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NTIA '16 voting now open

THE highly anticipated National Travel Industry Awards 2016 have moved into the next phase, with voting for the list of nominees (**TD** yesterday) now open in both the supplier and agent categories.

The voting links went live at 9am this morning, and as in previous years there are two separate forms - one for travel agents to use when voting in the supplier categories, and the other for suppliers to use when voting for travel agents.

Participants are able to vote for up to five nominees in each category, and as always all votes are subject to verification under the rigorous NTIA processes.

Voting closes at 5pm AEDT on

Fri 08 Apr and the finalists will be announced on 27 Apr.

Once the program moves into the judging phase, finalists in judged categories will make their presentations between Mon 16 May and Tue 24 May 2016.

AFTA confirmed today that tickets for the gala dinner in Sydney on Sat 16 Jul will go on sale late next month.

To view the voting forms see www.afta.com.au or click below.

[NTIA 2016 voting forms](#)

AA urge DOT decision

AMERICAN Airlines has given the US govt the hurry up on a Final Order on its request for antitrust immunity with Qantas.

Following a recent war of words with JetBlue Airways (**TD** Mon), AA insisted "nothing in JetBlue's response warrants a further response, much less justifies delaying or denying approval of & the grant of antitrust immunity for the expanded American/Qantas joint business," in a submission lodged this week.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has nine pages of news, including a photo page from **Atout France** and a front cover wrap for **NTIA** plus full pages from:

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Denman to APG

ANDREW Denman, former World Aviation and Hawaiian Airlines national sales manager, has taken a new role as director of sales & marketing for GSA disruptor Anjuna Global which is targeting airlines in many markets. More appointments on **page 6**.



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Scoot, Tiger integration

SCOOT is in the final throes of implementing an integrated reservation system with Tiger Airways Singapore which will see the LCC more competitive against rivals Jetstar and AirAsia.

Set to launch late Apr/early May, the integrated reservation system will vastly increase the Singapore-based carrier's network scope in the region to around 22 destinations by the end of the year, Scoot head of commercial Steven Greenway said.

In the works for some 18 months, the combined system will enable travel agents to cross-sell up-sell and interline Scoot's services with those of partners Tigerair, Tigerair Taiwan and Scoot's Thai-based offshoot, Nok Scoot.

Greenway said the common experience proposition has been missing at Scoot, with AirAsia's res platform already comprised of "seven or eight different airlines", and likewise at Jetstar, which

can sell services by Jetstar Asia, Jetstar Australia & Jetstar Japan.

"We haven't had that because Tiger was on a different system.

"We've been working towards the merger in terms of reservations for many months now. It will provide a completely seamless booking process.

"When agencies connect up to Scoot, either through our web desktop or GDS, they will soon have four airlines to choose from," Greenway told **TD**.

Greenway also confirmed Scoot was working towards a united call centre with Tigerair.

TG comp winners

JENNY Brushe from itravel Wahroonga and Jason Deadman from Helloworld are the winners of Thai Airways' competition in yesterday's **TD**, both receiving double passes to the Australian Beach Volleyball Tour Finals.



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SeaLink md cashes in

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JETSTAR has agreed to comply with a New Zealand Commerce Commission request that it remove preselection of optional add-ons for airfares sold online in New Zealand.

Jetstar's booking process currently pre-selects checked baggage, seat selection and travel insurance, and last year the Commerce Commission asked New Zealand businesses to end the use of such opt-out pricing.

At the time Air NZ and others including House of Travel agreed to do so, but Jetstar declined on the basis that its pre-selections were clearly displayed.

However in an out of court settlement reported today in the *Dominion Post*, Jetstar has agreed to change the practice for its fares purchased in NZ, with chief commercial officer Catriona Larritt saying the changes will be made by the end of Apr.

However she said that given

the Commission's clear position, it would expect other low cost carriers flying to NZ, such as AirAsia X, to follow suit.

Currently AirAsia X preselects baggage which on a return flight between Auckland and the Gold Coast adds NZ\$78 to the fare.

NZCC chairman Mark Berry said he was pleased Jetstar had changed its stance, as this had avoided the need for costly and time consuming court action.

"Consumers are perfectly capable of deciding for themselves whether they want to pay for additional products or services...they do not need companies to make unsolicited purchasing decisions for them."

A spokesperson for the Commission confirmed it had also now been in contact with AirAsia X regarding opt-out pricing and was waiting for a response.

"The discussions have been positive to date," she said.

QF Hong Kong boost

QANTAS will bump up capacity between Sydney and Hong Kong from 11 flights per week to twice-daily flights from 04 Apr.

Between 04 Apr-01 May & 18-Jul-29 Oct Qantas will operate twice daily flights, but between 02 May-17 Jul there will be 13 flights per week - twice daily except for Fri.

The airline says the move is in response to strong demand in the market.

New chief at RBA

FORMER Virgin Australia and Fiji Airways executive Karam Chand has been named as the new chief executive officer at Royal Brunei Airlines.

He replaces outgoing ceo and deputy chairman Dermot Mannion.

Chand possesses more than 20 years aviation industry experience and was most recently the chief commercial and planning officer at Royal Brunei.



Window Seat

THE Spanish town of Borja is celebrating their stuff-up more than three years later by opening a tourist centre.

A fresco painted in 1910 became a Twitter sensation and a major tourist attraction after an octogenarian painter completely botched an attempt to restore it in 2012.

Borja Mayor Eduardo Arilla said 160,000 people had come to see the fresco and he hopes the centre will attract up to 30,000 visitors annually.

The fresco before and after the "restoration" is **pictured**.



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Matilda on the road

THE Royal Shakespeare Co. has announced *Matilda the Musical* will play at Brisbane's Lyric Theatre from Nov and Perth's Crown Theatre from Feb 2017.

QHols California touch down



SIXTY top selling travel agents from Australia have touched down in San Francisco for Qantas Holidays' 'Race Around Northern California' famil this week.

Teams will visit iconic locations such as Napa Valley, Sonoma, North Lake Tahoe, South Lake Tahoe, Yosemite and Sacramento before crossing the finish line in San Francisco to celebrate at a gala dinner on 20 Mar.

"What a great way to celebrate Qantas recently recommencing daily flights from Sydney to San Francisco," commented outgoing Qantas Holidays' head of sales,

Fiona Dalton.

"We look forward to showcasing what a great holiday destination San Francisco and the wider Northern California is for Aussie travellers," she said.

Pictured above: agents sported their special team jackets when they arrived in California.

Element Nashville

STARWOOD Hotels & Resorts will introduce its Element brand to Nashville, Tennessee in 2018.

Element Nashville West End will feature 169 rooms.

Long Island Resort for sale

A NEW "ultra-premium" resort has been flagged for potential development on Long Island in the Whitsundays after owners elected to sell the resort.

Originally owned by Contiki, Long Island Resort has been under the ownership of Ocean Hotels for the past two decades.

Having closed in Feb last year ahead of an earmarked refurb, the 172-room Long Island Resort Ocean Hotels will launch an International Expressions of Interest campaign through CBRE Hotels to sell the property, along with Club Crocodile Airlie Beach Resort, Queensland next month.

Long Island is 7km off the Qld ueensland coast & features white sandy beaches and rainforests.

The resort features "significant recreational facilities", such as two pools, a tennis-court, helipad, restaurant & bar, cafe, spa, function room, mini-golf and boat moorings.

Owners have chosen to sell the asset with vacant possession, as they are keen to focus on other business interests, including a "major expansion of the Cairns-based Sunlover Reef Cruises business," CBRE Hotels Hayley Manvell remarked.

"Long Island presents strong

foundations for an incoming purchaser to refurbish, rebrand and re-establish this once thriving island getaway and promote its absolute beachfront rooms or, alternatively, to redevelop the asset," Manvell said.

Development approval has already been granted for an extra 162 rooms at the resort.

"Opportunities for expansion could also involve repositioning the asset & increasing operating scale in line with other, ultra-premium resorts such as Qualia, Hamilton Island and One&Only Hayman Island, or along the very successful Hamilton island model, where private ownership of villas & vacant land could be offered."

The 3.5-star, 161-room Club Crocodile Airlie Beach is also up for sale by Ocean Hotels.

Guest rooms of Club Crocodile received a \$1.3 million facelift in 2014/15.

The International Expressions of Interest campaign closes 12 May.

Chaplin Museum

CHAPLIN'S World by Grevin - a museum dedicated to Charlie Chaplin - will open in Vevey, Switzerland on 17 Apr.

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What granite monolith extends 900m from base to summit & is a world favourite rock climbing challenge?

LEGOLAND evolves

A NEW Beach Retreat is set to open at LEGOLAND Florida Resort in mid-2017, the theme park operator has announced.

The LEGO-themed lakefront vacation resort will be positioned adjacent to LEGOLAND Florida and will feature 166 units that accommodate up to five people.

It will feature a pool, restaurant and transportation to the park.

Also set to open next year is a new LEGOLAND NINJAGO World, inspired by the popular building sets and TV show *LEGO NINJAGO: Masters of Spinjitzu*.

The precinct will feature rides 3D computer animations & more.

Territory secures \$5m infrastructure boost

TOURISM in the NT has received a nudge with the Territory's Government set to invest \$5 million into new infrastructure.

Following the mining boom, the NT's economy is in the process of tilting towards tourism as the next key driver of growth.

"We need our infrastructure to be ready for this shift, complementing the already outstanding tourism product," said NT Chief Minister and Tourism Minister Adam Giles.

Raffles Nadi rebrand

RAFFE Hotels & Resorts will rebrand Raffles Gateway Hotel in Nadi, Fiji as Fiji Gateway Hotel, effective 15 Apr, complete with a revamped logo.

ETC makes New Cal connection



NEW Caledonia Tourism in hand with the Entire Travel Connection hosted over 80 travel agents to a launch event of New Caledonia Travel Connection on Wed night.

The program's debut was made during the 2016 French Film Festival, presented by Alliance Francais and included a screening of *The Brand New Testament* film.

Entire Travel Connection md Brad McDonnell said New Caledonia

offers "huge potential we look forward to sharing our passion and invaluable tips to help agents create unique itineraries".

Aussie visitor numbers to New Caledonia increased 16% year-on-year in 2015, driven by new air capacity out of Melbourne.

McDonnell is **pictured** (right) with New Caledonia Tourism's md Jean-Michel Foutrein & Caroline Brunel, Australia account director.

Celebrity X Cruises



Celebrity Cruises, winner of Best Cruise Ship 2015 - Celebrity Solstice, is nominated again in 2016.

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Tourism Fiji regional director Carlah Walton commented "tourism is the major industry in Fiji and many of the resort workers are from the affected outer islands and north".

She continued "they're supporting their families and helping to rebuild so their employment is vital to the country's recovery".

Over one hundred agents from

all sectors are currently travelling around the idyllic paradise, to find that it's "bula as usual".

Pictured at LikuLiku Resort are Virtuoso/Luxury agents, Anna Frost and Melanie Clout.

Ritz Reserve Bermuda

THE Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company will launch its first Ritz-Carlton Reserve Resort in Bermuda.

Under a long-term management deal with George's Bay Hotel Ltd and George's Bay Residences, the property is earmarked to open in 2018 as the group's third Reserve branded property.



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 email appointments@traveldaily.com.au.

STA Travel Australia has promoted **Andrea Robinson** to the newly-created position of Country Manager. Robinson was previously Product Trading and Marketing Director.

Andrea Morgan will take up the role of Industry Account Manager NSW & ACT at **Adventure World**. Morgan was previously with G Adventures where she was NSW State Manager since 2012.

Manager HR & Events for **Express Travel Group**, **Jackie Gordon** has left to work full time on her HR business and Event Management company.

Emirates has named **Gary Hilt** as its Regional Manager for Western Australia. Hilt started on Mon and joins Emirates from The Walshe Group, with his most recent role as National Sales Manager at South African Airways.

On 06 Apr, **Lee Poh Kait** will join **Air Canada** as Director Asia, Australia and New Zealand. Lee was previously working for Malaysia Airlines, where he held a number of leadership roles, including Regional Senior Vice President, Australia, New Zealand and, most recently, Head of Regional Sales for Oceania and Southeast Asia.

Brad Sheehan has started at **JetBlue University** as Vice President, where he will be responsible for leading JetBlue Airways' training programs. Sheehan previously served at ExpressJet, as the airline's Senior Vice President – Operations.

Lanson Place Hospitality Management Limited has appointed **Alicia Too** as General Manager of **Lanson Place Hotel, Hong Kong**.

Phil King is set to take on the role of **ICC Sydney** Director of Live Entertainment. He has spent the past four years as Commercial Manager for Allphones Arena.

Bertini Vittorio has taken over the food and beverage operations at **Rembrandt Hotel Bangkok** as executive chef and director of food and beverage.

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Swiss tourists climb to new peaks

AT A lavish High Tea event on Tue at Sydney's Westin Hotel, Mark Wettstein Switzerland Tourism director Australia & NZ announced that 2015 ended as a record for the country with some 285,000 Australian travellers visiting the destination, up by 4.3% on the previous year.

Top spots favoured by Australians included Lucerne, Zurich, Geneva and the Bernese Mountains with Zermatt rounding up the top five.

Group touring, ski and business travellers were among the major travel segments contributing to the traveller numbers in addition to those entering the country via river cruise into Basel.

Wettstein advised of developments in the port area of Basel currently underway to accommodate the surge in river cruise demand on the Rhine River with works anticipated to be completed this year.

Co-hosting the event was Rail Europe whose manager for Australasia, Ingrid Kocijan advised that trade sales for the Swiss Travel Pass saw phenomenal growth increasing by 40% in 2015 over the previous year.

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that includes rail, bus, boat and free entry to many museums will add the Gotthard Base Tunnel, the longest train tunnel in the world as an inclusion when it opens later this year.

Ahead of this, both partners will team up again in Jun to conduct a series of roadshows for the trade in SYD, BNE, MEL and AKL with incentives, famils and other activities on the agenda.

Pictured are Ingrid Kocijan, Rail Europe manager Australasia and Mark Wettstein, Switzerland Tourism director Australia & NZ.

Nok back to normal

BUDGET carrier Nok Air has resumed normal ops following weeks of service disruptions and flight cancellations.

"A new schedule has been implemented and phased into operation, with all impacted passengers having been notified of any changes to their planned flights," DD said in a statement.

AKARYN kids offers

THAI hotelier AKARYN Hotel Group is offering a child eat, play and stay for free offer at Aleetna Phuket Resort & Spa and Aleetna Hua Hin Resort & Spa in 2016.

This year, the group has also introduced a children's concierge which can organise activities for youngsters, such as surfing lessons & visits to local markets - see theakrya.com/chiangmai.

CEB Guam lift off

PHILIPPINE no-frills carrier Cebu Pacific has commenced service to its first destination in the US, with flights between Manila & Guam starting on Tue.

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Attendees enjoyed GH Mumm champagne and a presentation by Vice President of Hyatt France, Michel Jauslin, about the seven award-winning Hyatt hotels in Paris, Cannes and Nice.

Accepted into the precious Palace Group, the Park Hyatt Vendome is one of the most visually stunning luxury hotels Paris has to offer, with Roger Federer and George Clooney regular guests.

Last year over 1.2 million Australians visited France, so this event was a fabulous opportunity to mark this milestone and thank travel agents for their part in making it happen.



ABOVE: Michel Jauslin, Hyatt France; Nicolas Croizer, French Consul General; Christophe Lecourtier, French Ambassador.



RIGHT: Bruce Baird and Cathy Harris from Mary Rossi Travel.

BELOW: All smiles are Geraldine Dielenberg, Christian Louboutin; Joerg Leser, Hyatt France; and Nayla Edwards from American Express.



LEFT: enjoying the festivities is Deborah Alampi, marketing executive Australia and New Zealand & regional loyalty member, Air France.



LEFT: Kelly Surh, GH Mumm; Patrick Benhamou, Atout France and Wivina Chaneliere, Tefal.



BELOW: A glimpse of the tasty canapes served at the exclusive Hyatt event.



APT Canada brochure

TRAVELMARVEL has popped out a new Canada and Alaska 2017 Pre-Release brochure, with a range of earlybird deals.

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CI A350 Euro routes

DIRECT routes to Amsterdam, Rome and Vienna from Taipei are set to be serviced by China Airlines' new A350 XWB aircraft.

China Airlines expects to take delivery of its first of 14 Airbus A350-900s in Jul, with the new aircraft enabling the carrier to operate non-stop to Europe.

Currently, flights to Amsterdam and Rome have a stopover in Bangkok and Delhi respectively.

CI plans to operate its new birds on a four weekly basis to AMS, twice weekly to FCO and thrice weekly to the Austrian capital.

The carrier will also jack up its frequencies from Taipei to Frankfurt to daily, starting Jun.

SilverLeaf overhaul

ROCKY Mountaineer is set to introduce three rejuvenated SilverLeaf domed rail cars before the start of the season in Apr.

Through a partnership with French rail car builder Alstom, the carriages were stripped to their frame and trucks to be entirely re-engineered.

The overhauled carriages feature oversized windows, luxurious seating and state-of-the-art mechanical systems.

Alstom aims to have finished six rail cars by the start of Rocky Mountaineer's 2017 season.

KTB digital push

KENYA Tourism Board (KTB) has launched a 'Discover Magical Kenya' digital campaign to inspire Aussies to visit the country.

Discover Magical Kenya follows the journey of five Australian digital influencers on itineraries which each highlight a theme.

The themes concentrate on Kenya's drawcards of: wildlife, adventure, luxury, conservation and culture and visitors to the site can go into the draw to win a seven-night safari for two.

The imagery, blog posts and video content has gone live at discovermagicalkenya.com.au.

SuperShuttle expand

AMERICAN rideshare airport-to-hotel service SuperShuttle has expanded its offering to include private non-stop options in Dallas and Houston, Texas and Baltimore, Maryland.

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Virtuoso additions

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WELLNESS, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT

OVER the past two decades wellness travel has undergone a rapid evolution. The concept of wellness has become an integral part of people's every day lives and they are now looking for innovative and engaging ways to incorporate it into their travels.

Primarily, there has been a rapid expansion in the demographic of wellness travellers. Traditionally, spa retreats were aimed largely at women and marketed as a place to relax and unwind. Now, wellness travel is geared towards all groups – men, families, groups of singles – and there is an increased focus on active wellness programs. Spa treatments

and meditation still play an important role in wellness travel, but the new breed of retreat offers everything from surfing to beach bootcamps, jungle gym circuits, active meditation and paddleboard yoga.

Advances in technology are also allowing providers to create ever more personalised fitness programs to enhance the overall wellness experience. The BodyHoliday in Saint Lucia, a member of Healing Hotels of the World, offers DNA fitness testing to give an insight into guests' genetic makeup and create an appropriate training regime for their body. Oxygen therapy, available at Thailand's Chiva-Som, provides

supplementary oxygenation during training to encourage the body to perform constantly at its peak.

High-end providers are also turning to wellness to enhance their property's sense of place. In the past, spas around the world would offer a similar menu of treatments, featuring Thai or Swedish massage techniques. Treatments have now evolved to encompass the traditions or techniques of the property's location. Daintree Eco Lodge in Far North Queensland incorporates medicinal and healing properties from the local Kuku Yalanji elders into its signature treatments.



LUXPERIENCE NEWS

New awards for 2016

The prestigious Luxperience Awards are growing this year with the introduction of two new categories. The Best Suite and Custom Space Awards acknowledge outstanding exhibitors who show creativity and ingenuity in creating unique spaces on the exhibition floor. It will acknowledge the importance of design and creativity and will be judged on the innovative design, engagement with delegates and overall impact.

Luxperience line up expands

Each year we are proud to welcome new exhibitors to Luxperience. A few of our new members this year are Adagold Aviation, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism, Bhutan Real Adventures and Orange County Resorts & Hotels. Stay tuned as we announce more closer to the event.

EXHIBITOR NEWS

Sleep under the stars at Longitude 131

Longitude 131 has introduced new outdoor balconies on all 15 luxury tents at the lodge, each with views of Uluru and the surrounding desert landscape. The new balconies are furnished with outdoor day-beds, luxury armchairs and EcoSmart biofuel fireplaces, and will be complete by April when the lodge will offer an evening service replete with lit fires, digestifs and canapes and luxury swags laid out to give guests the option of sleeping under the stars.

SLH shows you the neighbourhood

Small Luxury Hotels of the World has just launched nine neighbourhood guides, designed to provide their guests with insider tips and hidden gems in the areas around its properties. The guides include information on restaurants, bars, galleries, architecture, shopping and entertainment, as well as local secrets that guests wouldn't be able to find anywhere else.

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