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CHINA Southern Airlines today announced "knockout" earlybird fares from Australia to Europe via Guangzhou, leading in at just \$1289 for return economy flights ex Sydney, Perth, Melbourne and Brisbane to Paris and Amsterdam.

There's also a CZ earlybird to London from \$1439, with fares available to a range of other ports with CZ codeshare partners.

Seats are valid for travel 22 Jan-30 Jun and 16 Aug-31 Oct 2013.

BA domestic codeshare cut

BRITISH Airways is continuing to roll out changes to its operations as a result of the cessation of the Qantas Joint Services Agreement, including the termination of BA codeshares on a plethora of domestic & trans-Tasman routes.

According to GDS displays, from 31 Mar 2013 BA will no longer codeshare on QF flights from Brisbane to Cairns and Auckland;

Melbourne to Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Hobart, Auckland and Wellington; and Sydney to Armidale, Port Macquarie, Wagga Wagga and Hong Kong.

However, BA will continue to codeshare on QF flights between Hong Kong and Brisbane, Perth and Melbourne; Singapore to Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney; as well as Sydney flights to Bangkok, Cairns, Adelaide, Auckland, Wellington, Queenstown, Christchurch, Perth, Melbourne, Hobart, Brisbane, Albury and Coffs Harbour.

Graduation TIME

THE Travel Industry Mentor Experience will next week see the graduation of another crop of mentees - the organisation's seventh completed program.

A celebration will take place at the BLUE Sydney Hotel in Woolloomooloo on Thu 29 Nov from 6pm, with special guest speaker John Weeks, ceo of The Travel Corporation.

To RSVP or for more info see www.travelindustrymentor.com.au.

Extragreen operating

THE Extragreen Holidays outlet which was voluntarily terminated from the TCF (*TD* yesterday) was a Hawthorn franchise location.

The group of four Extragreen Holidays offices (ABN 065 037 167) is continuing to trade strongly and is unaffected by the closure.

Seven pages of news

Travel Daily today has seven pages of news and photos, a front full page from **British Airways**, plus full pages: (*click*)

- TMS Asia Pacific jobs
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DISNEY Destinations is inviting consultants to register as a Disney Travel Agent to access resources about Disney resorts around the globe and Disney Cruise Line - **p11**.

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JTG restructure confirmed

JETSET Travelworld Group has created a new centralised Retail Shared Services division, after a rationalisation of functions which previously provided individual support to the Harvey World Travel, Travelscene and Jetset Travelworld Network businesses, *Travel Daily* can exclusively reveal.

CEO Rob Gurney confirmed the move this morning, telling *TD* the review aimed to identify areas of duplication "in order to enhance and simplify the Group's Retail support operations" which include Network Operations, Marketing, Product, as well as Conferences and Events.

Viva! trade incentive

VIVA! Holidays this morning announced a travel agent promotion offering 80 x \$100 Coles Myer vouchers to the first 80 consultants to book and deposit \$10,000 worth of gross combined air and land UK/Europe earlybird packages by 30 Nov.

Passengers booking Viva! deals will also receive a \$200 land credit per adult on selected earlybird packages flying Singapore Airlines, Virgin Australia and Etihad Airways to the UK and Europe.

More info 1300 115 020.

Sandy Osborne has been appointed to head up the new division, while managers for each of Network Operations, Product and Marketing will be announced in the next few days.

Gurney said the Retail Shared Services team would also be responsible for delivering brand conferences.

"Importantly, there will be no changes to the Business Development and Sales teams that are dedicated to each of the brands," he added, with the separate marketing plans and programs for each of the retail brands to continue.

Travel Daily understands the changes are likely to see as many as 20 staff depart from the organisation, as individual marketing, product & operations managers for each brand will no longer be part of the structure.

"These changes will provide a stronger, more focused support structure for the JTG retail brands, enabling them to better compete and grow in the highly competitive travel market and will deliver benefits to all key stakeholders," Gurney said.

The restructure of the retail services operations is believed to be part of the ongoing "thorough review" of the Jetset Travelworld Limited business by Boston Consulting Group, instigated by Gurney shortly after he took over from former ceo Peter Lacaze.

SIA Aegean deal

SINGAPORE Airlines has signed a new codeshare pact with Star Alliance member Aegean Airlines under which the SQ code will be added to Aegean flights to Athens and Thessaloniki from London, Milan, Frankfurt and Munich.



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Virgin Australia "Game On"

VIRGIN Australia ceo John Borghetti says the airline is moving to the next phase of its Game Change Program, which he said was about driving growth and "ensuring the sustainability of the business through continuing to diversify our earnings".

Speaking at the company's agm today, Borghetti said the 'Game On' phase would include a three year business efficiency project, increasing interline and codeshare revenue and "turning Velocity Frequent Flyer into a major broad-based loyalty program".

He also announced that Virgin would be migrating to its new SabreSonic CSS reservations system in Jan 2013, which will help enhance its offering through improved customer recognition

and a more seamless travel experience with alliance partners.

Borghetti reconfirmed guidance of 8-9% domestic capacity growth and declined to forecast profit due to "uncertainty in economic conditions and the particularly competitive environment".

Guarantee making adventure unique

G ADVENTURES is calling on all adventure touring operators to follow its lead with guaranteeing its full contingent of trips in order to set a new benchmark for the adventure travel sector.

Launched first by G Adventures, the 100% tour guarantee that every trip will operate, regardless of passenger numbers, was last week followed by Gecko's.

Australia Head Honcho Peter Rawley told **TD** the trip guarantee is an innovation G Adventures is hopeful competitors will replicate.

"It's probably been the scourge of tour operators, I would imagine."

Rawley said the 100% guarantee provides certainty for customers and agents as cancellations have been a part of tour operator's business for quite some time.

He said it's not uncommon for operators to axe 15% of tours.

"We'd love to see all our rivals offer the 100% guarantee as we think it's a real customer benefit with will send a strong message that the adventure travel sector is unique," Rawley added.

INDABA back to 4 days

AFRICA's largest tourism & trade show, INDABA, held annually in South Africa, has been reinstated to a four-day event "following constructive discussions."

The decision follows an earlier announcement by South African Tourism it would scale back the Durban-based show to three days (**TD** Thu).

Announcing the back-flip, SAT ceo Thulani Nzima said talks with INDABA bid parties, stakeholders and the broader tourism industry in Kwazulu-Natal had revealed a need to keep the show as four days in 2013.

"We are, however, continuously reviewing INDABA and will make fundamental changes to the show from 2014 onwards, which we hope to announce shortly."

Nzima said criteria for visitors to INDABA 2013 would be stricter, with access to consumers limited to 12, 13 and 14 May.

Orion revamp portal

ORION Expedition Cruises has launched a refreshed website, with new features including 'live pricing' that enables both travel agents and consumers to see the latest pricing options - more at www.orionexpeditions.com.

HA ceo extension

HAWAIIAN Airlines president and chief executive officer Mark Dunkerley has signed a new three-year contract extension, through until 2016.



CONTIKI has issued a tongue-in-cheek response to comments in the media last weekend from former Wallaby rugby union player Sam Scott-Young, who described the current Wallabies tour as a "\$1.2m Contiki tour", loaded with rugby-related puns.

The Travel Corporation brand said that unlike the Wallabies, "passengers are never offside with Contiki offering a backstage pass to Europe".

With the rugby players being paid \$41,616 for their four-week match tour of France, Italy, Wales and England, Contiki said that the players could take their paychecks and return with eight of their friends to enjoy the same sights & cultural highlights.

The youth tour company added that there are "no penalties for Contiki travellers" and with one in every ten travelling free on a group booking, "there's more reason to bring a large squad".

"The tours also include plenty of ME Time for some important time out to reflect on a disappointing performance in Europe," the brand continued.

STILL on a sporting theme, the youngest heavyweight boxing world champion in history - Mike Tyson - has finally met his match...in an Australian koala.

Tyson, who during his heyday was billed as "the baddest man on the planet" has forged a reputation as one of the most feared and intimidating people on the planet, but was visiting the Qld capital as part of his "Mike Tyson's Day of Champions" public speaking tour.

Upon coming face-to-face with the cuddly marsupial, Tyson repeatedly refused to pat the koala, saying he didn't want to be attacked by it.

"Good animals go bad sometimes," Tyson argued.


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Industry Tasman calls

SIMPLIFYING quarantine and border processes for New Zealand tourist arrivals should be rated as a priority, according to data from the Tourism & Transport Forum survey, released yesterday.

More than 90% of respondents rated a single point of customs clearance between Australia & NZ as either "Very Important" or "Somewhat Important", with 92% calling for the establishment of special Trans-Tasman visitor visas for foreigners wishing to visit both countries in the same trip.

Other reforms which received positive reactions included the rollout of more SmartGate automated passport control gates (87%), a direct path through quarantine for NZ arrivals (84%) and for flights from NZ to be given access to regional domestic airports in Australia (89%).

In 2009, government & aviation officials from Australia and NZ set a target for the delivery of a common border by 2015.

Canberra Superstore

AUSTRALIA Post has launched its first Superstore in Canberra featuring a dedicated travel services one-stop-shop.

Open 24/7, the Canberra GPO Superstore allows customers to organise passports as well as travel insurance, travel merchandise & foreign currency thru TravelEx.

It replicates the Brisbane GPO that opened 12 months ago from which HWT operates a branch.

Air NZ/Virgin Sunshine Coast return

A SECOND season for the Sunshine Coast's first ever international route was confirmed today, with Air NZ to operate direct Auckland flights between 18 Jun and 13 Oct 2013, in partnership with Virgin Australia.

The move follows a successful debut of the twice weekly flights this year - and the second 17-week season is being extended to include the 2013 Oct school hols.

Air NZ group gm Australasia,

APTMS buys Compass Cars

KYLEE Kay's Asia-Pacific Travel Marketing Services has once again expanded its portfolio, with the purchase of Compass Car Rental (**TD** breaking news).

The move complements APTMS' other range of products which includes the Small Ship Adventure Company and representation of VIA Rail, Aston Hotels & Resorts, Peirce & Leslie, Alamo and more.

Kay has significant expertise in car rental, having formerly headed up Driveaway Holidays, and said Compass Cars would run as an APTMS brand focusing initially only on the UK and Ireland with major partner Enterprise Rent A Car.

She said Compass Cars would offer "very competitive pricing" with commission to agents who can use an Australian owned and operated car rental specialist offering "extraordinary value".

AC/SAA YYZ c'sharing

AIR Canada is seeking approval from US regulators to allow South African Airways to initiate code-sharing initially on its flights from Toronto to New York JFK.

AC in turn plans to place its code on SAA's New York JFK - Johannesburg services.

The carriers will not carry local traffic between the US & Canada.

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KLCC smartphone app

THE Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre has launched a new mobile app featuring content rich info, an interactive locator for directions and weather updates.

Britain beckons Bond fans



VISITBRITAIN last night hosted a group of industry & media partners to a preview screening in Sydney of the new James Bond film ahead of its nationwide debut this week.

The majority of *Skyfall* was filmed in iconic London locations, such as the National Gallery, Greenwich and Whitehall, with other scenes in Glencoe and Glen Etive in the Scottish Highlands.

VisitBritain is cashing in on the Bond phenomenon, with an image campaign featuring its first ever 'film tourism ad', shown in

key inbound markets, including Australia, accompanied by 'Bond is GREAT Britain' billboards promoting the destination, and the chance to 'Live Like Bond'.

Pictured at Event Cinema from left are: Laura Speirs, Glasgow City Marketing Bureau; Rob McFarland, travel writer, Mark Haynes, VisitBritain marketing manager Australia; Kristen Angus, communications mgr Australia; Mick Gebicki, travel writer & Sally McFadyen, tourism relationship manager, Flight Centre Limited.

More QF fares reprice

QANTAS is advising agents the reprice of the vast majority of its international Economy, Business and First class fares will become effective from tomorrow.

According to the QF Industry Sales site, the increases of about 3% (**TD** 08 Nov) will apply to UK/Europe, Japan, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, China, Mongolia, Hong Kong, North and South America, Vietnam, Mexico, Cayman Islands and Bermuda.

Mandarin room credit

MANDARIN Oriental Hotel Group is offering guests staying two nights at any hotel a credit of up to US\$250 to put towards spa treatments, food or drinks.

Available between 04 Jan and 04 Apr, the Luxury Breaks credit is based on the hotel and room category booked.

AI all Y Class 777s

AIR India will modify the cabin configuration of some of its leased Boeing 777 aircraft into an all Economy class product after failing to sell the jets (**TD** 25 Oct).

The aircraft-rejig plan aims to minimise losses, with AI mulling deploying the two retrofitted 777-200LR and three 777-300ERs on Saudi Arabia and North American routes.

Norfolk Jazz Festival

NORFOLK Islands' annual Jazz in the Pines Festival has been confirmed to run from 03-07 Dec with four night packages priced from \$1,189pp ex Brisbane.

Sold through Oxtley Travel, the deal includes accom at Governors Lodge, Air New Zealand return fares, half-day tours & transfers and a Jazz Pack - 1800 671 546.

TSA PreCheck at SFO

UNITED Airlines has launched the Transportation Security Administration's Pre✓ program at San Francisco International Airport Terminal 3.

Pax offered Pre✓ screening are expedited through security lanes and are able to leave on their shoes, light outdoor wear and belts, and keep laptops & certain liquids in carry-on baggage.

The scheme is also being rolled out at Baltimore Washington and San Juan Puerto Rico.

Schleck TDU drawcard

SOUTH Australia Tourism Minister Gail Gago has confirmed the participation of international cycling champion Andy Schleck to the 2013 Santos Tour Down Under, running from 20-27 Jan.

The Luxembourger is seen as a major drawcard for domestic and international visitors for the event, entering its 15th year.

QR signs Barcelona

QATAR Airways will appear on the shirt of the Barcelona football club from next season as the Gulf nation begins promotion activity well ahead of the 2022 World Cup.

Le boat earlybirds

TUI Travel Group's Le Boat is reminding agents its earlybird discount of up to 15% off 2013 sailings will expire on 30 Nov.

The earlybirds are valid on short breaks and longer itineraries, with 10% off four, 12% off three & 15% of two anchor boats.

More info on 1800 118 940.

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Every day this week, **Travel Daily** is giving one lucky reader the chance to win *Produce to Platter: Daylesford, Macedon Ranges, Ballarat & The Pyrenees* book, courtesy of **Smudge Publishing**.

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Applications close Sunday 25th November 2012.

Only candidates that meet the minimum requirements will be considered and contacted.

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you from the emerging Gulf powerhouse of Qatar as we prepare to board QR's inaugural service to Belgrade, Serbia.

IT MAY be smaller than Tasmania, as from north to south it is only 180 kilometers and east to west just 80 kilometers - but there's much to take in on a stopover here in Qatar. Be prepared for sights that will simply astound you.

Driving in from the airport, you'll see thousands of workers building a new mega airport, 12 times bigger than the current one due to open mid next year; opulent hotels and resorts have sprung up on man-made islands and nine newly-built islands just went on sale for US\$25 million each and were instantly sold out.

Dozens of glittering skyscrapers dot the skyline & there are cranes everywhere rushing to build more.

There'll be a total of 150 tower buildings here by 2015 - the locals call it "a mini Dubai".

With enough gas reserves to last another 100 years and oil reserves of over 15 billion barrels, Qatar has one of the fastest-growing economies in the world.

Its population also enjoys the world's highest income, with the average salary at US\$8,000 per month tax-free, and they enjoy the good life.

High-end restaurants are packed and they shop in marble-lined shopping malls, with *TD* amazed to see locals at one in particular eyeing pricey Rolls-Royce and Maserati cars at a dealership right next to a department store.

Qatar is not only prosperous, it's also peaceful, with the crime rate low and it being safe to walk the streets at night without seeing any booze-related incidents because alcohol is completely banned, even at restaurants - it can only be consumed at fine int'l hotels.

Must sees include Souk Waqif, a huge picturesque market where you can haggle for a carpet or brass coffee pot or take an all-day desert safari past tall sand dunes to Khor Al Adaid, the inland sea, to swim in the warm blue water.

Best time to visit is Nov-Feb when the temps drop to 35°, with summer reaching up to 42° on a regular basis.

And, everyone is friendly and they all speak English.

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Tiger safety review

AN ATSB report into a Tiger Airways service approaching MEL in Jun last year at 500-feet below minimum altitude requirements contributed to the discovery of an inconsistent safety management system used by TT pilots, Victoria's *Herald Sun* is reporting.

The report revealed a flawed data system provided by a third party led to a succession of airport approaches below the required altitude, which in turn contributed to TT's six-week CASA grounding.

Tiger responded to the incident and were eventually cleared to return to the skies in Aug following the implementation of "an auditable process for identifying and managing any navigational database anomalies in its aircraft fleet," the ATSB report found.

Gecko's sale extended

DISCOUNTS of up to 30% on selected Gecko's Asia itineraries will remain available until 04 Dec, with the adventure tour company extending due to popular demand.

Up to 15% has been cut of the price of tours to other destinations, valid for departures up to 31 Mar.

Floating CBD heliport

SYDNEY is set to receive a new floating heliport to improve access to the CBD for business travellers and attract tourists.

The new flat-top powered barge will be located near Kirribilli, and feature two landing areas, deck accommodation options, and will be improved to include aircraft storage, meeting and refuelling facilities by mid-next year.

Cicada opening rates

AHEAD of renovations at Cicada Lodge in the Northern Territory reaching their conclusion, the property has released a joint six-night self-drive holiday package in conjunction with Mandalay Luxury Stay in Darwin and Wildman Wilderness Lodge in Kakadu.

Priced from \$2,042ppts, guests can enjoy two nights at each, valid for travel 01 Apr to 30 Nov 2013.

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AFTA UPDATE

The latest insights from AFTA's Chief Executive, Jayson Westbury

OVER the weekend, the Federal Govt launched a new advertising campaign targeted at Australians travelling overseas using the www.smartraveller.gov.au website, but also a new TV commercial which features Erin Langworthy who had a nasty bungy accident in Zambia.

Noteworthy is the point that Erin, who is now the spokesperson for the campaign, purchased her travel insurance via a trusty travel agent and has said this on national television. DFAT have got this really right and at the right time. A really strong message around needing travel insurance with a TV campaign to back this up. This presents a great opportunity for travel agents to refer to the commercial and message from the Federal Government about the need for travel insurance.

The other really funky and fun thing is the new Smartraveller app. You can download it for free from the App Store and it allows a fast, easy & efficient way for clients to register their trip. I have actually used it this week while I was at the airport and it is much quicker than the previous version on the website. You are still able to register via the website and many people do, but with the introduction of the app, it is hoped that more will register their travels prior to departure. The "Register before you go" program is designed to help travellers when things happen overseas as it allows DFAT to have an immediate knowledge of the whereabouts of Australians and have the ability to contact them quickly. Check it out & it should definitely be one of those tips you give to clients.

The app also provides a range of other information for travellers including up-to-the-minute travel advisories, consular locations and other relevant and helpful travel tips all in the palm of their hand on the smartphone. AFTA, along with several other industry organisations continue to provide positive feedback to DFAT via the Smartraveller Consultative Committee and many of these themes and ideas have come from these meetings. In fact, the group met last week at the DFAT crisis centre in Canberra and were allowed a backstage look at the centre's operations and capabilities. No wonder Australia can get things done so quickly for Australians when things go wrong overseas.

A most impressive and well equipped centre that springs into action whenever a problem occurs overseas, allowing the Federal Government to immediately go to the assistance of Australians overseas. The other point that is made over and over again is that without travel insurance you can't afford to travel.

As the Foreign Minister Bob Carr said in his speech, "We can visit you in jail but we can't get you out". So a good tip for your clients - the Smartraveller website and the new Smartraveller app, check it out.



East coast air records

SYDNEY Airport posted its highest monthly pax total in its history last month, with domestic patronage boosted by 7.8% year-on-year, while international saw a 3.5% jump in movements.

A combined total of 3,281,000 passengers utilised the facility in Oct, taking the year-to-date pax traffic stats 30,409,000, up 3.1%.

MEANWHILE, MEL Airport has also reported its highest number of monthly pax, with an 8% jump in domestic pax numbers for Oct, recording 2.6m pax movements.

Countries posting strong int'l arrivals for the month included Taiwan (+24.7%), China (+23.6%) and Hong Kong (+23.5%).

AND, more than 1.9m pax passed through Brisbane Airport in Oct, up 6.4%, with 250,000 new domestic seats added to capacity.

Regional air cost spike

A NEW report into regional aviation from the Australian Airports Association has revealed a high number of challenges faced by the industry, with the AAA saying it will use the data to form a number of new strategies.

More than half of Australia's regional airports operated at a financial loss in 2011, according to the report, which found that basic upgrades at an airstrip in the Kimberleys can be up to three times the cost of that in Perth.

"We expect that over time, a number of regional airports may actually move towards the sale of their airport or even [to a] private operation as infrastructure costs tend to increase," spokesperson for the AAA Rebecca Masci said.

"We will review all the findings of the research & go from there".

TK to Buenos Aires

TURKISH Airlines is set to extend its four weekly Istanbul-Sao Paulo flights onwards to Buenos Aires, with the move effective from 11 Dec.

Four Golden Backpack gongs



GREYHOUND Australia recently took out its fourth consecutive gong at the Golden Backpack Awards, winning Favourite Australian Transport Operator in a closely fought contest.

The coach line praised a number of technology advancements and product launches for the success, including a new mobile booking site, its Platinum Express Business class service between Sydney and Canberra & an airline partnership that introduced 'Fly-Coach' packages, ceo Neil Taylor said.

Pictured from left is Paul Murray, Tourism Australia, Peta Larkham, Kevin Lyons, Samantha Cutri, Kellie Forster & Gagandeep Singh, Greyhound.

CX pax up, loads down

CATHAY Pacific and subsidiary carrier Dragonair have reported a 1% spike in passengers carried for the month of Oct, but a 1.8% fall in load factors to a 78.3% average for the period.

The drop in loads was partially attributed to increased regional services, with the overall number of flights for Oct up 7.6% to a total of 5,923 services operated.

Airbus green fuel plan

AIRCRAFT manufacturer Airbus has expanded its Chinese 'green' jet fuel ambitions, signing an MoU with biofuel producer ENN.

The company joins Sinopec as another step towards sustainable fuel ambitions in future aircraft design (**TD** 26 Sep).

Star-struck on F/book

AHEAD of the imminent arrival of the *Celebrity Solstice*, Celebrity Cruises has launched a dedicated Facebook page for Australia & NZ, featuring photos, a list of local sailings, brochure download & the ability to interact with fellow pax.

The company is offering new "likers" the chance to win a 12-night voyage departing 16 Mar from Auckland.

AM overhauling fleet

AEROMEXICO has agreed to an order of 60 Boeing 737 MAX jets, in an order worth US\$9b at list prices, as part of a fleet overhaul to utilise more fuel-efficient aircraft.

The carrier is also in negotiation for the purchase of three B787 Dreamliners to add to its fleet.

Growth spurs GA's BNE return

SIGNIFICANT growth in the leisure sector along with delivery of 24 new aircraft have been cited as key reasons behind Garuda Indonesia's announcement of a return of Brisbane services from Aug 2013 (**TD** breaking news).

Speaking at the Garuda Indonesia Travel Fair in Jakarta, GA president and ceo Emir Syah Satar said projected increases in passenger numbers justified the return to the destination after a five-year absence.

"We're very excited to be able to offer our Queensland customers the opportunity to fly direct to Indonesia on our Boeing 737-800 NextGen," Satar said.

Australian passenger traffic to Indonesia for the first half of 2012 has jumped 20% year-on-year.

"Australian travel to Indonesia is growing every year," Satar added. The resumed service will

operate six-times weekly and will link the Qld capital with Jakarta via Denpasar in each direction.

The carrier will next year take delivery of a host of new Boeing and Airbus aircraft, including four B777-300ERs, ten B737-800s NextGen, two Airbus A330-200s, one A330-300 & seven Bombardier CRJ-1000 NextGen jet, which will see an expansion of short-haul domestic routes from Garuda's Makassar hub (**TD** 17 Oct).

Supercars Texan deals

KEITH Prowse Sport & Entertainment Travel has released a range of packages for the debut of the V8 Supercar series on the new Austin circuit in Texas.

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