov, or 04 Oct-30 Nov to UK/Europe.

Travel Industry Club has just released a trade industry deals on three Princess Cruises *Dawn Princess* sailings, with prices starting at \$65 per day for 26 days. The options include the Sydney to Beijing, Beijing to San Francisco (including Alaska) and San Francisco to Sydney voyages. For more details go to www.industryclub.com.au.

LHR Olympics terminal

PASSENGERS at London Heathrow Airport should see normal levels of service despite the upcoming busy Olympic period, with LHR establishing a temporary terminal in a staff car park to cater for outgoing Olympians and officials for a three day period after the games end on 12 Aug.

Sabre TravelSky pact

SABRE has announced a new agreement with Chinese GDS TravelSky which will see the companies respectively make their hotel content available to each other's agency customers and consumer travellers.

Rival GDS Travelport announced a similar hotel content deal earlier this year (**TD** 30 Mar).

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T-QUAL approved experiences in Western Australia Moran sampled included Fremantle Prison, Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, Ships of the Desert Sunset Camel Ride and Matso's Broome Brewery.

WIN A DINNER FOR FOUR



This week *Travel Daily* has teamed up with **Hawaii Tourism** and is giving one lucky reader the chance to win a table for 4 people at any session during the **Flavours of Hawai'i Food Event** at the Grace Hotel Sydney from 15-30th June 2012.

Discover Hawai'i's interesting culinary history, from traditional to contemporary dishes, Hawaiian cuisine mirrors the Islands cultural diversity with European, Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Polynesian influences.

Hawaiian chefs take advantage of the bounty of the sea and land, using the freshest ingredients to showcase the unique **Flavours of Hawai'i**.

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For your chance to win, simply send in an answer to the question below by COB on Friday.

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The most creative answer will win & the winner will be announced in *Travel Daily* next week.

Game, set, DriveAway to Paris



DRIVEAWAY Holidays hosted these JTG incentive winners on a famil to the recent French Open, with tickets provided courtesy of Peugeot Open Europe in Paris.

The travel agents booked a Peugeot Lease between Apr and mid-May, to put themselves into the running.

The trip included three days of

tennis, sightseeing and shopping, along with a hosted by Peugeot Open Europe, Seine River cruise.

Pictured on the Seine from left are: Emily Pert, Harvey World Travel South Perth; Caroline Raffoul, Driveaway Holidays; Jacques Arseguet, Peugeot Open Europe; Anna Peers, Itineraries Travel; and Sue Milosova, iTravel.

explora Chico refurb

SOUTH American travel firm explora will shut the doors of the Hotel Salto Chico in Chile for seven weeks from 24 Jun, as the next stage of upgrades to the property continues.

explora expects the third-stage of the Patagonia project will be completed prior to high season, with a scheduled relaunch date on 14 Aug.

Agents seeking further info can email reserve@explora.com.

Morgans growth

NEW York-based Morgans Hotel Group has announced a new 20-year management agreement for a 200 room boutique property in London, which will utilise its Hudson "lifestyle hotel brand".

Hudson London is scheduled to open in early 2015 and is the start of an international growth plan to introduce Hudson properties into "gateway markets around the globe".

Morgans is also in the process of relaunching and renovating the original Hudson location in New York City, with a US\$30m project to refurbish all 834 rooms which is scheduled to be completed before the end of the year.

Hudson London "will combine cutting edge style with impeccable service at accessible prices," the company said.

Athenian expert guide

TOURISTS travelling to Athens can now arrange a local guide to showcase the city on a private tour, available from the Greek National Tourism Organisation.

The free 'This is My Athens' program matches visitors with volunteers, designed to provide an "insider's edge" on where to go while in the Greek capital.

To apply, travellers need to register at least 72-hrs prior to arrival at www.thisisathens.org.

The scheme is run via GNTO's True Greece initiative.

QH musical packages

QANTAS Holidays has limited ticket and accom packages for the musical *An Officer & a Gentleman* which will end its eight-week season in Sydney on 01 Jul.

Packages are available up until 22 Jun, with agents able to earn 500 bonus points on bookings.

Hawaiian May results

AN ADDITIONAL 44,560 pax travelled with Hawaiian Airlines in May 2012, a 6% year-on-year increase, compared to the corresponding period in 2011.

Despite this, and likely as a result of increased frequencies or larger aircraft, average load factor fell by 1.3 points to 83.2% due to a 14.2% increase in ASKs.

STA air appointment

STA Travel has appointed Jerome King to the role of Air Product Manager, based in Surry Hills, Sydney, effective immediately.

Technology Update

Today's Technology Update is brought to you by Sabre Pacific.

The importance of integration



All businesses strive to improve their efficiency and extend their service offerings to

customers. To help you achieve this goal, we recently completed the integration of TripCase with Sabre Red and our online tools Sabre Online and Sabre Explore.

As mobile devices and apps have emerged as the fastest growing business tool for travellers today, a strong mobile solution is critical for any travel management company looking to grow and succeed in the next three to five years. But our recent development goes far beyond this.

TripCase represents Sabre's mission to make sure we not only have the widest and most comprehensive product range on the market, but also that our products work to increase your efficiency. In fact, we're the only company who can offer what we call a 'Total Travel Solution,' so it's very important that our solutions fit together seamlessly.

Using TripCase's example, integration means that any trip booked with Sabre channels will automatically flow into TripCase. Because of this, TripCase now provides you with the tools you need to better meet your travellers' expectations and work more efficiently, while giving your travellers access to free and automated access to real-time updates and relevant trip information. Everyone wins!

To find out more about how TripCase can help you service your customers, simply contact your Sabre account manager today.

Gai Tyrrell, CEO, Sabre Pacific

Disney's Cars Land puts pedal to metal

THE second largest expansion ever to Disneyland Resort in California officially opened last night, wowing guests with its trademark Disney attention to detail, excitement and just pure fun.

Cars Land, based on the popular Pixar movies, features a faithful recreation of Radiator Springs which evokes the romance and thrills of Route 66 with trademark neon signs, cafes, a gas station and motel and of course several thrilling new rides which will delight kids and adults alike.

The trademark ride is Radiator Springs Racers, set in a desert landscape which has to be seen to be believed, with soaring cliffs and arid boulders just like the Arizona desert.

It's basically a gigantic slot car race, taking guests for a ride in the countryside, then through Radiator Springs before finishing in an exciting race with another vehicle. It's a must do, over and over again, and really has something for everyone even.

There's also Luigi's Flying Tires - think of it as a giant-sized air hockey table with hovercraft-like seats which riders can manoeuvre around to bump into others, with lots of beach balls thrown in! And Mater's Junkyard Jamboree will also thrill the whole family, whirling around behind tractors which rotate on giant intersecting plates to create a fabulous sensation.

Travel Daily took these exclusive photos at last night's red carpet launch of Cars Land, and there are also lots more on our website at www.facebook.com/traveldaily.



LEFT: Everyone was having fun at the launch, including this group of senior Disney executives heading off for their turn on Radiator Springs Racers.

RIGHT: There are characters galore at Disney - and in Cars Land they are actually vehicles!

These full-sized Lightning McQueen and Tow Mater, pictured in front of the stunning landscape, make a great photo opportunity.



RIGHT: Enjoying the aerial fun at Luigi's Flying Tires.

BELOW: A LA Red Car Trolley at the new Buena Vista Street entry.



BELOW: Rico Rodriguez, aka Manny from the *Modern Family* TV show, was on the red carpet with his mum.



WIN A TRIP TO GREECE

Throughout June, **Travel Daily** is giving one lucky travel consultant reader the chance to win an amazing 7-day escorted "Highlights of Greece" tour, courtesy of **Sun Island Tours** and **Etihaad Airways**.

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Photo 10

Where is Sara today?

Supplier Updates

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**Wong showcases
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HELEN Wong herself made a guest appearance at a gala event held for 84 Aussie travel agents in Shanghai recently.

Participants earned a spot on one of four Helen Wong's Tours families to China and Vietnam as part of the China specialist's 25th anniversary celebrations.

Three of the groups were devoted to China (each focused on either Shanghai, Beijing or a Yangtze River cruise), while the fourth group explored Ho Chi Minh City, prior to a 'mega gathering' at the Sigma Film Club in Shanghai.

Helen Wong is **pictured** front & centre with some of the group.

Four Seasons Kingdom

BUILDERS of the world's tallest tower believe the Kingdom Tower in Saudi Arabia will be "one of the world's great tourist destinations."

Construction of the 1km high tower in Jeddah is already under way and expected to take up to 63 months to complete.

Sections of the Kingdom Tower will be home to a Four Seasons hotel and serviced apartments.

Crown Perth rebrand

BURSWOOD Entertainment Complex has confirmed its official rebrand to Crown Perth (**TD** 16 Dec) will occur in Sep this year.

The firm has also announced this week that the Holiday Inn Perth Burswood will become Crown Promenade Perth on 20 Jun, while InterContinental Perth Burswood will be rebranded as Crown Metropolis Perth on 27 Jun.

Hot Hawaiian dishes on show



LAST night's Flavours of Hawaii dinner at the Grace Hotel in Sydney, hosted by Hawaii Tourism Oceania and Hawaiian Airlines, proved a smashing success, with *Home & Away* actor Dan Ewing (aka Heath Braxton) even making an appearance.

He's **pictured** here with Hawaiian Airline's Kay Russell and Jo Vella, from Brisbane and Melbourne.

The Flavours of Hawaii food festival runs from tonight through to 30 Jun.

TA local campaign launch

TOURISM Australia launched the latest phase of the *There's Nothing Like Australia* marketing campaign this week at the Sydney Opera House, following its official debut in Shanghai, China a few weeks ago (**TD** 04 Jun).

The TV commercial has already reached a global audience of millions, while **Travel**

Daily TV's upload of the video has alone had several thousand hits.

Hosted by TA md Andrew McEvoy, the event featured a performance by the commercial's singer-songwriter, Dwayne Everert-Smith, **pictured** above left with Tourism Australia's Rapphi Thanapalasingam and Nick Baker.



Scenic USA success

SCENIC Tours says its 2013 USA touring program has received an "overwhelming response" from past guests since its launch a few weeks ago (**TD** 28 May).

GM sales & marketing Michelle Black said there had been an "extraordinary sentiment" shown by clients wanting the product.

Assoc's run rings round London

THIS lucky group of Travel Associates staff were spoilt on a family to London and Paris, escorted by Katherine Heath from Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotels London.

Participants experienced Virgin Atlantic's Upper Class product, the Eurostar and the new Radisson Blu Mercer Street Hotel in Covent Garden,

London, the Victoria Palace Hotel in the Left Bank, Paris, & more.

Pictured back row from left are Josephine Corry, Virgin Atlantic and Hannah Foster, Low & James Travel Assoc.

Middle row: Katherine Heath, The Hotel Connection; Kelly West,

Noller & Turner Travel Assoc; Edward Yee, Yee & Turner Travel Assoc; and Amy Roach, Cloit & Turner Travel Assoc.

Front row: Brooke O'Neil, Lewis & Turner Travel Assoc; Melinda Spain, Jones & Turner Assoc; and Liz Noakes, Hyslop & James Assoc.



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