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## NCL funds ASTA

THE American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA) has received a US\$250,000 donation from Norwegian Cruise Line to help accelerate the trade association's training and education programs for new-to-the-industry travel advisors.

It's the largest single donation to ASTA from a cruise line to bolster this type of effort, and supports a newly launched "Becoming a Travel Advisor" guide which ASTA has developed.

NCL CEO Harry Sommer said "travel advisors are incredibly important to the company, and this investment further showcases our complete commitment to the travel agent community".

The new US online guide is available at [my.asta.org](http://my.asta.org).

## HLO welcomes QF sale

HELLOWORLD Travel Limited has welcomed the \$33m offload of Qantas' HLO stake (**TD** breaking news), with CEO Andrew Burnes saying the move "significantly expands our free float".

The fully underwritten bookbuild saw QF's almost 13% shareholding in HLO taken up by institutional shareholders for \$1.72 per share - a 12% discount to HLO's closing price yesterday.

Today the shares are still down about \$1.74, down 11% as **TD** goes to press.

Burnes noted that Qantas had been a shareholder in Helloworld and its predecessor businesses including Jetset Travelworld Group since 2008.

"We thank Qantas for their long-term investment in the company and in particular thank Andrew Finch, Qantas' General Counsel, for his outstanding service as a director of Helloworld for the past six years," Burnes said.

"We also welcome to the register a range of institutions who participated in the book build...many of these are existing shareholders in the business, however there are some new shareholders, most of whom we

have presented to over recent months and it is exciting to see their belief in the business."

Burnes noted that HLO has over 2,000 agency and broker members of its various networks in Australia and NZ, with 155 million issued shares and more than 9,000 shareholders.

Qantas Group CFO, Vanessa Hudson, said "now is the right time for us to exit as shareholders...we've announced some major investments this year as we focus on what is core to the group going forward, including fleet renewal, growing our network and a successful expansion into the e-commerce holiday booking space with TripADeal".

"We'll continue to have a very strong relationship with Helloworld as a trade partner, and travel agencies in general remain an important pillar of how millions of trips are booked every year," Hudson added.

## Million Dollar Club

TODAY our sister publication *travelBulletin* has published its annual analysis of the pay packets received by the top executives at Australia's publicly listed travel, tourism and aviation companies.

The popular Million Dollar Club feature has been released in *travelBulletin's* new web-based format, and can be viewed at [travelbulletin.com.au](http://travelbulletin.com.au).

## Batik Air to Japan

BATIK Air has announced the 15 Dec launch of daily flights between Kuala Lumpur and Tokyo Narita, providing a new option for Australian travellers wanting to visit the newly reopened country.

Gabrielle Vicari, GM of Airline Rep Services, said "as the GSA for Batik Air in Australia/NZ, we are delighted to be able to serve the traditionally strong demand for travel from Australia to Japan by offering connectivity via KLIA as a transit hub".

The new route will be operated using Batik Air's new two-class Boeing 737-8 aircraft.

Vicari also confirmed plans for further Japanese expansion by the carrier, which is set to shortly announce new destinations including to Sapporo Chitose and Osaka Kansai.

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## Travl'r partners with ADL

### TRAVEL-AS-A-SERVICE

business Travl'r has partnered with Adelaide Airport to launch a booking portal called Your Travels, curating a range of experiences for travellers using the South Australian air hub.

Experiences called 'Your Holidays' will be launched each month on the Your Travels portal, as well as thousands of flights, activities, and accommodation options for individual bookings.

Adelaide Airport MD Brenton Cox said the new tie-up would be a great way to showcase the travel options on offer in the region & via the airport to visitors transiting through Adelaide.

"Our new partnership with Travl'r is an opportunity for us to deliver more to our airport guests throughout their entire journey, not just while they are transiting through our terminal," he said.

"We look forward to presenting meaningful travel getaways



within South Australia but also beyond, with holidays across Australia and the Asia Pacific in sought-after destinations like New Zealand, Fiji and Bali."

Travl'r CEO Simon te Hennepe added that deal would assist Adelaide Airport in deepening its engagement with travellers and help boost the number of people enjoying experiences, activities, accommodation and flights across the region.

Adelaide Airport is the first tourism brand to take on Travl'r's platform, following the adoption by media brands including BBC Global News, MTV, Nickelodeon, and Network 10.

## TC is 'Never Normal'

THE anticipation for Travellers Choice's big annual conference is building, with the company today releasing more details about the event which kicks off on 25 Nov.

The majority of the 2022 program will take place at the Crown Conference Centre in Melbourne, and will include workshops, a preferred supplier exhibition and keynote speakers, while the following night attendees will make their way to the 89th floor of Eureka 89 for a 'Three Years In The Making' party.

Travellers Choice's theme this year will be 'Never Normal', with Managing Director Christian Hunter stating the event will look beyond the notion that Australia's travel industry has entered a post-pandemic 'new normal'.

"We will explore how the travel landscape is changing and why Travellers Choice is uniquely positioned to deliver success to its member shareholders and business partners," he said.

## CX ups Melbourne

CATHAY Pacific will increase its flights to Melbourne from four to seven flights a week starting 01 Dec, with plans to offer 21 flights a week by Mar 2024.

The extra flights will add more than 365,000 seats to Melbourne each year.

## Marriott appoints 4

MARRIOTT International has made four new senior sales appointments as it prepares for growth in 2023, including Karryn Cutcheon, who rejoins the company as Regional Director, Global Sales for Australia & NZ.

She will report to VP of Global Sales Ramesh Daryanani.

Other new recruits include Joo-Rei Mathieson in the role of Market Director of Sales - Western Markets, Liza Bajracharya as the new Market Director of Sales - Asia, and Takashi Sogabe, who takes on Market Senior Sales Manager.

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## Window Seat

AUSTRALIA'S many big things are a highlight of any road trip around the country, but a newcomer to the party has just launched in an inner-Sydney glam suburb.

One of the world's biggest golden prawns (pictured) has been "unpeeled" in Marrickville on the site at Hawke's Brewing.

Shane Prawn, as he has already become known, joins fellow large crustaceans in Ballina and Exmouth, but features an additional trick to his older brothers, in that he can animate when instructed.



## EVT plots another Sydney hotel

PUBLICLY listed EVT Limited today further detailed a plan to expand its portfolio with a new 300-room hotel at 525 George St Sydney, atop its existing Event Cinemas complex.

The project, which is still subject to development approval, will also feature 115 residential apartments, conference facilities and a rooftop bar, and is expected

to be part of the QT Hotels brand.

It's still undergoing detailed design and with an anticipated three-year construction period is planned to open in 2027/28.

The initiative is one of several projects on the go for EVT, which also plans to expand its existing QT Sydney by about 72 rooms as part of a major office development atop the premises at 458-472 George St.

An investor presentation also highlighted the new Lylo budget accommodation brand (formerly Jucy Snooze), as well as developments at the group's Thredbo Resort, including transitioning from a volume-based to premium model.

QT Hotels is also expanding with new "QT Cabins" opening at QT Gold Coast later this month, as part of a major redevelopment which also significantly expands the property's event spaces and conferencing offering.

## CLIAs new category

A NEW Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) award next year will honour the sector's most trusted cruise line representative, through the new 'Cruise Line Champion' honour.

Nominations are open until 30 Nov for all categories in the CLIAs including the new addition - for details [CLICK HERE](#).

The awards will take place on Sat 11 Mar 2023 - more in today's issue of *Cruise Weekly*.

## Princess unveils 360

PRINCESS Cruises has launched a new fully-immersive, invitation-only experience that transports guests on a six senses journey to the Mediterranean.

The '360: An Extraordinary Experience' showcases Santorini, Amalfi Coast, Barcelona and Provence with storytelling, imagery, music, scents and cuisine, and is now available to guests booked in suites onboard *Discovery Princess*, and coming to *Enchanted Princess* in late Jan.

## Abu Dhabi drops

VISITORS to Abu Dhabi will no longer need to register their vaccination status with the Federal Authority for Identity and Citizenship before arrival, and do not need Green Pass status on the Al Hosn app to access experiences and attractions, following the city announcing the lifting of remaining COVID-19 measures today.

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## Rail on track for recovery



**RAIL** Europe, Atout France, and Eurostar held a joint event last night at The Langham, Sydney, to celebrate the approaching return of pre-pandemic figures for the train travel segment.

Also supported by VisitBritain, guests were treated to a sumptuous dinner of a menu featuring both British and French delicacies, celebrating the spirit of the Eurostar - another product of the enduring partnership between the two countries.

Rail Europe is confident in the

growth of train travel across the continent, particularly aboard the Eurostar, will reach pre-pandemic figures next year, with Australian sales figures sitting at 175% above forecasted levels.

**Pictured** are VisitBritain Public Relations Executive Amelia Robertson, Rail Europe Regional Sales Manager James Hooper, Eurostar Senior Lead Manager, International Strategy & B2B Partnerships Tuesday-Anne Castle, and Atout France Regional Sales Manager Patrick Benhamou.

## Vivid injects \$119m

**THIS** year's Vivid Festival has injected \$119 million into the NSW economy, the NSW Government has confirmed, driven by a record 2.58 million people attending the festival.

"The stats speak for themselves and reflect the significant contribution the festival makes to the city's economy with local hotels, tourism operators and small businesses all reaping the benefits," NSW Minister for Tourism Ben Franklin said.

Figures show that close to 30% of attendees came from outside of Sydney, with a significant portion of visitors then travelling into regional NSW and generating an estimated 12.2 million for the state's regional economies.

Further highlights include a total 567,249 nights stayed during the festival, 90,000 people taking a Vivid Sydney Harbour cruise, and around 20,400 visitors travelling onwards to regional NSW and staying overnight.

## Quark Arctic 2024

**QUARK** Expeditions has launched its Arctic 2024 season. Highlights of the program include a new 12-day Gems of West Greenland: Fjords, Icebergs, & Culture cruise.

Quark believes the season will serve up the cruise sector's "most diverse range of polar experiences", with off-ship adventure options including flightseeing, 'tunda-to-table' experiences, and more.

## Heritage maiden NZ

**HERITAGE** Expeditions is set to welcome its *Heritage Adventurer* home for her maiden New Zealand voyage next week.

The NZ-based cruise line's new 140-guest, purpose-built expedition vessel will make her debut in the country at Tauranga, where she will welcome guests on board, before departing again on 15 Nov for the New Zealand Coastal Odyssey voyage.

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## HK inbound groups

**HONG** Kong is preparing to open up again to inbound tour groups, with specific arrangements to come into effect this month.

Groups with travellers holding an Amber Code on their Vaccine Pass will soon be able to enter designated attractions such as theme parks and museums, as well as partitioned areas in designated catering premises.

Additionally, licensed travel agents will have to pre-register the itineraries of their inbound tour groups with the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong.

## The 1000 engages

**THE** 1000, a club for the world's most influential travel advisors, is set to launch a new engagement program in Jan, allowing members to build closer relationships with the hotel, cruise and tour supplier partners they nominated for the club's inaugural supplier awards.

More details [HERE](#).

## IHG removes the barriers



**IHG** Hotels & Resorts and Spinal Cord Injuries Australia's (SCIA) employment arm EmployAbility have entered into a deal to provide career opportunities for people living with disabilities at their hotels across Australia.

The focus of the initiative will be to ensure that not only office jobs are made available to people with disabilities, with the program to offer a range of hotel operations positions as well.

"There are plenty of job opportunities out there for

people with a disability, let's not stereotype and make things more complicated than they need to be," InterContinental Sydney Double Bay General Manager Ralf Bruegger said.

EmployAbility is a new service designed to support people with physical disability on their journey to work.

**Pictured:** EmployAbility Manager Phat Ngo, Head of People & Governance at Spinal Cord Injuries Australia Jemma Smyth and Bruegger.

## Viking unveils new 2024 departures

**VIKING** has announced additional 2024 dates on some of its most in-demand expedition voyages, including the 2024 Longitudinal World Cruise over 65 days from Ushuaia to Milwaukee.

Other itineraries with new departure dates include the eight-day Undiscovered Great Lakes from Thunder Bay to Milwaukee, the eight-day Niagara & The Great Lakes from Toronto to Milwaukee, and the eight-day Great Lakes Explorer from Milwaukee to Thunder Bay.

Michelle Black, Managing Director Viking ANZ, said the numerous viewing areas on board *Viking Octantis* "proved extremely popular with our guests that have sailed on board during our inaugural expedition sailing seasons in Antarctica and North America's Great Lakes with demand for 2024 driving this further release of dates".

# Human Resource Manager

Ikara Wilpena Enterprises (IWE) is a unique property and is the only accommodation located within the Ikara- Flinders Ranges National Park, 430km north of Adelaide. A haven of outback hospitality, Wilpena Pound Resort offers a swag of [accommodation](#), [dining](#) and [touring](#) options. This extraordinary landscape includes 800-million-year-old fossils unique in the world and has been home to the Adnyamathanha people for tens of thousands of years.

IWE have an exciting opportunity for an experienced, highly motivated, and enthusiastic individual to join their team as a [Human Resource Manager](#) at this stunning property. This newly created role will be responsible for all human resources activities and projects, including implementing contemporary HR policies and processes across the Ikara Wilpena Resort. This role will be integral to developing a resilient and capable workforce with a strong Adnyamathanha Yura presence.

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## Don't scapegoat the sector!

A TRAVEL body boasting Airbnb, Expedia, Amadeus, Booking.com and Travelport as members has written to the Byron Bay Shire Council in New South Wales to scuttle a proposal to reduce the amount of days that home owners can lease short-term accommodation in the region.

The Asia Travel Technology Industry Association (ATTIA) said a planned move by the Council to reduce the amount of days that owners can lease properties from 180 to 90 days would "irreversibly harm the Shire's tourism ecosystem".

ATTIA Managing Director Chris Kerin said that while he appreciates the Council's attempts to balance demands on various fronts, he strongly believes that a 90-day unhosted short-term accommodation limit would be unlikely to meet the its objective of returning rentals to the housing market.

"A long-term solution to the Shire's housing concerns involves creating and incentivising affordable housing, as opposed to harsh measures which will do little to reduce house prices," Kerin said.

"It is hence imperative that the Council re-examines the housing crisis holistically, instead of scapegoating the short-term accommodation industry - we call on the Council to consider how it can support the 'National Housing Accord' to reverse decades of underinvestment in affordable housing instead."

Kerin also noted the proposal risks limiting the types of accommodation available for travellers, for instance, families with children and those travelling as a group.

The short-term accommodation industry has been blamed for exacerbating the long-term rental housing shortage in the state.



THE Walshe Group and Tourism Western Australia recently hosted the Travel Associates Advisory Board on a family trip to Perth and the Margaret River region.

Over four warm and sunny days, the group experienced the best the state has to offer, including seasonal produce and local wines, a hike along a section of the Cape to Cape track and a visit to Rottnest Island.

A standout moment of the trip was a visit to Vasse Felix, the founding winery of the Margaret River Wine Region, where the group enjoyed a wine tasting in the art gallery followed by lunch in its multi-award-winning

restaurant.

**Pictured** enjoying one of the many WA experiences are at the back: Alan Reis, Chiara Dichiera and Nathan Dare; middle row: Gillian Woodley, Meaghan Wolf, Tammy Houston, Christine Poole, Rachel Kingswell, Karen Majsay; and seated: Jo Kennedy.

## HAL back in Oz

HOLLAND America Line's *Westerdam* vessel has become the first ship to return to Australia since the pandemic.

Her arrival in Sydney this week will see the ship service four itineraries around Australia and NZ, ranging from 13 to 15 days.

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## AFTA UPDATE

from Dean Long, CEO



**LAST** week I was in Canberra for the annual release of DFAT's Consular State of Play. Our consular

services around the world play a critical role in not only advancing our countries interests abroad, by supporting travellers who have nowhere else to turn.

AFTA has been a member of this committee for over 10 years, which allows us to communicate important insights from our industry to government.

Conversely we are able to influence the programs and activities of DFAT by ensuring they understand the role of travel professionals in the booking of corporate and international travel. The worrying trend from this year's report, is the continued apathy from younger Australians who do not understand the need for travel insurance.

I know as a sector we are all strong advocates for travellers to take out travel insurance

before they travel, but it is clear from the research that the youth demographic of our community have not heard that message.

Over the coming months we will be working with DFAT via social media, communicating the need for personal responsibility when travelling and this starts with taking out a comprehensive travel insurance policy.

This week we also had a significant win in our discussions with senate cross benches and senior government representatives on the workplace relations bill.

There are some concerning elements of this bill, which would not allow our sector to continue to provide the great workplace environments we currently do.

We have welcomed the government's decision to change a critical element, moving away from the majority of employees in a defined group, now to a majority of employees in a workplace. This is a critical step forward and AFTA will continue to work with BCA and ACCI on ensuring this bill supports wages and productivity growth.

## QF still most trusted

**DESPITE** recent negative publicity as part of CHOICE's "Shonky Awards" (TD 04 Nov), Roy Morgan has named Qantas Airways Australia's most trusted travel brand this year, noting its reputation for safety in particular as key criteria for the decision.

## Off the grid comp

**TO CELEBRATE** a year of growth and a brand refresh, off-grid accommodation operator Into The Wild Escapes is hosting a competition valued at \$5,000 which includes a stay voucher.

For more details about how to enter, [CLICK HERE](#).

## UA waves the flag in Melbourne



**UNITED** Airlines recently celebrated the resumption of its Los Angeles International Airport to Melbourne Tullamarine services, which had been suspended since Mar 2020 due to the onset of the pandemic.

UA is now operating the route four times a week before moving to daily services in Dec, deploying a Boeing 787-9 on the route.

The same route is also serviced by Qantas, which operates five times a week using its Boeing

787-9 aircraft.

UA has been dedicating more resources to its return to the Australian market in recent months, and also operates routes San Francisco to Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane, as well as Houston to Sydney, and Los Angeles to Sydney.

**Pictured** waving the Aussie flag of growth are the United Airlines team, who recently hailed the relaunch of the LA to Melbourne route at Melbourne Airport.

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### New Belmond VP

**BELMOND** has announced the appointment of Sebastien Samoye as its new Vice President of Real Estate. Samoye will “play a key role in curating the ultimate travel collection for Belmond”, the company said, in line with the LVMH-owned group’s aspirations to become the world’s most desirable luxury travel brand, seeking one-of-a-kind assets for the portfolio.

### Dorchester Tokyo

**DORCHESTER** Collection has announced its first Asian property, with the Dorchester Tokyo set to open in 2028 in the new Torch Tower - Japan’s tallest building.

Dorchester Collection CEO Christopher Cowdray said the new property would “become a beacon for Japan’s ultra-luxury hotel landscape”.

The group currently has nine hotels in London, Paris, Rome, Milan & LA, and will next year add its first Middle East hotel, The Lana in Dubai.

### A&K recruits to lift Crystal profile

**ABERCROMBIE & Kent** has appointed former Silversea Cruises Senior Cruise Director and Chairman’s Ambassador to the Venetian Society, Fernando Barroso de Oliveira, as A&K’s new Chairman’s and Brands Ambassador.

A&K Travel Group CEO Cristina Levis said “with our acquisition of two Crystal ships, we have been hard at work sourcing some of the industry’s finest talent to bring the iconic brand back to life”.

The group’s Co-Chairman, Manfredie Lefebvre d’Ovidio, said in his new role de Oliveira would help raise awareness of the Crystal, A&K and Cox & Kings brands.

Other recent A&K hires include Fabio Agostini as Chief Information Officer (also ex Silversea); Kim R. Berman as Chief Legal and People Officer; and Fernando Delgado Vintimilla to the newly created role of Chief Product Officer.

## PENINSULA ISTANBUL DEBUT



**PENINSULA** Hotels has opened reservations for its new The Peninsula Istanbul, with the property in the Galataport precinct set to formally open its doors from 14 Feb 2023.

The hotel (pictured) comprises a combination of four historic and new buildings on the Bosphorus Strait, with 177 rooms and suites all featuring contemporary Turkish furnishings, kilim style carpets, marble bathrooms and original artworks.

The Peninsula Istanbul has been under development for some years and is in walking distance of key landmarks including Galata Tower, Galata Bridge and the city’s Sultanahmet District.

It welcomes guests via either land or sea, with the flagship Peninsula Suite occupying the entire top floor of the hotel’s southernmost, refurbished

heritage waterfront building.

Said to offer “the most opulent and palatial hotel accommodation in Istanbul”, the suite features a lavish private hammam, fitness room and screening rooms and a huge private rooftop with a personal pool area and a glass-house solarium.

Also on site are an array of special-event venues including a grand ballroom, VIP private dining areas and alfresco spaces, while hotel guests can “partake in a wealth of opportunities to pursue health, relaxation and well-being” including healing spa treatments, plus indoor and outdoor pools.

A launch “Bliss on the Bosphorus” package is available for stays between 14 Feb and 19 Apr 2023, with an array of benefits including dining and spa credits, daily breakfast and more.

See [peninsula.com/en/istanbul](https://peninsula.com/en/istanbul).

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### Azamara returns to Africa and South America

**AZAMARA** Cruises has announced it will return to South Africa and South America for the first time since early 2020, with *Azamara Journey* to conduct six back-to-back South Africa Intensive itineraries.

Sister ship *Azamara Pursuit* will explore South America’s most picturesque coasts including a stop in Rio de Janeiro timed to take part in the famed annual Carnival festivities.

The South America program

will also visit Beagle Channel and the Strait of Magellan as well as the waters of the Antarctic Peninsula, along with stops in the Falkland Islands.

Director of Strategic Itinerary & Destination Planning, Michael Pawlus, said both regions were on the bucket-list for many travellers “and we look forward to our guests discovering the rich culture and local life of these unique destinations with Azamara”.

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**TRIBE Bali Kuta Beach** has opened in Indonesia to offer 165 smart rooms with six different categories of rooms and suites, featuring floor-to-ceiling windows, TRIBE signature beds with extra storage space underneath, mini-fridge, smart TVs, and Nespresso machines. The property also houses a ground floor coffee shop that becomes a bar at night, a rooftop restaurant and bar, an infinity pool, 24/7 gym, and conference rooms.



**QT Gold Coast** has unveiled the first stage of its extensive renovations, which will see its accommodation, conference, events and food and beverage experiences transformed. Among the changes included the QT Ballroom, which has been

reconfigured to fit more guests, new state-of-the-art technology, the extension of the Malibu Room venue onto the rooftop of level two, and the redevelopment of the 293 guest rooms and suites.



Out of the Ordinary Outback has announced the reopening of **Copper City Motel**, located in the NSW outback town of Cobar. The adjacent bar and bistro has been refreshed and now features a new look and outdoor deck, as well as a redesigned dinner and evening pizza menu. The venue also serves as the town's social hub and event space for meetings and birthday, wedding, work and Christmas parties.

## A marathon of achievement



**KARSTEN** Horne, CEO at Reho Travel, recently burst through the finish line of the New York City Marathon, which saw a record number of competitors race for around 42 kilometres in unseasonably warm weather.

In a LinkedIn post, Horne praised the event, which he said was "organised to perfection", adding that race will mean he

"never forgets the atmosphere and support provided by the people of New York".

**Pictured:** Horne proudly displaying his well-earned marathon medallion.

## Villa Ponta Melagrana opens

**A NEW** luxury villa has opened in Montenegro's fishing village of Pržno in southeastern Europe, offering views of the Adriatic Sea, the Sveti Stefan Peninsula and Sveti Nikola Island.

Available only for exclusive hire, Villa Ponta Melagrana caters for up to 20 guests across 10 bedrooms, and features a full service spa complete with a sauna, gym, two pools, and more.

## UK holds appeal

**THE** United Kingdom is proving to be a popular choice among holidaymakers for the Christmas period, with inbound international flights (from outside of Europe) up by 105% year-on-year for Dec.

Travellers from the United States made up 32% of total flight bookings, followed by countries within Europe and then Australia making up 5%, with the majority of travellers to the UK booking longer trips of eight to 14 days.

## Embraer deliveries

**EMBRAER** recorded a 10% increase in deliveries for the third quarter of 2022, when compared to the same period in 2021.

The Brazilian aircraft manufacturer delivered 33 jets between Jul and Sep, including 10 commercial and 23 executive jets (15 light and eight mid-size).

## Vale Giuseppe Bono

**THE** cruise industry is this week mourning the loss of the Giuseppe Bono, who led global cruise shipbuilder Fincantieri for two decades before retiring earlier this year.

"A great leader leaves us," Fincantieri said in a statement yesterday, crediting Bono with steering Fincantieri through the pandemic to achieve record production volumes in 2021.

"His death deeply grieves the whole Fincantieri community."