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QANTAS' China-Australia airline partner China Eastern has applied to the Civil Aviation Authority of China to adjust its Sydney-Wuhan service to include a connecting onwads flight to Xi'an.

The Chinese carrier introduced the SYD-WUH route back in Jan, operating on a thrice weekly basis using Airbus A330-200 aircraft.

According to its application to the Chinese regulator, the change would take effect from Oct.

HLO gives thanks!

HELLOWORLD Travel Limited is celebrating its big win at the AFTA National Travel Industry Awards with the trade after Qantas Hols and Viva! Hols took out the gongs for Best Wholesaler International Product on Sat night.

Sister-brand Sunlover Holidays also claimed the NTIA for Best Wholesaler Australian Product for the second successive year - see **cover wrap** for more details.

Flight Centre transforms

FLIGHT Centre is evolving from a supplier-driven to a customer-driven organisation, with the firm's journey over the last few years detailed in a conference session at this morning's Travel Industry Exhibition in Melbourne.

John O'Neill from Komosion described a major project conducted by his company, which was engaged by Flight Centre in 2014 to help it better understand leisure customers.

At the time Flight Centre did not segment its customer base, and marketed to clients based only on their most recent transaction rather than as a holistic traveller.

O'Neill said the supplier focus also previously drove much of the Flight Centre offering, including product ranges and descriptions, inventory and availability.

Switching to a customer-centric operation is still a work in progress, but sees Flight Centre partner more closely with

suppliers to influence product offerings, produce content based on customer needs, and segment the offering across the various Flight Centre brands to appeal to different client demographics.

O'Neill said Flight Centre had now implemented a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system, and rather than the former strategy which solely focused on getting clients to interact with consultants, now aimed to understand what each customer wanted - ranging from a quick flight transaction through to a complete bucket list holiday - and meet that exact need.

Today's issue of TD

Travel Daily today has eight pages of news and photos, including a front cover wrap for **Helloworld**, an **NTIA photo page**, plus full pages from:

- inPlace Recruitment
- CAPA

\$599 to the USA

INSIGHT Vacations and Luxury Gold have released a \$599 return American Airlines' Economy class airfare (including taxes) to the USA and Canada when booking a 2018 itinerary.

The sharp fare can be combined with more than 20 itineraries, such as the 16-day Best of Eastern Canada & USA and the 22-day America the Beautiful.

It is valid for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane, for sale from today until 28 Aug.

CAPA earlybird

THERE are only three days left to take advantage of an earlybird special offer on admission to the CAPA Australia Pacific Summit being held at Sofitel Sydney Wentworth on 01 and 02 Aug.

New registrants can save 20% if booking their place before 28 Jul.

For information on the general session speakers & more - **pg 10**.

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Samoa Airways, FJ pact

A JOINT agreement between the Samoan Govt and Fiji Airways (**TD** 23 Jun) was officially revealed yesterday, with the parties signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to pursue a new Pacific Partnership Alliance (PPA).

The tie-up comes after the Samoan Government pulled the pin on its 12-year pact with Virgin Australia and its offshoot Virgin Samoa which will be wound up on 12 Nov (**TD** 18 May).

The arrangement will assist Samoa launch a new international airline, Samoa Airways, which will operate flights from Apia to/from Auckland and Sydney, and take advantage of Fiji Airways' already established infrastructure in sales, commercial, operations and maintenance.

Separate commercial and operations agreements are being negotiated between Samoa Airways and FJ which will form part of the overall PPA.

The MOU lays the foundation for Samoa Airways to manage specific routes (such as flights to Sydney & Auckland), while others will be jointly managed through a

codeshare and interline deal.

Samoa's PM Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Mailelegaoi said Samoa Airways would leverage off Fiji Airways' long-haul network and connectivity opportunities to other parts of the world.

Samoa Airways will face competition on the Australia-Samoa route, with VA lodging a request this month with the IASC to operate its own services to Apia beyond Nov (**TD** 11 Jul).

USH Horror Nights commissionable

AGENTS in Australia and New Zealand can earn commission on Universal Studios Hollywood's (USH) Halloween Horror Nights festivities which run on select evenings between 08 Sep-12 Nov.

"We're pleased to be able to provide a wholesale option for this experience for the first time and are already working on next year to ensure we give this market more ticket options to sell with a greater lead time," USH regional manager Tristian Freedman commented.

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Aussies love to plan ahead

RESEARCH from agoda has found Australians ranked third for forward planning in 2016.

Hong Kong came out on top as the nation who are most likely to book their accommodation in advance, with an average of 49.4 days ahead of their holiday, followed by Russia on 46.4 days.

Australians are most likely to secure accommodation 44.3 days before their trip.

Agoda global director brand and communications Andy Edwards said there was an average global increase of two days lead-time in booking compared to the previous year.

"Price and choice play a driving factor when booking travel – the longer you book in advance, the better the choice and the lower the cost," he said.

Hong Kong also came out on top with Singapore for countries most likely to book accommodation overseas compared to domestic.

Both countries recorded a 99% rate for outbound bookings, with the UK in third with 38% outbound and 62% inbound.

At the bottom of the scale was the United States and China.

Only 8% of Americans booked an overseas hotel room, and only 2% of Chinese booked overseas.

NTIA issue today

TRAVEL Daily's sister publication **travelBulletin** has produced a bumper issue celebrating the National Travel Industry Awards (NTIA) on Sat, so keep an eye out for a special digital feature coming by email later today and the full print issue available next month.

For more NTIA coverage, see **page seven** as well as today's issue of **Cruise Weekly**.

Disney winner

DISNEY Destination has named Kylie Sweetman from italktravel Highfields as the first of 10 agents from Australia/NZ who will travel to Walt Disney World Resort for its Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Mega-Fam in Oct.

Seven winners will be selected based on Disney sales until 24 Sep, along with three randomly drawn spots - for more info on the incentive, **CLICK HERE**.

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Collette ATAS tick

TOUR operator Collette has announced it has become an ATAS accredited travel company in support of the drive for clients to book with accredited agencies.

Collette general manager for Australia Alison Mead told **Travel Daily** the work AFTA achieved the past few years to enhance the positioning of travel agents in Australia had been "fantastic".

"We are pleased to be part of this benchmark for quality," Mead commented.

Further, Collette has renewed its membership with the Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO), with Mead saying the US-based company finds great value in being part of the organisation.

"The recent changes [at CATO] have meant more proactive involvement from tour operators, which we embrace as it aligns with our quality product and high service standards," Mead said.

HA A321 routes

HAWAIIAN Airlines is ramping up US west coast service options to Hawaii's outer islands, adding new routes to be operated by its new fleet of Airbus A321neos.

The new non-stop daily routes include Maui to Portland (starting 18 Jan), Oakland to Kauai (which currently operates seasonally but will shift to the A321neo from 11 Apr) & Los Angeles to Kona (due to debut on 11 Mar using wide-body aircraft before switching to the A321neo in the summer).

HA has configured its new A321neo fleet with a three-class cabin configuration, equipped with 16 seats in the Premium cabin, 45 in Extra Comfort and 128 in Economy.



Window Seat

"HOW'S the serenity?"

You too can now quip those words made famous by Darryl Kerigan while standing on the porch of his holiday house from the cult classic, *The Castle*.

Yes, the unfinished kit home at Bonnie Doon, Vic, that Darryl purchased from the *Trading Post* and built over five years can now be rented via Airbnb.

It sleeps 8 so you can have the *luckiest family in the world* too, and no, you're not *dreamin'*, it's just \$198 per night - more **HERE**.



New NZ MGalleries

ACCORHOTELS has confirmed plans to expand the MGallery by Sofitel brand in New Zealand, inking franchise agreements with two Auckland-based properties.

The heritage-listed Hotel Grand Windsor on Queen Street features 69 rooms and 10 suites, and will rebadge under the MGallery brand effective Oct.

Eden Crescent Hotel Auckland is a 91-room property, located close to Auckland harbour and will join AccorHotels' MGallery by Sofitel brand late next year.

Refurbs are planned to begin at both hotels to bring them in-line with the MGallery standard.

They will join the group's other NZ-based MGallery property, Hotel St Mortiz in Queenstown.

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Trafalgar Asia '18

TRAFALGAR has boosted capacity and introduced new itineraries in its 2018 Asia program announced today.

The program features 22 tours including five new itineraries aimed at smaller groups of no more than 26 people - three in Japan, one in India and one in Singapore and Malaysia.

Trafalgar Australia managing director Matthew Cameron-Smith said the program offered immersive experiences in Asia.

"The global success of our Asia program, particularly in Japan and India, has demanded a significant expansion in 2018 and the introduction of two new destinations in Singapore and Malaysia," Cameron-Smith said.

"Following a sell-out season for Japan in 2017, the increased capacity next year will make it easier for our agents to secure departures for their clients knowing that a wider range of immersive experiences are on offer," he said.

WPG strike action

WORKERS have begun a strike at Winnipeg International Airport in the Canadian province of Manitoba after a breakdown in collective bargaining talks.

Picket lines have been established outside terminals, but the airport last night tweeted to say operations were continuing as normal and significant impacts were not expected.

Phone warning

COVER-MORE has issued tips to help travellers understand insurance coverage for their phones after approving more than 11,000 phone-related claims between 2013 and 2016.

The insurer says last year alone it received 2,861 claims for lost, damaged or stolen phones.

It says customers are not covered for the purchase of an entirely new phone and should "think twice" before spending big on a new purchase.

Proof of purchase is generally required to make a claim and customers should understand phones are likely to depreciate in value.

TIME shines at NTIA

THE Travel Industry Mentor Experience (TIME) was an unofficial winner at the National Travel Industry Awards (NTIA) on Sat, with three members of its community given honours.

TIME founder Penny Spencer collected the Best Corporate Travel Agency - Single Location award for Spencer Travel, while TIME graduate mentee Elizabeth Hutchison was named Best Sales Executive in the Industry Supplier category for her work with Air New Zealand.

TIME mentor Tina Killeen, also from Spencer Travel, received a special Judge's Commendation in the category of Best Travel Agency Manager - Corporate Single Location.

CX upgrade bids

CATHAY Pacific has become the latest carrier to offer an upgrade bidding system, allowing Economy and Premium Economy passengers to move one cabin class higher.

The system has been launched today on 13 routes from Hong Kong including to Adelaide and Brisbane, with other points to be added in coming months.

Passengers will be able to see the strength of their bid during the online application process and bids can be cancelled or changed up to 50 hours before flight departure.

Passengers will be given a confirmation of an upgrade two or three days before departure if their bid is successful.

For more details, [CLICK HERE](#).

On-time boost

DOMESTIC airline on-time performance lifted during Jun, improving on both last year's results and the long-term average, according to govt figures released today.

The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) says on-time rates for arrivals averaged 85% in Jun, an increase on the 82.5% recorded in the same month last year and higher than the long term average of 84.2%.

The departure rate was 85.3% (up 1.4 points on Jun last year) and the cancellation rate was 1.4% (down from 2.2%).

Qantas had the best on-time arrival rate of 89.5%, followed by Virgin (87.1%), Jetstar (80.7%) and Tigerair (73.2%).

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oneworld webinar

QANTAS Agency Partnerships is hosting a virtual class next week to explain **oneworld** and Global Explorer Fares.

The 02 Aug webinar will cover the features and benefits of **oneworld** Explorer and Global Explorer round-the-world fares, while highlighting 'did you know facts' and unique itineraries.

Sessions are available with a choice of four times on the day.

For details **CLICK HERE**.

Mindanao martial law

THE Philippines Congress has extended martial law in the southern island of Mindanao until 21 Dec, prompting an updated travel warning on DFAT's Smarttraveller website.

It says travellers are reminded to exercise a high degree of caution in the Philippines due to a high threat of terrorist attack, including in the capital Manila.

A 'do not travel' warning remains for central & western Mindanao.

Uncle Delta wants YOU!

JAMES
Dun from Delta Air Lines definitely got into the Yankee Doodle Dandy spirit earlier this month, at a 4th of July event with TMC partner BCD Travel, hosted in conjunction with Virgin Australia.

USA themed lunches took place in the Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne BCD offices, with the staff dressing up in red, white and blue and enjoying American-style pizzas and hot dogs.

Dun is **pictured** above with Marta Griffith of Virgin Australia.



WS heads south

WESTJET has announced a new non-stop weekly service between Vancouver and the Mexican resort region of Huatulco as part of a winter seasonal schedule beginning 29 Oct.

The schedule includes extra flights from Vancouver to Calgary, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Fort St. John, Cabo San Lucas, Cancun and Puerto Vallarta.

Further, WestJet will introduce a weekly service from Edmonton to Huatulco from 02 Nov and a weekly service from Calgary to Belize from 03 Nov.

It will also add more flights from Kelowna in the Okanagan Valley wine region of British Columbia to points including Edmonton, Calgary and Toronto.

Kimberley camping

TWO remote Aboriginal communities have opened fully serviced commercial camping sites in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

The Imintji Campground is on the Gibb River Road about a two and a half hours' drive from Derby, while the Jarlarloo Riwi Mimbi Campground is about an hour east of Fitzroy Crossing.

Both are part of Tourism WA's Camping with Custodians initiative which gives visitors an opportunity to stay on Aboriginal land and mix with local people.

Priceline acquisition

PRICELINE has successfully completed its previously announced plan to acquire the Momondo Group, (**TD** 08 Feb) the parent company of Cheapflights.

Both Cheapflights & Momondo will be incorporated under Priceline's travel brand KAYAK.

Priceline purchased Momondo Group for US\$500 million.



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Destination NSW is a Public Service Executive Agency with responsibility for developing and implementing strategies to grow the visitor economy. Our particular focus is on driving tourism and acquiring and developing major sporting and cultural events for Sydney and Regional NSW. In addition, Destination NSW is the major investor in Business Events Sydney with the aim to secure more international conventions, incentive travel reward programs, corporate events and exhibitions for Sydney and Regional NSW.

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Applications must be lodged electronically via the I Work For NSW website. Applications submitted via email will not be accepted.

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Nepal adventure down under



THIS team of Nepal experts are in Melbourne this week to take part in the 2017 Travel Industry Exhibition at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Adventure Mountain Explore Treks & Expeditions (AME) offers experiences and treks in Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet and India - ametreks.com.

Tika Regmi from AME said 80% of his clients are Australian.

"Australians are easy to deal with and they really love adventure," he said.

Advanced Adventures, represented by Melbourne-based Jasmin Lipton, is also on the stand with ceo Chet Bhatta telling **TD** the company can tailor a tour starting at just two customers - see advadventures.com.

Also **pictured** is Thakur Bhatta from Jumbo Adventure Tour and Travel and We Trek Nepal - for details see wetreknepal.com and jumboadventure.com.

Ryanair AZ offer

BUDGET airline Ryanair has made a "non-binding offer" for loss-making Italian carrier Alitalia.

The airline's decision comes after Ryanair's chief executive, Michael O'Leary previously said it would only bid for AZ if it was restructured by officials.

About 18 companies are expressing interest in purchasing Alitalia including IAG, Delta Air Lines, Lufthansa and EasyJet.

According to Italian media, Etihad Airways has also put a non-binding offer in for AZ.

A decision on a new owner is expected to be finalised at some point in Oct.

New Canada ULCC

NEW Canada start-up carrier Jetlines plans to commence its ultra-low-cost offering from mid-next year.

The Vancouver-based airline has yet to select its hub city, but is currently considering Hamilton and Kitchener, Ontario, outside of Toronto to fill that void.

Jetlines intends to begin operation with Boeing 737s.

The airline plans to model itself off other ultra-low-cost airlines such as Ryanair and easyJet.



AFTA update

From AFTA's chief executive, Jayson Westbury



FROM the verbal reports on the night, text messages and emails that have already been sent to AFTA, it is very clear that the NTIA 2017 has been our biggest and best event ever. Congratulations to all of the winners across the 38 categories and **Travel Daily** as the official media partner has already given readers a taste of the event in their coverage yesterday.

The International Convention Centre Sydney (ICC Sydney) definitely made the NTIAs the spectacular and sensational event that it was and the entire AFTA team (who are a little on the tired side) are so pleased with how everything went.

From the sponsors, including our major sponsor Qantas, to the finalists and of course the winners, a big night was had by all. We now can't wait to start the planning process for 2018. And not to forget, the Singapore Airlines After Party appears to also have been a great big success once again this year, with a new Darling Harbour side venue, The Port.

NTIA also brought with it two other celebrations. The first was the recognition that AFTA turned 60 this year and it was fitting for this to be acknowledged at the event and continues to be for the balance of the year. Sixty years in business is a milestone for any company, but an enormous achievement for an industry association. Happy Birthday AFTA and may there be many more.

We also awarded a Life Membership of AFTA to Ian McMahon. Ian has been a travel journalist for more than 40 years. Of more recent years he is known as the publisher of **travelBulletin** until it changed hands to the Business Publishing Group a year or so ago. It was a delight to bestow the honour of Life Membership of AFTA upon Ian. There are not that many life members of AFTA, and in fact, this is only the second one that has been awarded in the past nine years. So as the industry got together to celebrate all things travel, recognise the achievements of all the winners across so many categories and call out a few special people, it is so very nice to be a part of the travel industry at this time of the year.

The NTIA is the "night of nights" for the entire travel industry in Australia and I hope that this will go on for many years to come.

For all of the winners details you can view them on the AFTA website at <http://www.afta.com.au/events/ntia/ntia-winners>.

I look forward with great anticipation to do it all again in 2018.

Scenic philanthropic

SCENIC World has launched a new philanthropic program as part of the attraction's ongoing effort to support the Blue Mountains and create a legacy impact that improves local lives.

The program aims to deliver better outcomes for the Blue Mountains across three main pillars of community, education and environment.

Scenic World's md Anthea Hammon said the program was part of a vision to help close the gap on local disadvantage and work towards sustainability for the community and environment.

Peru clarify protests

PERU'S Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism has reassured tourists following the country's state of emergency (**TD** yest).

In a statement, it said the Tourism Police and Road Traffic Police report that activities in the main tourist attractions of the regions of Cusco and Puno are operating as normal.

The Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism will also support and relevant information to tourists in Peru through PROMPERU.

Peru's state of emergency is in place to ensure public order after a string of teacher strikes.

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THE team from Helloworld Lane Cove in Sydney (pictured at right) had a massive night at the National Travel Industry Awards last Sat evening.

The festivities kicked off early, with consultant Courtney Ashes - daughter of agency owner Debbi Ashes - winning a Judges' Commendation in the Young Agent of the Year category.

That was just the start, with others on the lucky table winning some of the Star Alliance tickets on offer through the napkin ring giveaway, and then senior consultant Roslyn Burgess taking out the top Qantas Golden ticket prize of Business class flights from Perth to London on the new QF Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner service.

Other prizewinners included Mark Pollard of Corporate Traveller; Sharon Levingstone, The Travel Authority; Mary Gava,



BLING is king for the Helloworld Lane Cove team!

FCM Travel Solutions; Rochelle Bird, Anywhere Travel; Evelyn Swayne of Kingscote Travel and Helloworld's Michelle Ryan - all of whom won a return trip for two to a world-class NZ wine destination as part of Air New Zealand's 'Virtual Vineyard' competition.

Lots more pics from the night at facebook.com/traveldaily.



UNIWORLD Cruises md Fiona Dalton with The Travel Corporation ceo John Veitch and Margy Osmond, ceo of TTF.



HAWAIIAN Airlines' Andrew Best with Sarah Bush of The Travel Authority.



BENNETT Stephen and Felicity Allan of Malaysia Airlines; Adam Shepherd of Consolidated Travel and Ram Chhabra, CVFR Group.



A LARGE contingent from the Greek Community welcomed NTIA guests.

Cruise Whits sched

CRUISE Whitsundays has adjusted its timetable from tomorrow due to the reopening of Shute Harbour for ships.

The company is advising agents to make sure clients are aware of changes, with the existing reservations to be rebooked onto the closest service.

Cruise Whitsundays said agents will need to ensure clients are reconfirmed 48hrs before sailing.

Featherdale pass

FEATHERDALE Wildlife Park is celebrating its 45th birthday with the launch of a new annual pass.

The new pass includes 20% off admission for a friend on each visit, 20% off purchases at the cafe and souvenir centre and a range of other discounts.

Guests who purchase a pass in Aug have a chance to win a VIP tour of the park for four people.

Featherdale is located in the suburb of Doonside in Western Sydney - featherdale.com.au.

Lizard Wine Series

WINE lovers rejoice, Lizard Island has unveiled dates for its upcoming Wine Series.

The event will take place over a series of long weekends throughout Sep, Nov and Jan, starting on 14 to 17 Sep.

Accommodation on the island throughout the Wine Series starts at \$2,032 per night.

CLICK HERE for more info.

WE adds LKO/BKK

THAI Smile Airways (WE) has introduced a four weekly service from Bangkok to Lucknow.

The airline will operate the service to India using an Airbus A320 aircraft fitted out with 12 Premium Economy and 150 Smile (Economy) class seats.

Contours saving

CONTOURS Travel has released earlybird savings of up to \$1,000 per couple for two of its hosted tours in South America and Mexico next year.

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Money

WELCOME to Money, TD's Tue feature on what the Australian dollar is doing.

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IT'S a great time to be alive if you're the Australian dollar after the currency reached a two year high against the US dollar.

The currency also rose higher versus the Japanese yen as it hit new 18-month highs last week.

Over in the Europe, the AUD/EUR rebounded from two-week lows as it gained 0.2%.

The pair recently fell as markets look to a potential end of the European stimulus program.

If tomorrow's inflation numbers point to a weak result, it could send the AUD down.

Wholesale rates this morning.

US	\$0.792
UK	£0.608
NZ	\$1.065
Euro	€0.681
Japan	¥88.20
Thailand	฿26.49
China	¥5.348
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Canada	\$0.991
Crude oil	US\$46.34



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To win, answer every daily question correctly and have the most creative answer to the final question. Send your answers to scenic@traveldaily.com.au

Q17. What is the name of Scenic's boutique small ship that is cruising in Russia?

New Apollo wheels

APOLLO Motorhome Holidays has introduced the new four-berth Vivid Camper to its fleet, available from Cairns, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland and Christchurch, from 01 Nov.



Seating up to four adults (or two adults & two children), the Vivid Camper (pictured) is a Mercedes Benz Vito that features a 2.0m X 1.4m rooftop pop-up tent which acts as a 'bunk-bed', along with a kitchen (sink, gas stove & fridge), cooking utensils & crockery.

Daily rates start at \$282.50 - see www.apollocamper.com.

LEVEL fleet boost

INTERNATIONAL Airlines Group (IAG) will add three Airbus A330-200 aircraft to its new LEVEL long-haul, low-cost carrier after a strong start for bookings.

The three new aircraft will be delivered in summer 2018 and will be used to expand the airline's route map.

After a solid start, IAG is looking at opening further bases across Europe, with Paris and Rome among a number of options under study.

LEVEL flies a number of routes from Barcelona to the Americas.

dusitD2 Vung Tau

DUSIT International has signed a deal with Ha Dat Company Limited to operate dusitD2 Vung Tau in Vietnam.

The 100 room hotel will be the first dusitD2 in the country, and is slated to open in Q2 2018.



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- Exotic destinations

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- Award winning service

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PAYMENTS IN TRANSITION

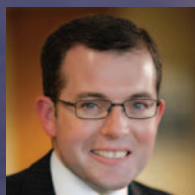
THE WORLD OF PAYMENTS IS EVOLVING,
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Driven by new products, regulatory changes and an attempt of vendors to lower costs, payments are changing rapidly. The CAPA Australia Pacific Summit will feature a dedicated **Payments Innovation Stream NEXT TUESDAY** to explore the impact of these changes on the corporate buyer, finance and treasury communities, plus the travellers they serve. View agenda outline [here](#).

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