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Select on Q-Eat extended

QANTAS has today announced the availability of its Select on Q-Eat dining option to passengers flying in Premium Economy class.

Select on Q-Eat, formerly only available to Business class pax on certain routes, allows customers to pre-order their meal between seven days and 12 hours before departure, offering them more menu options including an "online exclusive" meal.

The carrier said Select on Q-Eat will be rolled out progressively to all QF international flights offering Premium Economy, starting today with services from Dallas to Australia for flights from 16 Sep.

Eight pages of news

Travel Daily has eight pages of news & photos, a front full page for Royal Brunei/Sabah, plus full pages from: (*click*)

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From 16 Sep (for flights departing 23 Sep) the offering will be available for Premium Economy pax travelling from Los Angeles to Australia, and from October it will extend to Premium Economy on all flights between Australia, London and Dubai.

Qantas executive manager International Customer Experience, Alison Webster, said Select on Q-Eat had been very well received by Business class passengers since its introduction last year (TD 10 Sep 2012).

From today, Select on Q-Eat will also be available (for flights departing 16 Sep) for Business class passengers from Narita, Shanghai, Manila, Bangkok, Jakarta and Honolulu to Australia.

QF said that Select on Q-Eat will be extended to international economy pax from late 2013.

The meal options are accessed from the 'Manage Your Booking' section of the Qantas website.

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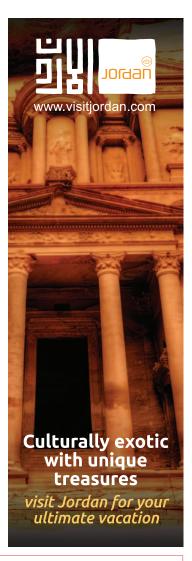


CA adds Honolulu

AIR China is set to introduce three new international destinations, including direct flights from Beijing to Honolulu.

According to GDS displays, the new Hawaii route will debut 21 Jan 2014 operating thrice weekly using an A330-200.

CA is also set to operate thrice weekly B737 Beijing-Chiang Mai services from 07 Nov, as well as twice weekly Beijing-Siem Reap flights effective 01 Dec.









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TTC Euro show rsvps **B**

THE Travel Corporation is reminding travel agents there are still spaces available for its 'Experience Europe' trade launch events being held around the country from 16 Sep to 08 Oct.

Representatives from Trafalgar, Contiki, Insight Vacations, Uniworld and Busabout will be in attendance, sharing product updates and answering queries about their 2014 programs.

A total of 39 events are being held in capital and regional cities. RSVPs for this year's shows are so far up 30% on those in 2012.

Agents wishing to attend need to email their details & name of the venue and date of the show to: rsvp.travelcorporation.com.au

PER Int'l arrival rejig

PERTH Airport says pax returning from abroad will encounter a new walk through & much larger inbound duty free store on Level 1 from late Oct, as phases of the facility's redevelopment begin to be unfurled to the public.

Enhancements also include an expanded inbound Passport Control area on Level 1, which is twice the size of the current zone.

Broome & Kimberley deal

TRAVEL Associates Australia has announced that Broome Travel Solutions has purchased a third of its Perth based operation.

The move will see Broome & The Kimberley Holidays become an operating division of Travel Associates, with the wholesaler's md Bernard Whewell becoming a director of the agency group.

"We are very pleased that this important step in achieving our company's vision to expand our operations into Perth has now been completed," Whewell said.

"In partnering with Travel Associates Australia, we acknowledge the strength in aligning two established Western Australian brands, and recognise the depth of experience which exists within the combined group," he said.

Broome & The Kimberley Holidays will continue to operate as a standalone brand, and effective from 20 Sep will operate from the Wembley offices of Travel Associates Australia.

All existing staff will be retained, with the team expected to expand further next month. Travel Associates directors Russell Brown and Lance Bracken welcomed Whewell to the board. "Broome & The Kimberley

Holidays is a nationally recognised specialist wholesaler and we have enjoyed a strong relationship with Bernard and his team over many years," they said.

As well as creating an opportunity to distribute product more consistently across the Travel Associates agent network, the deal will bring a "high degree of industry experience and acumen" as well as a strategic plan for national expansion.

Long Island BreakFree

THE Mantra Group has acquired the management contract of the 140-room Long Island Resort in the Whitsundays, Queensland.

Joining the network in Oct as its 27th property, the hotel targets the family, couples and wedding markets and will be rebranded as BreakFree Long Island Resort.

Resort owners, Ocean Hotels & Tourism said they were keen to benefit from the well known brand and distribution channels.

VA Bali re-timings

VIRGIN Australia is advising the trade that services between Australia and Denpasar (Bali) will be disrupted between 05 and 09 Oct due to the partial closure of the airport during the upcoming APEC ceo summit (**TD** 03 Jul).

The disruptions include 18 flight cancellations & 12 flight re-timings on 05, 06, 08 & 09 Oct, "so far".

Return services from Adelaide, Melbourne, Port Hedland, Perth, Brisbane & Sydney are impacted.

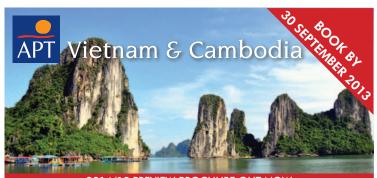
New flights to Bali have been added ex Melbourne on 06 Oct, and from Bali to Melbourne on 07 Oct and Perth on 09 Oct.

Flight restrictions at Bali Ngurah Rai Airport are in place to allow for VIP private aircraft arrivals and departures during the event.

Albatross Euro brox

FOUR new tours to Croatia, Turkey and southern Italy have been unveiled as part of Albatross Tours' newly released 2014 Europe and Britain brochure.

Among the line-up is a 7-day Spirit of Gallipoli itinerary that offers "the most in-depth ANZAC commemorative touring" - see www.albatrosstours.com.au.



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TNZ business events push

TOURISM New Zealand has launched a new "100% Pure New Zealand - Beyond Convention" campaign along with a revamped business events website.

The move is part of a business events strategy, with collateral combining a focus on NZ's "fantastic landscapes" with direct communication to sectors where NZ can deliver world class expertise and leadership.

"These include marine, aviation, agribusiness, health science, high value foods and earth sciences," said TNZ International Business Events Manager, Bjoern Spreitzer.

He said the campaign is focused on reaching associations, conference organisers and corporate decision makers in key

Host a Murder!

TRAVEL industry organisations wanting to conduct team building activities should consider a Host a Murder event, with a special offer from Peter Eedy of

www.hostamurder.com.au giving an opportunity to win a holiday in Fiji with five friends.

Eedy, who runs Host a Murder parties throughout the year, will run a playoff in Feb next year, where the winners from 2013 events will compete in a group Host a Murder with a prize of a stay at a holiday villa in Fiji.

For details of the prize see www.goldenpalmsretreat.com; for details, phone 0402 299 956. markets including the USA, China, South Asia and Australia.

"It delivers the message that an event in New Zealand goes far beyond the usual," he added. More information on the initiative in tomorrow's Business Events News - sign up free at

www.businesseventsnews.com.au.

APT Kimberley on TV

COVERAGE of APT'S Kimberlev Wilderness Adventures' Air Safari product will be aired on Network Ten's The Living Room this week.

Co-host Dr Chris Brown spent two nights at the company's Bungle Bungle Wilderness Camp and explored Echidna Chasm, Piccainny Creek, Cathedral Gorge, the iconic Horizontal Falls & more. The Living Room episode airs on

TEN at 7:30pm 13 Sep.

TIME silent auction

THE Travel Industry Mentor Experience has announced a silent auction on its website at travelindustrymentor.com.au to help raise funds for the group.

Starting from 01 Oct, bids will be welcomed for a range of items including travel, technology and business development sessions donated by travel and tourism principals and suppliers.

The auction will run for a month. with the successful bidders announced at the TIME networking function on 26 Nov.

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AIME buyers wanted

APPLICATIONS are now being taken for the AIME 2014 Hosted Buver program, with the show's organisers lifting the target for domestic buyers by 25%.

The program offers a personalised diary of prescheduled appointments for business events industry professionals to meet with preferred exhibitors, and includes flights, accommodation, pre and post touring options and professional education sessions.

Exhibition director Jacqui **Timmins said Hosted Buyers** should register early to make the most of the VIP benefits on offer, particularly the touring options.

To be considered for the Hosted Buyer program, applicants should be responsible for planning, organising or influencing decisions around corporate meetings and events, business and incentive travel, conferences, exhibitions or association meetings.

AIME is taking place in Melbourne 18-19 Feb 2014 more info at www.aime.com.au.

Opera House lottery

THE NSW government has announced a one month reprise of the iconic Opera House Lottery after a 27 year hiatus.

Lotto draws during Nov 2013 will promote the venue, with funds raised helping to support 40th birthday celebrations and a new Welcome Centre.



VISITOR numbers have soared this week in the UK village of Ramsbottom, which has hosted the World Black Pudding Throwing Championships.

Believe it or not, the event has a proud heritage, with the first recorded result dating back to 1839 - and it's thought to have originated during the War of the Roses when the houses of York and Lancaster conducted food fights when they ran out of ammunition.

The competition involves hurling blood sausages at a giant pile of Yorkshire puddings, and this year's winner was 44-year-old Huseyin Ozluk.

AUTHORITIES at Boston's Logan International Airport have apologised after they staged an emergency training exercise on Wed this week - on the twelfth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

Two of the four commercial jetliners which were hijacked on that day originated at Logan, and both of them were flown into the World Trade Center buildings in New York.

According to the Boston Herald, the drill involved "heavy fire and billowing smoke," and led to hundreds of furious comments on the airport's Facebook page.

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Life's a beach with QVHI



ABOVE: Qantas Holidays and Viva! Holidays continue to show off the best of South Australia to travel agents during a series of famils ahead of this weekend's Global Achievers Gala on Sat.

This group are **pictured** on the QHV Kangaroo Island pre-famil where they posed with Australian Sea Lions at Seal Bay for this pic.

From left are Kerrin Baird, HWT Reservoir; Olga Bardis, Bay Travel & Cruise; Luke Mule, Jetset Morley; Sam Harman, Jetset Doncaster East; Amanda Washington, HWT Eastgardens; Craig Mathieson, Travelscene Jan McSweeney; Traci Webber, Travelscene Cranbourne; Sue Harrison, Corporate Travel Management Gold Coast; Brian Skilling, HWT Epping and Kim Hill, HWT Ashmore.

Kneeling: Michelle Bandura, Jetset Patterson Lakes; Emily Robertson, South Australia Tourism Commission host; Kirby Carter, Travelscene Kadina; Leonie Spencer, Jetset Mandurah; Adam Joseph, Qantas Holidays host; Zaia Bazi, Jetaround Holidays; Anne Hobbs, Travelworld Kununurra and Sue Laybutt, Travelscene Menai Metro.

Oaks Gladstone debut

OAKS Hotels & Resorts says it's on track for completion by Feb of renovation work to the Oaks Grand in Gladstone which will see 144 one-bedroom units added. Two new restaurants and events space is also being added.

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TSA to expedite screening

THE US Transportation Security Administration has flagged changes to its screening processes, with some travellers automatically selected for the faster PreCheck security lines before they get to the airport.

In a notice published in the US government's *Federal Register*, the TSA says it will base the decisions on a background check, with passengers not having to be enrolled in the TSA PreCheck program to qualify.

"TSA will incorporate random, unpredictable security measures and no individual will be guaranteed expedited screening,"

On the Go India 2-4-1

ON THE Go Tours has unveiled a 2 for 1 deal on its full range of India Group Tours travelling by Dec 2014, when booked between 09-30 Sep 2013.

Passengers qualify for the offer when they book and pay in full for the same tour that starts and ends in India, at the same time.

The company's India tours range in length from eight to 18 days & visit the Golden Triangle, the Taj Mahal, the Ganges, Goa & Kerala, while staying in 3- & 4-star accom - see www.onthegotours.com.

a spokesman said.

The TSA has also announced the expansion of its PreCheck program from the current 40 airports to 100 (*TD* Fri), with a goal of having 25% of US airline traffic using the system by 31 Dec.

Angliss scholarships

WILLIAM Angliss Institute is offering four NSW scholarships valued at up to \$5,000 each per year for the first time in 2014.

Scholarships are available to domestic students commencing or continuing studies in the field of hospitality.

Meanwhile, the Institute's Sydney campus will be hosting its annual Open Day this Sat 14 Sep, from 10am to 2pm.

Skyscanner hotel buy

TRAVEL search site Skyscanner has fast-tracked plans to enhance its hotel meta-search offering having acquired Barcelona-based company Fogg.

Skyscanner currently has search functions for flights and car rental but this new deal is "a big step towards completing the picture in the space of hotel search," said ceo Gareth Williams.

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Excite short stays up

EXCITE Holidays is reporting an increase in the number of agents booking shorter stays this year compared to 2012, with trips of three days or less up 68% and those between three and seven days surging 66%.

DHG Royal addition

THE 100% New Zealand owned & operated Distinction Hotels Group has added the Princes Gate Hotel in Rotorua to its network of properties in the country.

To be rebranded as a Distinction Hotel in the future, management of the 5-star hotel will be handed over to DHG as of 01 Oct 2013.

AA slams DOJ protest

AMR Corporation, the parent firm of American Airlines, has blasted the Department of Justice (DOJ) for attempting to hijack its proposed merger with US Airways, suggesting the authority is living in a bygone era.

In a submission to the US District Court, AMR said the merger "will increase competition in every meaningful respect," enabling it to compete more effectively with "a multitude of vigorous and dynamic LCCs (low-cost carriers)."

"This transaction, viewed through the lens of the actual US airline industry today, rather than some idealised vision of the past, does not violate the antitrust laws," the carrier said.

AMR said the 'New American' would be better positioned to rival Delta and United, adding the "very large consumer benefits" to be derived through the deal "are not speculative."



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THESE 20 Aussie Scenic Tours travel agents and four staff have just returned from a fabulously colourful 15-day famil through South America.

The trip showcased the best of Buenos Aires - dubbed the 'Paris of South America' in Argentina, the vibrant city of Rio de Janiero in Brazil, Iguazu Falls (**above**) on the border of both countries, as well as the Chilean and Argentinean sides of Patagonia.

Highlights of the trip included a visit to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue which overlooks Rio, a full day tour in Los Glaciers National Park where participants cruised close to the mighty Perito Moreno Glaceir.

Other stand-out experiences included getting decked out in stunning Carnivale costumes at the Sambadrome - the exhibition location for the Samba Schools in Brazil (**below**), and an aerial view of the magnificent Iguazu Falls on an optional helicopter tour.

LAN and TAM Airlines supported the trip with flights.



&Beyond rates offline

LUXURY travel provider &Beyond says it has taken its web-based rate site offline as it undergoes maintenance ahead of the launch of a new digital platform and travel partner website soon.

June Mtn ski season

MAMMOTH Mountain Ski Area in California will resume winter operations at June Mountain - 20 miles away - commencing 14 Dec. June has 500 skiable acres for beginners & intermediate skiers.



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New COMO for Yamu

COMO Hotels & Resorts will open its first Thai resort outside of Bangkok this year when the 106 room & private villa Point Yamu by COMO opens in Nov.

Aus cleans up at Insight awards

INSIGHT

Vacations' Australian office continues to set a cracking pace in terms of sales, now firmly established as one of the leading offices for the touring firm, under the leadership of Joost Timmer.

The prowess of the local office was further cemented recently at the Insight Vacations

global conference in Dublin, with the local presence named "Best Global Office.

Coming on the back of the strongest year of sales since Insight first opened an Australian office 35 years ago, Insight's state sales manager SA/NT Owen Boyce was recognised for his efforts, claiming the title of "Sales Manager of the Year".

With their awards in hand, Joost



Timmer and Owen Boyce are both **pictured** above celebrating their collective achievements.

Routes Asia Kunming

AIRLINE and airport networking event organiser Routes will hold its next Routes Asia conference in the Chinese city of Kunming in 2015, the group has announced. The event will be hosted by Yunnan Airport on 15-17 Mar '15.



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Hamilton Island social success

HAMILTON Island achieved a double-whammy this month when it comes to social networking, with its Facebook and Instagram accounts reaching milestones.

The Island's Facebook profile surpassed the 30,000 fans mark and @HamiltonIsland Instagram profile topped 20,000 followers.

Since launching the Ultimate InstaMeet campaign in Oct last year (with events in Nov & Mar), Hamilton Island has stepped up

Fiji Airways fares fall

FIJI Airways is running a promo from now until 19 Sep, offering fares to Los Angeles and Honolulu at up to 35% off regular prices.

Economy class return fares from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane to Honolulu start from \$799, or \$3,152 in Business class and \$949 & \$4,990 to LAX respectively.

The fares exclude airport taxes, gov't levies & other surcharges, and are valid for travel to 31 May.

Some blackout dates apply during the Sep/Oct and Dec/Jan school holiday periods - more at www.fijiairways.com. its social media presence and the numbers are telling.

It's Instagram followers alone have skyrocketed from 269 since the first InstaMeet was announced, generating over 1,300 images and three YouTube documentaries.

HTI says its first InstaMeet was so successful it is now being replicated around the country, including recent gatherings on Victoria's Great Ocean Road and in Tasmania.

Globally, there are more than 500 cities hosting Instameets.

Hamilton Island's senior comms manager Sophie Baker said the social media community's response to its activity has been "very rewarding."

"Social media's a great way to showcase the Island, share unique tourism experiences and demonstrate Hamilton Island and the surrounding region as an aspirational travel destination.

"Being able to share stunning images from advocates of Hamilton Island with this large audience is a very powerful marketing tool for us," Baker said.



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- Promote Fiji in conjunction with key trade partners.
- Manage the promotion and agent engagement of the new Fiji Matai Programme. This includes maintaining and updating the Matai database, information distribution to Matai agents as and when required and organising Matai conferences and famils.
- Collect and evaluate market intelligence as required.
- Identify sales opportunities within the key segments of MICE, special events, weddings and honeymoons, dive and seniors market and all segments identified as having potential for outbound growth to Fiji.

If you are highly motivated, a team player who likes to work autonomously and you want to champion tourism to Fiji we want to hear from you.

Those interested in applying should send their cover letter and resume via email, no later than 19 September 2013 to: Carlah Walton, Regional Director Australia on cwalton@tourismfijioz.com specifying which state you are applying for in the subject line. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Epic Topdeck savings

TOPDECK has cut \$549 from its 49-day European Adventure tour for bookings received by 30 Sep.

The itinerary is now priced from \$5,747ppts - phone 1300 886 332.

Trump moves on DC

PROPERTY guru Donald Trump is set to convert Washington DC's Old Post Office building, located on Pennsylvania Ave, into a 270room hotel at a cost of US\$200m.

Industry Appointments

WELCOME to Industry Appointments, *Travel Daily*'s Thursday 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, send us an email at appointments@traveldaily.com.au.

Commencing this week, **Carlah Walton** has been named as the new Regional Director Australia for **Tourism Fiji**. Walton brings extensive travel industry experience having worked in retail, wholesale and with airlines.

Globetrotter Corporate Travel has welcomed Andrew Howie & Rachela Aristotite as new Business Development Managers, based in Melbourne.

Stepping into the shoes of Barry Brown, **Bryan Banston** has assumed the duties as Vice President Commercial Operations Australasia for **Emirates**. Banston brings 30 years experience in the airline industry and first joined Emirates two years ago as National Accounts Manager.

Moving from Auckland to Sydney, **ATS Pacific** NZ General Manager **Stuart Neels** will be the company's new Group General Manager upon the successful completion of the company's purchase by The AOT Group.

A new generation of Lindblads has joined the family business Lindblad Expeditions, with Jeremy Lindblad - son of founder Sven - hired as the new Business Development Director-Australia, based in the Sydney office.

Luxury properties **The Mira Hong Kong** and soon-to-open **Mira Moon** have appointed **Great Southern Outbound** as its representatives in the Australian and New Zealand markets. Based in Sydney, Great Southern Outbound is a new venture formed by **Louise Barker & Angela Pearson**.

Tim Kelly has joined the **Territory Discoveries** team as its new Business Development Executive for the NSW and ACT markets.

Amadeus has announced **Angel Gallego** as its new President of Amadeus Asia Pacific. Gallego brings 13 years experience with the firm to the role.

Ahead of its reopening following a fire in Apr, **Beachcomber Island Resort Fiji** has named **Lavonne Fremlin** and **Isimeli Naulumatua** as its new resort management couple. The duo will take on Resort/Sales & Marketing and Engineering/Maintenance responsibilities respectively.

Australian national **Rory Campbell** has been named as the new Director of Sales and Marketing at the **Outrigger Laguna Phuket Beach Resort**.

Following the retirement of Steve Bone, Huntington Beach Marketing and Visitors Bureau has appointed Kelly Miller as its new President and CEO. Miller brings 30 years experience in destination leadership & sales.

Aileen London has joined **Association of Corporate Travel Executives** (ACTE) as its new Global Strategic Board Member. London joins Georgie Farmer as another Australasian member on the Global Leadership Board.

Andrew Hughes has been promoted to the role of Vice President Asia Pacific Hotel Sourcing for **GTA**. Hughes has held roles with several major hotel brands in the Middle East and Australia incl IHG and Best Western.

Tasked with overseeing strategic positioning, **The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company** has hired **Edward French** as Chief Sales & Marketing Officer.

FRHI, the parent firm of the Fairmont, Raffles and Swissotel hotel brands, has named Jennifer Fox as its new President International, taking on the responsibility in addition to remaining President of the Fairmont brand. Peter French will remain as President of the Raffles brand; Meinhard Huck stays on as the President of the Swissotel brand; Jeff Senior joins as FRHI Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer and Michelle Crosby takes on the role of Executive Vice President and Chief HR Officer.

Nepal trek discount

WORLD Expeditions is offering a 10% earlybird saving on its Nepal treks departing in Jan & Feb when booked before the end of Oct - to book phone 1300 720 000.



Star shines at Luxperience 2013



VISITING VIPs in town for the second annual Luxperience luxury B2B tradeshow were wined and dined during their stay by the show's official sponsor, The Star.

Showcasing its travel and major event hosting capabilities during the three-day show, the integrated resort and entertainment destination also hosted the 300 delegates to a first-class farewell cocktail party at Cherry Bar.

Overlooking the majestic Sydney Harbour, guests enjoyed an inside tour of the facility to see just what the integrated resort can offer.

An opportunity to sample some of the finest cuisine The Star can dish up was also made available via a unique concept of "Dine-A-Round The Star", in which tailored

St Regis into Turkey

STARWOOD Hotels & Resorts Worldwide has signed a property management deal to debut the group's luxury St Regis brand in the Turkish city of Istanbul.

To be located in the Sisli district on the city's European side, the St Regis Istanbul will consist of 118 rooms and is scheduled to open in the first half of next year.

VIPs in Port Stephens

SPECIAL offers, discounts and local deals are available with a new Visitor VIP Card, launched this week for visitors to Port Stephens, 2.5hrs north of Sydney.

Each card, purchased for \$15, allows visitors to access hundreds of dollars worth of discount and deals for accom, dining and local attractions, valid for multiple visits until 31 Dec next year.

See www.visitorvipcard.com.au for details on new offers added.

menus designed exclusively for delegates were put forth at three of the resort's restaurants in Balla Ristorante, BLACK by ezard and Sokyo, which proved very popular.

Some of the delegates attending the glittering farewell gala are **pictured** above creatively positioned in The Star's giant outdoor lettered branding.

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This week, *Travel Daily* and **1888 Hotel** is giving you the chance to win a 1888 Hotel Picture Perfect Package* valued at \$239.

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1888 Hotel is Sydney's newest hotel and the world's first Instagram hotel. Situated in Pyrmont, the boutique lodging offers Instagram-friendly walking maps, a 'selfie-space', plus plenty of photo-worthy design features.

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Radisson Blu thanks CTM heads



EXPRESSING its gratitude for the support and strong bookings received from the Sydney corporate market, Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotels in London recently treated department heads from Corporate Travel Management to a delightful meal.

Kicking off the evening with a few rounds of pre-dinner drinks at Palmer & Co, the group then moved on to a banquet Chinese dinner at the ritzy Mr Wong.

Pictured above around the table from left is client services manager Alison Ani, client value

Jet, Travelport deal

TRAVELPORT has extended its content agreement with India's Jet Airways & subsidiary Jet Lite after inking a new multi-year deal.

The pact provides Travelportconnected agents around the world continued access to both airlines up-to-date route info and published fares.

New Avani for 'Nam

AVANI Hotels & Resorts has introduced a third property to its portfolio, the Avani Quy Nhon Resort & Spa in Vietnam.

The 63-room and suite hotel was previously branded as Life Wellness Resory Quy Nhon, and is accessed via daily flights from Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi to Quy Nhon Airport. manager Natasha Brawn, client services manager Ramon Drew, regional client value manager NSW Cameron Kay, client value manager Luke Richetti, client value manager Jonathon Mavin, manager supplier relations Donna Backhouse, client value manager Alana Hoyle, client value manager Amanda Thornton, with the photo taken by Radisson Blu Edwardian Hotels London director of sales Australia Cindy Kam.

Gogo getting faster

US INFLIGHT internet provider Gogo says it will crank up the speed of its wireless internet solution with Next Generation technology coming in 2014. Dubbed Gogo GTO (Ground to Orbit) the new technology will

use satellite for receive-only (transmission to a plane) and Gogo's existing Air to Ground network for the return link.

Gogo says the enhanced product will increase speeds by more than six times current performance levels, delivering over 60Mbps to an aircraft.

The firm will now seek a green light from the Federal Aviation Administration to introduce the planned new service.

Virgin America has been named as the launch customer of the hybrid technology, which will debut in the second half of 2014.

China TNQ self-drives

TOURISM Tropical North Qld is this week showcasing the region's self-drive touring options to listed Chinese travel company Zhejiang CYTS, which will be filmed for a program to be aired to TV audiences in the country.

The road-trippers are exploring Cairns, the Great Barrier Reef, Atherton Tablelands, Kuranda, Port Douglas and the Daintree.

TTNQ's outgoing ceo Rob Giason said "self-drive travellers will add yet another dimension to this market which is rapidly heading towards its potential of 200,000 Chinese visitors by 2015."

Filmed footage of the area will be promoted on Hangzhou TV.



GOL mileage rejigged

GOL Linhas Aereas Inteligentes is introducing a new mileage accrual model for domestic and international flights from 10 Oct.

Changes will see the calculation for domestic miles move from the current distance flown to price per ticket, excluding promo fares.

International miles will continue to be based on distance, ranging from 1,000 miles within South America & up to 5,000 to the US.

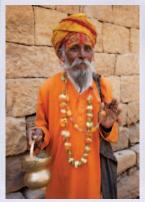
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Week 2

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