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Airbnb pro 180-day cap

ACCOMMODATION disruptor Airbnb says it supports putting a limit on the number of days an investment property can be rented out in NSW, as part of its submission to a govt inquiry into the short-term letting sector.

Submissions to the probe closed yesterday, in response to an options paper which canvassed possibilities to manage the strong growth of short-term letting via platforms such as Airbnb.

"Airbnb supports a clear, statewide approach that supports our host community sharing their own primary place of residence without the need for approvals, registrations or caps," the firm said.

Investors who wanted to rent out properties casually for more than six months a year would

need to lodge a development application under the proposals.

The company also suggested a "three strikes" policy to manage complaints, alongside allowing strata bodies to pass by-laws to manage guest behaviour or share revenue with hosts.

Airbnb is keen to avoid further regulation in NSW, following crackdowns in places like London which has introduced a 90-day annual limit on Airbnb rentals.

Airbnb spokesman Brent Thomas said the existing rules for home sharing in NSW were "broken and need to be fixed".

An earlier Airbnb study on its Sydney operations found it attracted new visitors who stayed longer than traditional tourists & spent more at local businesses.

Meet South Africa

TRAVEL agents are being invited to complete the SA Specialist online training course, with South African Tourism offering the opportunity to win a spot on an upcoming Meet South Africa faml.

For more details see the **cover** page of today's *Travel Daily*.

Marriott names new Tassie property

MARRIOTT International today confirmed that its new property in Parliament Square, Hobart will be named The Tasman, a Luxury Collection Hotel.

The hotel, on track to open late next year, will see several heritage buildings re-purposed as part of the Parliament Square urban revitalisation project.

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Travel Daily en route to Singapore

Today's issue of *TD* is coming to you courtesy of Singapore Airlines, which will tomorrow unveil its groundbreaking new cabin products in Singapore.

SINGAPORE Airlines is pulling out all stops to showcase its next generation in-flight offering, which will debut next month on the Singapore-Sydney route.

The update will cover SQ's Suites, Business Class, Premium Economy and Economy cabins, with the new product to be initially rolled out on five new Airbus A380 aircraft currently on firm order by the airline.

Singapore Airlines ceo Goh Choon Phong will officiate at the unveiling at Singapore's Suntec Convention Centre, which comes just over a decade after the carrier became the launch customer for the superjumbo and 50 years since SQ started flying to Sydney.

See *Travel Daily* tomorrow for details of the product launch.

Sherry joins NAB board

CARNIVAL Australia executive chairman Ann Sherry has been appointed to the board of the National Australia Bank, further expanding her range of roles outside the cruise sector.

The move marks a return to banking for Sherry, who before being appointed to run Carnival Australia (*TD* 17 Jul 2007) was a senior executive with Westpac.

NAB chairman Ken Henry described her as "one of Australia's most respected

corporate & community leaders," hailing Sherry's extensive experience in banking, transport, tourism, government and infrastructure sectors.

Sherry also holds non-executive directorships with Sydney Airport, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Infrastructure Victoria, the Australian Rugby Union and the Tourism & Transport Forum.

She was chief executive officer of Carnival Australia from 2007 until two years ago (*TD* 17 Dec 2015) when a reshuffle of Carnival's senior ranks saw Sture Myrmell appointed as president of P&O Australia and Sherry transition to the executive chairmanship of the company.

QF 787-9 PER debut

WESTERN Australian aviation aficionados will get their first look at what will soon be a familiar sight in Perth skies - the first Qantas Boeing 787-9 aircraft which is undergoing domestic trials in the lead-up to its deployment next year on the Perth-London route.

Great Southern Land will leave Melbourne this afternoon as QF481 at 1750 and arrive in the WA capital at 1830 local time - after conducting a low-altitude Perth flyover if weather permits.

Book Three Capes

TASMANIAN Walking Company has opened reservations for the highly anticipated Three Capes Lodge Walk, which will commence operation in Sep 2018.

The company is the only commercial operator authorised to provide private lodge accommodation supporting guided walking experiences in the Tasman National Park.

Co-owner Brett Godfrey, who founded Virgin Blue, said Three Capes Lodge Walk was the next step forward in the company's quest to create "the most innovative and environmentally sustainable lodges in the world" - more info on 03 6392 2211.

A&K Wolgan deal

ABERCROMBIE & Kent has an exclusive fully inclusive offer for stays at Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley in NSW, priced at \$795 per person twin share Sun-Thu or \$870pp Fri-Sat - more details on 1300 590 317.

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Virgin Voyages keel laid

HUMAN headline Sir Richard Branson has officiated at the keel laying ceremony for the first Virgin Voyages vessel in Italy, arriving in true Virgin style via a 200 foot "crane drop".

The event at the Fincantieri shipyard in Genoa marked the start of construction of the first of three Virgin Voyages cruise ships which Branson described as "an exciting new holiday option for travellers".

Virgin Voyages ceo Tom McAlpin



confirmed the first ship would be "Adult By Design" meaning passengers must be aged 18 or older, with the decision "driven by feedback from future sailors and travel professionals who are looking for a more elevated and premium experience".

The "Ship Tease" ceremony, which included a performance by Boy George, also included the unveiling of the vessel's livery and a new mermaid logo (pictured).

Virgin Voyages will commence sailing in 2020 - more details from the ceremony in tomorrow's issue of **Cruise Weekly**.

NZ specialist famil

AUSTRALIAN travel agents are being invited to apply for the 2018 "100% Pure New Zealand Famil," which will take 100 consultants across the Tasman from 17-23 Apr next year.

After flying to NZ with Air New Zealand, the participants will take part in one of ten itineraries in the North or South Island, with the trip wrapping up in Wellington for a combined day of group training.

To be eligible, agents must complete ten online modules of the 100% Pure New Zealand Specialist Programme and submit an expression of interest in participating in the famil.

Afterwards the consultants will return to Australia as "fully certified 100% Pure New Zealand Gold Specialists" - more details at traveltrade.newzealand.com.

Encounter wins big

AUSTRALIAN travel agent and singles travel specialist Justine Waddington is celebrating today after her business, Encounter Travel, was recognised in the inaugural Solo Travel Awards.

Waddington, who also published *The Solo Travellers Compass* three years ago (TD 28 Oct 2014) was honoured in the "Specialty Tours" category of the awards, which were collated by US-based Solo Traveler, an online community boasting about 300,000 monthly users.

Waddington said she was thrilled at the recognition, saying when she launched Encounter Travel in 2006 "solo travel hardly rated a mention".



Window Seat

THERE can't be much better bragging rights than flying around the world on a private jet - but the ceo of a major US corporation has gone one better by using two of them.

In a classic case of corporate largesse, it's been revealed that the ceo of General Electric has been travelling to some destinations with his Gulfstream being shadowed by an extra aircraft - just in case.

The company's board was reportedly somewhat surprised to learn about the practice when it was revealed by the *Wall Street Journal* last week.

Apparently former chairman and ceo Jeff Immelt used the back-up plane on most trips up until mid-2014, but since then, due to some internal belt-tightening, its use had been limited to isolated situations such as travelling to high risk destinations.

A company spokesperson said the extra jet was only deployed on "business critical itineraries with tight schedules, multiple international stops and in most cases, security concerns".

Immelt's successor, John Flannery, has since decided to ground the GE corporate aircraft fleet and force senior executives to instead fly on charter or (gasp!) commercial flights.



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VA & DL seeking Bali codeshare

VIRGIN Australia is seeking the renewal of its capacity allocations between Australia and Indonesia for a further period of five years, and is seeking the use of capacity for codeshare services with Delta Air Lines.

As part of the filing to the International Air Services Commission (IASC), VA is asking for the retention of all relevant current conditions on the route.

If approved, any changes will take place from Oct 2018.

Portrait packages

CROWNE Plaza Canberra is offering a package over summer including two nights' accommodation, daily buffet breakfast and two tickets to the Starstruck: Australian Movie Portraits exhibition.

Offer is valid between 10 Nov & 04 Mar 2018 - **CLICK** for more.

Gogo speed boost

GLOBAL inflight connectivity provider Gogo has commenced the US rollout of its new regional Air-to-Ground inflight network.

Dubbed ATG-NG, the new offering will boost aircraft internet broadband bandwidth by up to 30 times the original Gogo offering, delivering performance across North America that is comparable to its 2Ku global satellite solution.

The ATG-NG network will have peak capacity of over 100Gbps.

Existing aircraft equipped for Gogo will only need a new modem and blade antenna in order to take advantage of the new service, the company said.

Dutch terror alert

DFAT is advising travellers of a heightened threat of terrorist attacks in the Netherlands.

Visitors are advised to be alert in public places and report suspicious activity to police.

\$50m hotel plan for OOL



RYDGES has unveiled plans to open a \$50m hotel with a rooftop bar and viewing deck at Gold Coast Airport in 2019.

The four-star hotel will include 192 rooms and suites spread across seven storeys, along with a restaurant, resort-style swimming pool and function, conference and meeting facilities.

The hotel will trade as Rydges Gold Coast Airport and be developed and managed by the newly-created entity, Gold Coast Airport Hotel, which is wholly owned by Trepang Services.

Gold Coast Airport ceo Chris Mills has declared the hotel as a

"game changer" for the airport and the southern Gold Coast.

"The hotel is an important part of the airport's broader property strategy and we expect it will stimulate interest in a number of other exciting projects being considered for the precinct."

Gold Coast Airport Hotel md John Robinson said he was "completely comfortable investing \$50m in this project".

"An airport hotel provides comfort to the travelling public that they will arrive at the terminal in time for their flights," Robinson said.

A render of the hotel is **pictured**.

What makes CTM Founder and MD Jamie Pherous tick? Find out at the Sydney Global Conference (29-30 November, Sofitel Sydney)

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CTM Founder and Managing Director Jamie Pherous is set to make an exclusive appearance at the 2017 ACTE-CAPA Global Conference Sydney. Titled "The Mind and Heart of a Corporate Travel Visionary," Mr Pherous will share insights into corporate travel, explore future trends impacting the industry, as well as personal stories which have lead him to twice be chosen as a finalist of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Mr Pherous represents energy, drive and vision in the way he formed, launched and remained strongly committed to building a major global Australian business. His visionary story is attractive to both the industry for those young people who are looking for leadership guidelines, for the buyers in understanding the personal side of the CTM story and for the whole of the industry in understanding what he sees as a visionary in this industry.

For a sneak peek into the mind of Jamie Pherous watch our exclusive interview.

Register for the Sydney Global Conference via sydney17.capaevents.com

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Helloworld's upward trajectory

IT'S been almost 18 months since the merger of Helloworld with AOT, and ceo Andrew Burnes is upbeat about what has been achieved in that short time.

The latest edition of *travelBulletin* offers a cover story looking at one of the biggest reinventions to take place in Australia's travel industry, in which Burnes provides insight into how far Helloworld has come and the "more exciting phase" that is still ahead.

travelBulletin's Nov issue also includes our tips for the hot spots of 2018 - the emerging destinations claiming their place in the spotlight, as well as those on the verge of a renewal.

The new edition is being distributed now and is also available for download or online viewing via its website.

Tonga tsunami drill

TONGA will conduct its first national tsunami evacuation drill on Fri 03 Nov between 0900-1500.

DFAT says sirens, radio broadcasts and church bells will be used, and tourists should contact their tour operator for the latest.



It includes all the latest industry news and analysis, as well as comprehensive features on polar travel, the Mediterranean, New Zealand and rail travel.

To view the new *travelBulletin* or arrange a subscription, visit www.travelbulletin.com.au.

Hawaiian's first neo

HAWAIIAN Airlines has received the first of its new fleet of Airbus A321neo aircraft.

The addition is one of 18 on order and will be used on routes to the US west coast including Los Angeles and Portland.

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Tas town for sale

HERE'S your chance to own your own town - Corinna in Tasmania is up for sale.

The old mining town turned wilderness retreat at the edge of The Tarkine rainforest in north-west Tas has accommodation, hospitality, cruise boat and barge operations, and is listed with Resort Brokers Australia.

The village operates on a 50-year state govt lease from Jul 2016 and has the only north-south Pieman River crossing.

Indigenous forum

THE 7th Annual QTIC Tourism Indigenous Employment Forum will take place in Brisbane on Wednesday 08 Nov.

The forum brings together business leaders, govt reps, tourism bodies & more to discuss Indigenous tourism growth.

Taking place at Pullman Brisbane King George Square, tickets cost \$110 for members.

Fights for Perth

PERTH has secured an Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) event for Perth, expected to attract thousands of fans to Western Australia and inject more than \$7 million into the economy.

The event will take place on 11 Feb 2018 at Perth Arena, with a fight card featuring the best local and int'l mixed martial artists.

It will be watched by a global pay-per-view audience of 15m, with the broadcast available in all of Tourism WA's markets.

Tourism WA will ensure the state is featured on the broadcast.

Carnival scary sale

CARNIVAL Cruise Line is getting into the Halloween spirit with a sale which ends tonight at 11:59PM AEDT.

The spook-tacular promo is offering rates from \$399ppts for a five-night Carnival Legend cruise.

The deal is for select cruises between 08 Jan and 03 May.

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Brazil online visas

AUSTRALIAN citizens planning to visit Brazil will soon be able to apply for their visa online and receive a response within 72 hours following the launch of a new electronic visa.

The initiative is part of the Brazilian Government's plan to strengthen ties between Australia and Brazil and the Minister for Tourism of Brazil Marx Beltrao will be in Sydney on Fri 17 Nov to launch the initiative.

Hunter lights on

HUNTER Valley Gardens will kick off its Christmas Lights Spectacular on Fri, turning on the Southern Hemisphere's biggest display of over two million lights.

This year's edition introduces three new rides to the lineup, including a ferris wheel, carousel and swing chair

The family event officially opens 03 Nov and will run to Sat 27 Jan.

CLICK HERE for more.

Ryanair record profit

DESPITE one-off pilot shortages leading to flight disruptions for some 700,000 travellers, Ryanair has reported an 11% increase in H1 profit to €1.29b (AU\$1.9b).

"These strong H1 results reinforce the robust nature of Ryanair's low fare, pan-European growth model even during a period which suffered a material failure in our pilot rostering function in early Sep," Ryanair's chief exec Michael O'Leary said.

"Prior to this event, we were on track to deliver strong H1 results during which we opened three new bases and 80 new routes."

Traffic grew 11% to 72m during the period.

PG to Phy Quoc

BANGKOK Airways has launched its inaugural flight from Bangkok to Phu Quoc, Vietnam.

The route will be operated four times a week on Tue, Thu, Fri and Sun using a ATR72-600 aircraft.

Alex wins by a nose



ALEX Lee from Travel & Cruise will jet off to New Caledonia thanks to her ripper entry in the **Travel Daily** monthly competition in Sep.

The Sep competition was run in conjunction with Aircalin and New Caledonia Tourism, along with **Travel Daily's** sister publication **travelBulletin**.

It set the challenge for travel industry representatives to "take a creative photo with something typically New Caledonian".

Lee did just that, sending through the equestrian entry

above along with the caption: "*I envisage New Caledonia to be a haven of activity - horse riding, waterskiing in beautiful lagoons, hiking and snorkelling - combined with relaxation, enjoying delicious French cuisine such as freshly baked baguettes and sparkling champagne while relaxing on the beach!*"

She won herself return Aircalin Economy class flights from SYD, BNE or MEL flying Aircalin and four nights in a one bed apartment, including daily buffet breakfast at Ramada Noumea.

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SIX consultants have been named the top Swiss Travel Pass SuperStars for this year and will soon be jetting off to the snow-covered mountains of Switzerland and sipping spiced wine at Christmas markets.

The group of high achievers will this month spend seven days on a Christmas markets famil, featuring First class train travel, mountain excursions & city tours.

The 2017 group includes: Sharleen Wright, Travel Managers NSW; Brianna White, Round Travel Vic; Elodie Coze, Flight Centre Springfield Qld; Meryl Edwards, Travel Design Vic;

Jason Gambier, Senior's Holiday Travel Team Qld and Irene Jucker, Cruiseabout Toowong Qld.

This year's program also awarded the three highest scoring agents for each module with a Bucherer watch, \$250 worth of gift vouchers or a delectable cheese hamper.

The training program is a joint initiative by Switzerland Tourism, Swiss Travel System and Rail Europe distributors.

Brianna White from Round Travel in Victoria is **pictured** receiving her ticket on the Swiss Travel Pass SuperStars famil from Rail Plus' Nicki DeJager.

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Marriott eco plan

MARRIOTT International has set itself fresh goals under a new sustainability and social impact initiative called "Serve 360: Doing Good in Every Direction".

Some of the company's commitments by 2025 include reducing water by 15%, carbon by 30%, waste by 45% and food waste by 50%, to train 100% of associates to know the signs of human trafficking & to contribute 15m associate volunteer hours.

See serve360.marriott.com.

Seadream Cuba

SEADREAM Yacht Club's first season in Cuba in early 2019 is being snapped up fast, with past guests claiming 80% of the space within 10 days of the launch.

The 112-passenger *SeaDream //* will open the season on 26 Jan 2019 with a nine-day sailing from San Juan in Puerto Rico to Cienfuegos via the Dominican Republic and Jamaica.

It will be followed by eight one-week sailings.

CCC Murray pkgs

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises has released new six-, seven- and 10-night Adelaide Sightseeing and *Murray Princess* cruise packages.

All of the packages include a three-night stay at the Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, a half-day Adelaide City tour, a cruise on the *Murray Princess* and a day trip to the Barossa Valley.

CLICK HERE for details.

Qatar in Sarajevo

THE first Qatar Airways non-stop flight from Doha to the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, has touched down at Sarajevo International Airport.

The service will operate four times a week on Sun, Tue, Wed and Fri, with an Airbus A320.

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TravelManagers fund hospital art

A COLLAGE of brightly coloured mosaics has been installed in a South Australian hospital after its creation by TravelManagers delegates at their 2015 annual conference in Adelaide.

The artwork is now displayed in the foyer of the Centre for Robotics and Innovation at the Adelaide Women and Children's Hospital as part of a charity partnership with Little Heroes.

A TravelManagers auction and dinner also raised \$16,000 for Little Heroes at the conference.

Belarus land border

DFAT has issued an updated advisory for travellers to Belarus, warning that foreigners are not permitted to cross the country's land border with Russia.

Crossing is only allowed by air.

Hilton Tru in Canada

HILTON will introduce its Tru brand to Canada, announcing deals for three new properties.

The first Tru by Hilton hotel will be developed in Edmonton-Windermere in Alberta and is due to open next year.

It will be followed by another two Tru by Hilton hotels in Ontario, to open in 2019.

The Canadian additions are among 420 Tru properties in development, which Hilton says form the world's "fastest growing pipeline" in history.

TG's second B787-9

THAI Airways has taken delivery of a second Boeing 787-9 from leasing company AerCap.

The aircraft is one of eight in the 787 range operated by TG.

AerCap says it is the world's largest 787 customer.

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Mandela focus for Sth Africa



SOUTH Africa is gearing up for a year of commemorations to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Nelson Mandela in 2018, giving the tourism industry an opportunity to welcome international visitors as part of the celebrations.

South African Tourism chief operating officer Sthembiso Dlamini said her organisation would be working closely with the Nelson Mandela Foundation to support its calendar of events throughout next year.

A full program for the Nelson Mandela Centenary will be announced at the World Travel Market in London next week.

In the meantime, South Africa Tourism has developed an app called Madiba's Journey that helps guide visitors as they follow

the life of the former President and ANC leader.

"The Madiba app takes you through all the iconic places in the life of Nelson Mandela," Dlamini said.

"For example, you have Nelson Mandela House in Vilakasi Street, and then from there in KwaZulu Natal you have the Nelson Mandela capture site, and in Cape Town you have Robben Island," she said.

Dlamini, **pictured** right with acting country manager for Australasia Yana Shvarts, is visiting Australia for events as part of the Come Home Bru campaign (**TD** yesterday).

South African Tourism is also offering Australian specialist agents a chance to win a famil - see today's **cover page**.

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PALM Springs took over the Flight Centre Hyperstore in Sydney's CBD last week with a pop-up Oasis Lounge experience.

The Oasis Lounge delighted guests with massage chairs, putt putt golf, a juice bar and virtual reality experience provided by Delta Air Lines.

While those visiting the store were able to indulge in relaxation, they were also in for a chance to win free giveaways and a trip to Greater Palm Springs.

The experience allowed the Greater Palm Springs CVB to promote the destination as a



place for relaxation and wellness with over 300 sunny days a year.

Pictured are Jamie Swan, Delta Air Lines and Alexandra Sparr, Greater Palm Springs CVB.

Inset, a customer tries out the virtual reality.

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QTIC mentoring

APPLICATIONS for the 2018 QTIC Young Professionals Mentoring Program close this Sun 05 Nov.

The program gives QTIC members under 35 years a chance to gain professional development, knowledge and skills through the sharing of information and experience matched with a senior industry professional.

The mentoring program will run from Feb to Jul 2018.

To enter, an applicant needs to work for a current QTIC member.

CLICK HERE for more info.

Dream hand over

SHIPBUILDER Meyer Werft delivered *World Dream* to Dream Cruises with the traditional Changing of the Flag ceremony to mark the official transfer to the cruise line.

World Dream will now sail to dual home ports of Hong Kong and Guangzhou (Nansha), China, from Germany.

Built for the Asian market, the cruise ship has capacity for up to 3,352 passengers.

Wyndham Asia plans

WYNDHAM Hotel Group is expanding its upscale Wyndham Hotels and Resorts and upper-upscale Wyndham Grand brands across South East Asia with five new hotel signings in Indonesia and Vietnam.

The five hotels will add 3,436 rooms to the giant's portfolio.

Its two Indonesian properties will open by 2Q18 and will be located in Sumatra and Bali.

The other three in Vietnam will be at Cam Ranh and Nha Trang.

A350 to Maldives

QATAR Airways will be the first airline to fly an Airbus A350 aircraft to Maldives when it upgrades its existing double daily A330 service this week.

The first A350 will fly on the route on Fri 03 Nov.

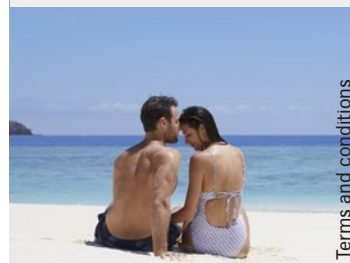
The Qatar Airways A350 aircraft features a total of 283 seats, with 36 Business class seats and 247 in Economy class.

Win a romantic Fijian break

Now that Sophie Monk has picked her beau, follow in her footsteps and be in with the chance of winning your own romantic Fijian journey. Enter Tourism Fiji's competition to win five nights at the luxury Marriott Momi Bay with its mesmerising infinity pool, plus return flights. You'll also get to sip on lazy sundowners in your private cabana at the new Malamala Beach Club.



In no more than 500 words send us your most romantic and creative 5-night Fijian itinerary suggestions to fiji@traveldaily.com.au. Your itinerary should include where to stay and what to do for a client looking for the ultimate romantic Fijian experience.



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China internet plan

THE Chinese Government has revealed a five-year plan to deliver in-flight internet access to more than 500m pax by 2022.

Forming part of its 'One Belt One Road' initiative, a 10b yuan (A\$2b) fund has been setup to achieve the goal, along with the country's first Centre for Mass Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and a trillion-yuan In-flight Internet Industrial Park.

China's internet push will aim to level the playing field with other markets, with 78% of US flights providing cabin wi-fi and Asian airlines generally falling behind.

China has 700m mobile internet users and this figure is growing quickly at a rate of 5.9% annually.

Mexico bounceback

FOLLOWING the recent earthquakes in the country, the Mexico Tourism Board is keen to let prospective travellers know that many of its popular tourist destinations including Los Cabos, Cancun-Riviera Maya, Merida and Yucatan, Puerto Vallarta and Guadalajara remain unaffected.

"All popular attractions and airports...are operating normally," said ceo of the Mexico Tourism Board Hector Flores.

The earthquakes last month largely affected parts of Chiapas, Oaxaca, Puebla and Mexico City.

Sabre revenue up

TRAVEL tech company Sabre has announced a 7.3% revenue jump for Q3 2017, taking in US\$900.6m (A\$1.18b), a US\$61.6m (A\$80.7m) increase on the same period last year.

Drilling down further on revenue, Sabre's airline and hospitality solutions products grew by 4.8%, its travel network revenue rose 8.6%, while bookings saw a 3.2% spike.

Brooklyn upgrade

NEW York's Brooklyn Cruise Terminal has received a US\$2.2m cash injection to help modernise and upgrade its facilities.

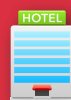
A further US\$15m was put up by Ports America following the investment, with plans afoot to allow larger & more modern vessels to dock by constructing a new apron, passenger viaduct, a new high capacity wireless network and two new gangways.

AA signs Embraer

AMERICAN Airlines will bolster its fleet by purchasing 10 E175 jets from manufacturer Embraer.

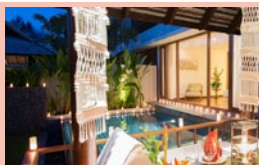
Deliveries will start rolling out in 2018 and continue through to mid-2019 and are believed to be valued at US\$457 (A\$607.81m).

This latest order means American Airlines will have a total of 74 E175s in its fleet.



Accommodation Updates

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The Sarojin Thailand has welcomed seven 'Two-Bedroom Pool Residences' to its 56-room luxury resort. The new additions are all furnished with a 5.5m x 3.5m swimming pool, two outside sun terraces, as well as two luxurious and spacious bathrooms, featuring a large bath, rainfall and adjustable showers. Prices start from \$711 per night inclusive of all-day breakfast with sparkling wine.



If your clients are pondering a romantic wedding in Bali then **AYANA Resort and Spa, BALI** may have the answer. The resort has introduced its brand new Tresna Wedding Chapel. Additionally a new shopping arcade has been added featuring 12 boutiques including Uluwatu, Parang Kencana, Muse Salon & Hair Dresser, BaliZen, White Door, L'Atelier, By The Sea.



The Bahamas has a new adults only resort with **Riu Hotels & Resorts** announcing its reopening to cater exclusive for people over the age of 18. Renovations at the 279-room hotel have been completed with offerings now including a swim-up bar pool, and an area of umbrellas and lounge chairs with beverage service and direct access to the hotel's reserved beach area.



Warwick Le Lagon - Vanuatu has upgraded a number of facilities including overwater jetty and selected rooms. A fresh new look now adorns five of its Lagoon View Superior Rooms, offering an improved experienced for both couples and families.

New Seattle sailings

AMERICAN Cruise Lines has revealed two new itineraries for Seattle in 2018 - a five-day Highlights of Puget Sound and an 11-day Grand Puget Sound.

The announcement means the cruise line has effectively tripled its capacity in the region, already offering Puget Sound & the San Juan Islands and cruises to Alaska.

New fast ferry

CAPTAIN Cook Cruises has christened its new fast ferry, *Nancy Wake*, for use on the Manly to Barangaroo service.

The *Nancy Wake* has indoor and outdoor capacity for 260 pax.

New United app

UNITED Airlines has added a host of features to its mobile app aimed at optimising customer convenience and experience.

New services include the ability to change and cancel flights, add MileagePlus & United Club cards to the Apple Wallet.

The updates follow a recent feature to allow travellers to track their bags using the app.

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