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Hard Rock, International has opened its first hotel in Europe. The resort on Ibiza has just opened and already boasts one of Europe's most expensive eateries and the brand new Rock Spa concept.

A new feature is Hard Rocks new RFID bracelets which replace room keys and makes getting lost a thing of the past.

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New Heathrow Terminal 2 Now Open

Heathrow's new Terminal 2 opened this month following a four-year redevelopment.



HERE ARE THE NUMBERS

28 Departure gates **126** Check-in desks (including traditional and self-service)
33 Retail shops **17** Restaurants **26** Airlines will use it after six months
£2.5bn Cost of the terminal **634** Toilets **7,106** Seats **42** Water fountains

Dubai Airport Announces Dining Options for Concourse D

Dubai Airports have announced the line-up of restaurants and coffee shops for Dubai International's Concourse D, the new home of more than 100 airlines, elevating the airport's dining experience to a new level.

The line-up, which will see many new brands introduced to Dubai for the first time, includes a casual dining concept which will offer passengers dishes from the renowned celebrity chef Wolfgang Puck.

There is also a CNN Traveller Cafe for the weary business traveller.



FRANKFURT ADDED TO EMIRATES' A380 NETWORK



Emirates soon will be flying the A380 to Frankfurt, Germany. The daily A380 service will start on September 1st. Frankfurt is currently served with a triple daily Boeing 777 operation. From September 1st, EK45 becomes an A380 flight, leaving Dubai at 08:25 and arriving in Frankfurt at 13:15. The return double-decker flight, EK46, departs Frankfurt at 15:20 and lands in Dubai at 23:35.

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Go to Travel By Air France's interactive map and surf from one region of the world to another. Depending on the cities on offer, Air France has chosen unique destinations, hidden-away places and events not to be missed. The guide also offers the possibility of drawing up your own itinerary depending on your length of stay and choosing your activities depending on the weather. All the useful travel information is also detailed.

Travel By Air France also uses interviews with numerous local and international personalities to illustrate each city. Karl Lagerfeld talks about Paris, Gilberto Gil evokes Rio, so you can dream of these destinations.

If you'd rather have a surprise, the guide is adapted to all your travel needs, whether you prefer culture, gastronomy or something else. Air France offers you targeted destinations depending on your needs.

visit: airfrance.com.au



New Business Class Only Jet

Qatar Airways have launched their exclusive BUSINESS ONE aircraft that will make you feel like you're travelling on your own private jet.

A dedicated service between Doha and London, every passenger will experience the airlines award winning Business Class (voted #1 in the world by Skytrax).

The business class only aircraft provides unique levels of comfort and privacy reflecting a truly premium environment. Each of the 40 Business Class seats are tailored in sumptuous black leather with white stitching, inspired by luxury automotive seating design. They afford widebody comfort with 180° true lie-flat bed capability. You can stay connected with OnAir GSM connectivity. Or just indulge in gourmet dining with an on-demand menu.

The new "Business One" service is Qatar Airways' sixth and final flight of its daily roster, departing on this summer schedule at 2155 and arriving into Doha the next morning at 0640, and leaving Doha on QR15 at 1450 to reach Heathrow T4 at 2025. All passengers also have access to the Qatar Premium Lounge in London Heathrow.



BMW'S NEW IMMERSIVE BUSINESS CLASS SEAT

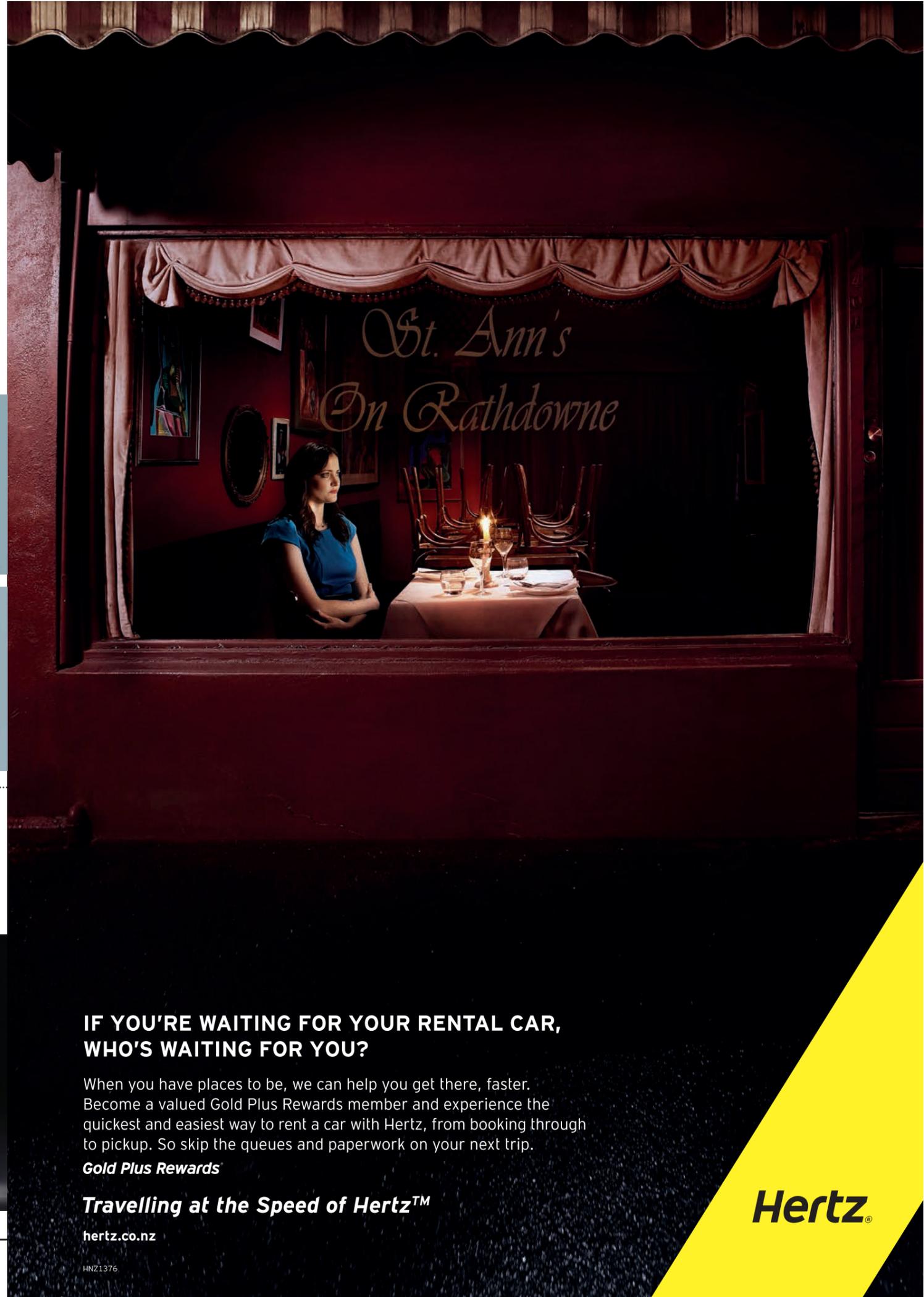
This evolution of the business class seat by BMW Design Works introduces advanced technology innovations like touchpad controls integrated in the seat, Ultra-High Definition (UHD) main display screen, Passenger Control Display, Eye Tracking and Interactive Virtual Landscape Panel, widely regarded as some of the most advanced in the world.



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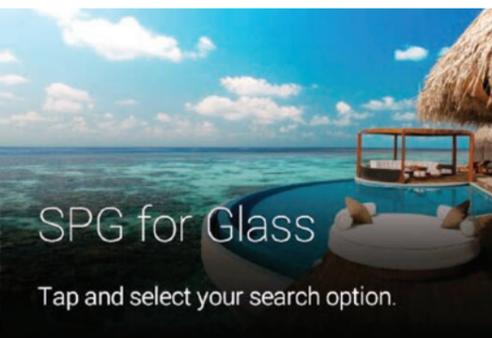
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First-Ever Google Glass App for Hotels

Starwood Hotels have introduced a new app that is the first from a hospitality company to leverage this emerging, wearable technology platform.

The new SPG app for Google Glass empowers mobile travelers with a new view as they explore destinations and book stays at nearly 1,200 hotels worldwide. The new experience will enable guests to review their SPG account and immerse themselves in any of Starwood's properties.

The personalized interface of the new app for Google Glass is ideal for any Glass Explorer, whether the guest is searching for upcoming business trips or a long summer vacation. The app provides users with critical account information, including number of Starpoints.



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NEW CONFERENCE VENUE IN CROMWELL



Heritage Hotels have taken over management of The Lake Resort Cromwell is the newest addition to the rapidly growing Heritage Boutique Collection.

Set on the shores of Lake Dunstan in the South Island of New Zealand, the Lake Resort Cromwell (formerly known as Pisa Range Lake Resort) is a five-star property with purpose-built marina, just seven minutes' drive from Cromwell and 45 minutes' drive from Queenstown and the region's top ski fields. Also close by are a host of award-winning Otago wineries and the recently opened Highlands Raceway.

The architecturally designed over-water villas have been constructed to emulate a boatshed theme. Hugging the lake's edge, the elegant villas can sleep up to eight people and are separable in to one-, two- and three-bedroom accommodation configurations, all with magnificent lake and mountain views. Each villa also has a mooring for a boat, jet-ski or kayaks.

Soon to be completed on the resort is a state-of-the-art conference facility catering for up to 120 people for a banquet. The conference room offers lovely lake views and abundant natural light. The venue can also be divided into two smaller spaces if required.

visit: heritagehotels.co.nz/hotels/lake-resort-cromwell

1ST NOBU HOTEL TO OPEN IN SAUDI ARABIA



Opening in late 2014, the boutique Nobu Hotel will open in the heart of Riyadh and at the epicentre of King Fahd Road close to the key locations for business, arts, culture and shopping.

One of the first luxury boutique hotels in the Kingdom, the Nobu Hotel will house the Nobu Restaurant. In addition guests and local residents will experience the Nobu Tea Lounge, a destination spa with pool and other restaurant and banqueting venues. Keep an eye out for Robert De Niro a partner in the venture.



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A Hotel in the sky

The sky is literally the new limit as Four Seasons continues to reimagine luxury hospitality with the introduction of the Four Seasons Jet, the industry's first fully branded private jet experience.



With Four Seasons on the fuselage and the iconic Four Seasons logo on the tail, the completely retrofitted Boeing 757 will feature interiors and exterior design customized by the company's team of design experts, setting the stage for a travel experience like no other. Beginning in February 2015, the Four Seasons Jet will transport 52 guests on bespoke journeys, offering discerning travellers a distinctly Four Seasons travel

experience from the moment they book their trip. Four Seasons in-flight staff, including a dedicated on-board concierge, will coordinate with local Four Seasons concierges in each destination to ensure that the Four Seasons Private Jet Experience is nothing short of extraordinary.

visit: fourseasons.com/jet



Delano Las Vegas offers first look at ELEVATED HOTEL EXPERIENCE

All-Suite Hotel Now Accepting Room Reservations for September 2014.

Fusing the chic style of the iconic South Beach brand with the vibrant energy of the Las Vegas Strip, Delano Las Vegas will come to life at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino later this year and is now accepting room reservations for stays beginning September.

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Grand Hyatt Taipei gears up for re-launch in 2015

The Grand Hyatt Taipei has completed its first phase of an extensive renovation plan that will see its completion next year, to coincide with its 25th anniversary. All 853 rooms – ranging in size from 33 and 40 square meters to 83 square meters at an executive suite -- have undergone a makeover and are ready for their debut.

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Peppers Hotel Brand Arrives in Canberra

Peppers, will open its first CBD property in Australia in the nation's capital when it takes over management of the Diamant Hotel Canberra.

The boutique hotel will rebrand as Peppers Gallery Hotel Canberra in July and offer 80 superbly appointed hotel rooms complete with Bang and Olufsen plasma TVs, iPod docking stations,

plunger coffee makers, free broadband access, luxurious bathrooms with rain shower and marble vanity tops and original art works throughout.

The hotel offers an acclaimed restaurant – Bicicletta, offering Italian inspired cuisine – with a bar & lounge, fitness centre and day spa amongst the other hotel facilities. The hotel was recently named in the Top 50 Australian boutique hotels by Australian Gourmet Traveller.

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Sofitel So Singapore is now open



French Elegance with Singapore Flair Comes to Singapore's Central Business District.

With a chic blend of culture and cuisine, art and architecture, Sofitel So Singapore has opened its doors in the heart of the Singapore CBD. Set to change the face of Singapore's hospitality scene, Sofitel So Singapore will offer guests a luxury hotel experience that is 'So Singapore', housed within an iconic heritage building built in 1927 on Robinson Road.

Sofitel So Singapore will reveal 134 exquisitely designed rooms located within a So Hip wing and a So Heritage wing. Exciting features include a light-filled atrium that will welcome guests into a lobby with unique artworks and a captivating hexagonal light installation, called L'Hexagone, a plush 'bed-table' within the stunning restaurant and a glamorous golden-tiled rooftop pool with unsurpassed views of the urban city.

Masterfully-created commissioned objects featuring Karl Lagerfeld's "The Lion's Seal" emblem are spotted throughout the hotel including the BookKube, DoorKnockers on the So Heritage Wing and the bespoke bathrobe en nid d'abeille featuring the red and white 'The Lion's Seal' embroidery. An intimate *La Biblotek* decked with a collection of books, curated by the maestro himself, sits beside the Xperience Bar. The front-of-house ambassadors dressed in garde-robe straight from the fashion designer's namesake collection, KARL LAGERFELD, greet guests as they walk through the hotel entrance.

General Manager, Tony Chisholm commented, "We have developed a completely original concept for Singapore with the new Sofitel So Singapore and look forward to welcoming our international and local guests. With the promise of an excellent hospitality experience from Sofitel combined with the playful luxury of the 'So' label, we are confident that Sofitel So Singapore will be an industry benchmark for service, design, gastronomy and an immersive cultural experience of Singapore."

visit: sofitel.com

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InterContinental Brings CONTEMPORARY LUXURY TO OSAKA

InterContinental Osaka has now opened in the centre of Japan's latest commercial development, Grand Front Osaka.

The mixed-use development is a new landmark in the city which also includes office buildings, commercial outlets, a convention centre, academic and entertainment facilities and residences.

InterContinental Osaka offers stunning panoramic views of the city and the surrounding area of western Japan, starting from the hotel's lobby which sits on the 20th floor. Every aspect of the hotel is designed to express the subtle beauty of Japan. The décor combines a motif of natural stones, wood and glass, providing a relaxing ambience away from the bustle of the busy city below.

The hotel offers a total of four meeting and event spaces, all featuring views of the water and greenery surrounding Grand Front Osaka.

visit: ihg.com

Novotel Sydney Parramatta Unveils Multi-million Dollar Renovation

After undergoing an extensive renovation campaign which saw guestrooms and the atrium refurbished, the hotel has unveiled the results of its multi-million dollar makeover.

As part of the renovation, all of the hotel's 194 guestrooms have been tastefully decorated with new contemporary furniture, carpets and soft furnishings, while the bathrooms have received a complete makeover with rich red splashbacks a feature, new showers, vanities and mirrors.

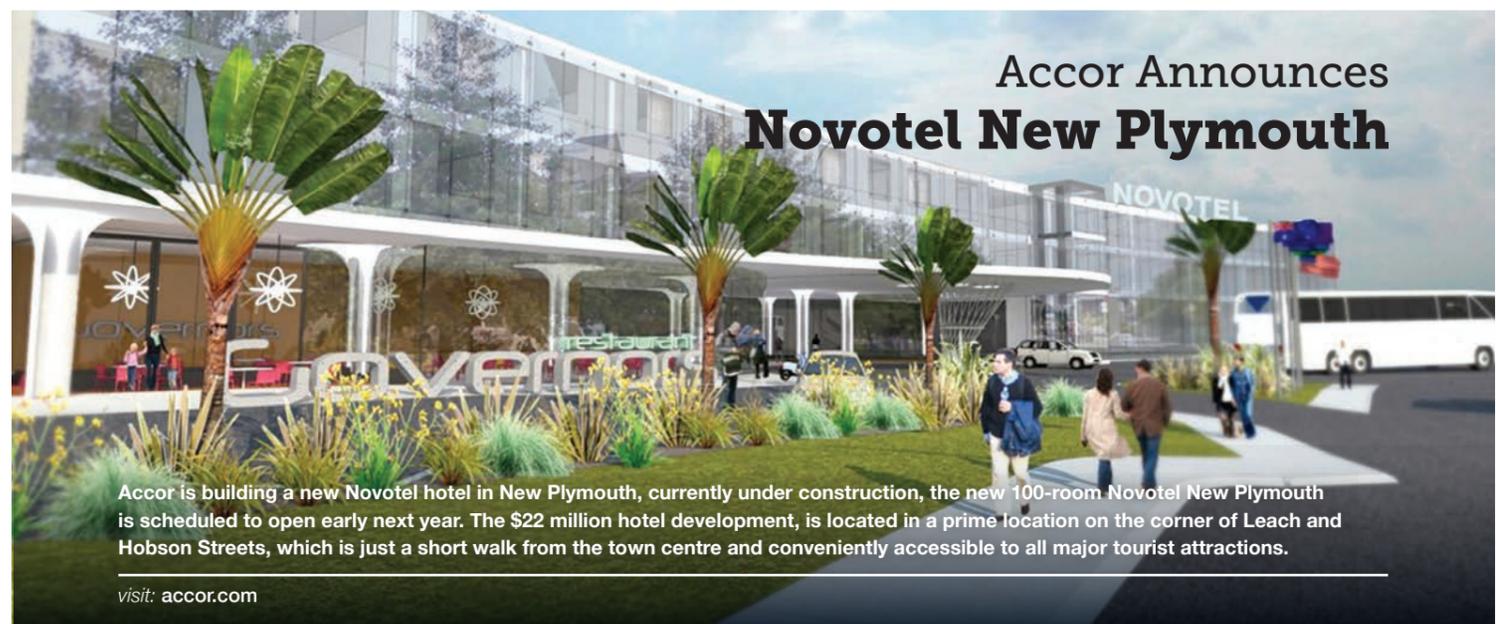
The striking atrium which adorns the lobby of Novotel Sydney Parramatta has also received a fresh new look with chic furniture creating an inviting space for guests to relax.

The completion of the refurbishment could not have come at a better time, with major events such as the NRL Grand Final and upcoming Sydney Festival bringing thousands of people to the area.

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Accor Announces Novotel New Plymouth



Accor is building a new Novotel hotel in New Plymouth, currently under construction, the new 100-room Novotel New Plymouth is scheduled to open early next year. The \$22 million hotel development, is located in a prime location on the corner of Leach and Hobson Streets, which is just a short walk from the town centre and conveniently accessible to all major tourist attractions.

visit: accor.com

AUSTRALIA'S RED CENTRE WINS TOP BUSINESS AWARD HONOUR



Ayers Rock Resort's Uluru Meeting Place has been awarded Australia's top business event honour, the Australian Tourism Award for Business Tourism. Bringing the wow factor to new heights, delegate experiences include helicopter rides over the Red Centre's stunning landscape, immersion in traditional aboriginal experiences including dot painting and dance classes as well as the Sounds of Silence experience where you dine under the canopy of the desert night overlooking Uluru. Flights are readily available from the East and West Coast of Australia including an increased flight service from Melbourne to Uluru with Jetstar.

visit: ayersrockresort.com.au

Brisbane connects up as WiFi New World City

Brisbane has introduced a WiFi system providing free internet throughout its central business and retail district (South Bank and Queen Street Mall) – both of which are set to be popular destinations for Brisbane's G20 guests.

Starwood Hotels return to Melbourne with business focused offering

Only a short time after the 32-story Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Brisbane opened earlier this month, Starwood Hotels has launched Sheraton Melbourne in the cultural hub of Victoria. Sheraton Melbourne is located at the Paris end of the city's central business district and largely caters for the corporate market. The well-equipped business centre and hotel will feature 174 guest rooms and over 650 square metres of meetings space. The hotel's leisure features will allow delegates to continue with business in the bistro-style signature restaurant or at the terrace bar that over looks Melbourne's city skyline.

visit: starwoodhotels.com



National Wine Centre of Australia offers more for business events

The National Wine Centre of Australia in South Australia, Australia's wine state capital city, has improved its offering for business event groups. On the doorstep of the stunning Barossa Valley, home to some of Australia's most famous vineyards, including Penfolds, Chappell Hill, d'Arenberg, Jacobs Creek and Seppeltsfield, the centre now boasts six pillarless function spaces. A corporate wine tasting option allows delegates to find the perfect wine from the 38,000 bottles stored in the cellar door.

visit: wineaustralia.com.au



Mantra Group plans for Corporate Hotel in Townsville, Queensland

Australia's Mantra Group is continuing with its domestic expansion plans announcing a brand new 185-room hotel set to open in 2016. Mantra Townsville has extensive conferencing facilities for up to 500 delegates and 185 hotel rooms and suites offering contemporary style and comfort as well as a convenient central location for delegates. The hotel will be close to the Riverway Precinct, one of Townsville's most exciting destinations for business events boasting two large swimming lagoons, a multi-purpose arts centre with a capacity of 420, a contemporary art gallery, and a 10,000 capacity sports stadium.

visit: mantra.com.au/queensland



New waterfront business venue at Tangalooma Island Resort

Tangalooma Island Resort will launch a new all-purpose waterfront conference and events venue, the Waterfront Pavilion in April. With stunning views overlooking the Glasshouse Mountains and the South East Queensland coastline, the waterfront pavilion can cater for up to 300 delegates. The location enables delegates to relax with light ocean breezes in the private garden gazebo, the perfect sanctuary to entertain with cocktails and canapés after a jam-packed day of wild dolphin feeding and sand tobogganing on a desert safari.

visit: tangalooma.com

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Darrin Grafton, Serko CEO



Serko is to become the only trusted corporate travel and expense management partner for every corporation and corporate traveller in the world.

They know a lot about travelling because they do a lot of it themselves (a product of living on the bottom right hand corner of the globe). Started in 1994 and just listed on the NZX in June 2014, Serko is now Australasia's leading online corporate travel booking and expense management company for organisations that have staff out on the road. Every single thing that Serko does is designed to make corporate travel as cost effective and as simple as possible for travel administrators and travellers alike.

Serko is a story of travel technology innovation – Serko Online and Serko Incharge are extraordinary cloud-

based products that work together to deliver a best-in-class travel and expense management solution, or work independently with existing systems to help solve specific problems. Together they help organisations to reduce the cost of their corporate travel programmes and simplify the process of booking, approving and reconciling travel expenditure.

Over the last ten years, in an effort to reduce costs and simplify processes, organizations have gone out to the market with big global managed travel RFPs to find a single global TMC capable of solving all of their travel problems. While this is great in theory and makes good sense in the boardroom, what many have found is that there simply is no single TMC capable of doing everything, for everyone, everywhere. And, as many have found out the hard way, that's a problem that can easily end up costing them far more than they ever actually save.

The solution is a shift towards localised procurement that allows organisations to work with best-in-class regional TMCs that have local knowledge and local expertise. Companies adopting Serko products add them as a self-service layer to their existing email and telephone-based travel management solutions. Serko Online doesn't replace their existing TMC but provides a value-add layer that puts travellers and travel administrators in control.

Online Booking Tools are proven to save money, empower travellers and, most importantly, allow procurement teams to move between TMCs without losing continuity of technology. With the OBTool at the heart of the relationship between the customer and the TMC, the relationship between the TMC and the corporation changes quite considerably.

But without access to local low cost travel providers, taxi suppliers and other regional players it's impossible for any single OBTool to cut through on a global scale, which explains why with the help of NuTravel in the USA and KDS in Europe, Serko invented the Mundi Global Alliance.

For sure, it's still early days for Mundi, but if the trend towards regional buying continues and the importance of OBTools continue to grow as they are forecast to do, then Mundi should be extremely well positioned to take advantage of the trend. Through Mundi corporations get the best of all worlds. They get local content in a best of breed OBTool, which can be supported by the TMC of their choosing. They also get a single global contract and SLA which Mundi Partners all adhere to. Mundi is the only true 'glocal' travel provider for multinational organisations.

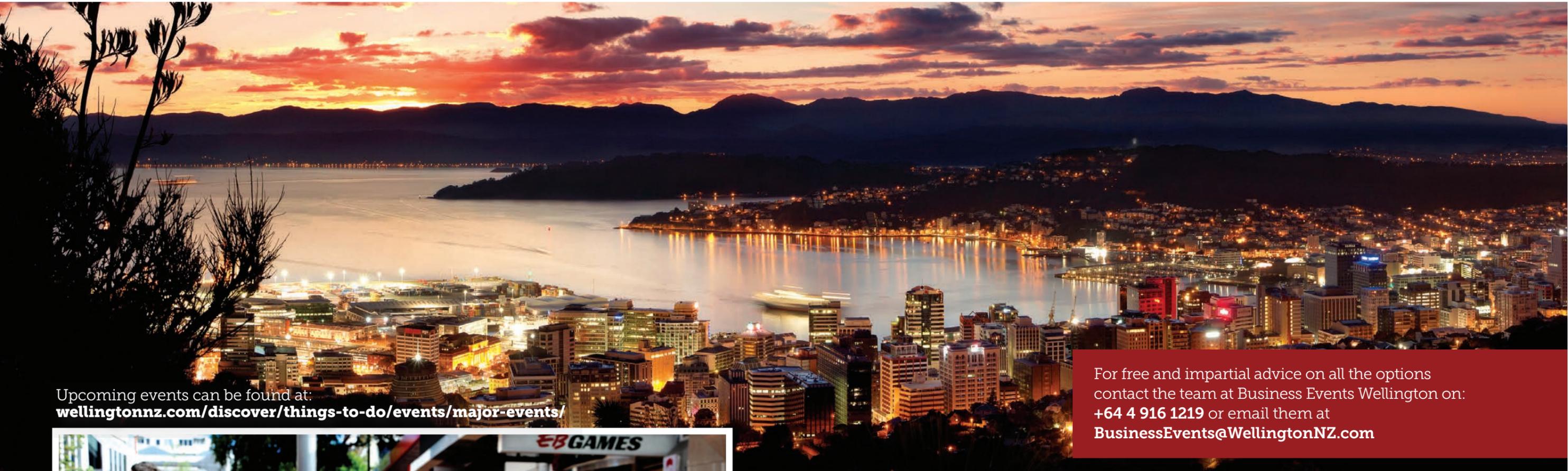
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DOING BUSINESS IN WELLINGTON

Wellington is the perfect destination to host your next business event. Being the central hub of the domestic air network means it's easy to access for delegates from all around the country. There are also daily direct trans-Tasman services between the capital and the major cities on Australia's eastern seaboard. What's more you'll save time and money with the close proximity of the city centre to the airport. A 15 minute drive from the airport to the CBD is convenient to say the least.

There's never been a better time to visit Wellington for events



Upcoming events can be found at: wellingtonnz.com/discover/things-to-do/events/major-events/

For free and impartial advice on all the options contact the team at Business Events Wellington on: +64 4 916 1219 or email them at BusinessEvents@WellingtonNZ.com



Cuba St

Once you've arrived the city is so compact it allows maximum time to do business, as you don't have to factor in long transfers between hotels and venues. In fact you'll probably end up walking between them, saving even more money.

The city offers a range of iconic venues to hold your event. The Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa, and the St James Theatre are just two of Positively Wellington Venues' repertoire of 6 key venues.

There's also an array of accommodation options, with 3,000 beds available from 5-star luxury to budget.

Wellington's special in the way it combines big city style and facilities with the charm and personality of a village. It ticks all the boxes as a perfect destination to combine business with leisure:

- Vibrant arts scene, world class cuisine and outdoor activities like mountain biking
- Creative, cosmopolitan city
- Great for retail therapy with boutiques stocking local and international designers and quirky gift stores
- Picturesque waterfront setting, easy to get to and quick to get around once you're here.

And if you're looking to make your event a memorable one Wellington has a vibrant cultural calendar to help. Timing your business event to coincide with one of the city's many sports or arts events could be the difference between a good and an unforgettable experience. The Wellington calendar is packed with iconic annual events. From the first-class food feast that is **Visa Wellington On**, to the wondrous **Brancott Estate World of WearableArt Awards Show**, to the

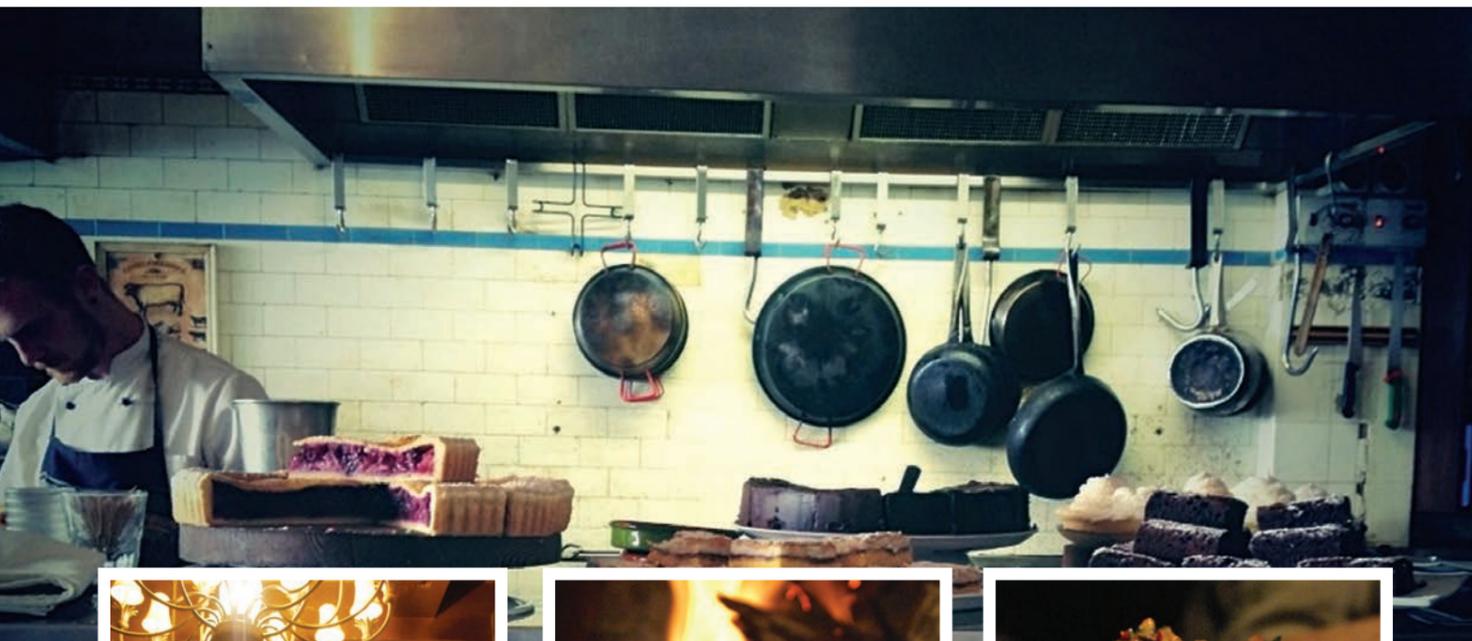
national symphonies and to **mesmerising musicals**, Wellington has something to suit the tastes of all delegates and families.

visit: Wellingtonnz.com



EL MATADOR CAFE ASADOR GRILL & BAR

A Cuba Street 'Fave'



It was El Matador's gold lettered restaurant window and authentic decor that first attracted our attention as we strolled down Wellington's dining hot spot, Cuba Street on an early autumn morning. It looked so interesting we decided to go back that night for dinner.

Once inside that evening, it was like stepping back into the 1930s Buenos Aires, boasting NZ's first wood-fired asadores and parrilla and an open kitchen, El Matador just screamed authentic 'old world' style food.

The ambience is as just as good as the food, we tasted a wide range of traditional tapas including roasted provolone with dried oregano & Spanish paprika, grilled beef short ribs with chimichurri which were just mouthwatering and combined with a Trivento 'Tribu' Pinot Noir 2011 from Mendoza, Argentina the evening was warming up.

A good sign was that El Matador was rapidly filling up and I am sure that with the paint peeling off the wall, candles glowing and portraits of a young Castro and Che Chavez on the wall and with intellectual looking patrons, Ernest Hemingway would have felt totally at home in this rustic setting.

Next up was the mains, Asado (Argentine BBQ) of the day, lamb, pork grilled the traditional Argentine way served with chapa potatoes and cos, tomato & red onion salad, chased down with an award winning Marques de Casa Concha Merlot 2010 from Maipo Valley, Chile – A vibrant atmosphere,

great food, relaxed but attentive service, it doesn't get much better than this.

Naturally we had to push things that one step too far by ordering Churros with warmed, spiced chocolate sauce with a few Lustau Pedro Ximenez 'San Emilio' sherries from Jerez, Spain, what a way to end a unique meal at El Matadors, the attention to detail is what makes this place real. Highly recommended.

visit: elmatador.co.nz

THE CRAB SHACK

Simon Gault's Crab Shack on the Wellington waterfront is HOT



Having lived in the USA for many years, as soon as I stepped foot into Simon Gault's relatively new Crab Shack, I got it.

Located at the southern end of Shed 5 on Queen's Wharf on Wellington's waterfront, it's casual, bustling, colourful with big screen TV's set in the roof and baskets full of freshly cooked crabs being taken to every table as fast as they are cooked.

Based on a coastal Cape Cod theme, The Crab Shack specialises in seafood with a special emphasis on crab.

Despite being almost totally full on a Friday night, we were seated quickly and soon were served with a starter Corn chip platter, guacamole, crab & corn with Indian pumpkin dip.

Followed by a BBQ vodka cured Akaroa salmon, prelibato cucumber & horseradish cream shack snack.

I decided to throw all caution to the wind and ordered a Crab Club Sour cocktail

consisting of Canadian club, lime and gingerale which seemed the perfect drink for the laid back atmosphere while my guest had a passionfruit Caipirinha, a mixture of cachaca rum, passionfruit, lime and sugar.

Both drinks were beautiful and at \$NZ 14 were very reasonably priced, so much so that we worked out the more we ordered the more we saved. There is also a modest NZ wine list perfectly suited to seafood or steak including a Carrick Unravelled 2012 Pinot Noir.

For my main course we couldn't go past the Crab Shack's signature dish the "The King!" 800g of Red King Crab with jalapeno crème fraiche, bloody mary mayo & lemon. You can't help get a bit messy but that's part of the fun. The crab was perfect not overwhelming taste wise just perfect.

It was very entertaining to watch the open kitchen with their huge crab pots and just to watch all the diners tucking in to baskets of crabs.

With more Crab Shack's rumored to be opening, they seemed to have got it right, fresh seafood at great prices, with flawless yet casual service in the perfect location. Who needs to go to Cape Cod when you have the Crab Shack on Wellington's waterfront.

visit: crabsack.co.nz

When in Wellington
Global Traveller recommends





New look InterContinental Wellington Club International Lounge



Deluxe Guestroom enhancements include king-sized beds, digital audio units and reconfigured bathrooms with walk-in showers and the double option of handheld and rain shower heads.

New look InterContinental Wellington Guest Room

InterContinental Hotel The Art of Maximising Wellington

Wellington's only international five star hotel, InterContinental Wellington, opens the next stage of its multi-million dollar refurbishment to guests with the completion of its Club InterContinental Guest Rooms and Club InterContinental Lounge.

The luxurious hotel, part of the globally recognised InterContinental Hotels Group brand, is a popular home away from home for discerning travellers visiting the capital city, and has kept guests' requirements firmly in view when incorporating many new design features in the remodel.

The first phase, completed just prior to last Christmas saw the introduction of a newly defined Deluxe Guest Room category of 84 rooms.

Now the second of three phases gives guests the option of upgrading to the new Club InterContinental Guest Rooms, offering an even greater sense of luxury with additional comfort features as well as access to the personalised service of the Club InterContinental Lounge.

The 64 Club Guest Rooms have been totally recreated, including state of the art electronic room controls which include the curtains (operated by the touch of a

button while still in bed), digital lighting, air conditioning/heating and optional frosting of the glass in the shower windows.

Showcasing one of the most outstanding features of Wellington – the harbour and its interaction with the landscape and people – the new Club InterContinental Lounge takes advantage of the hotel's position, spanning the total width of the hotel and overlooking the whole harbour with truly stunning views, day and night.

Complementing the views and enhancing the ambience of luxurious comfort, the Lounge features three cuisine occasions during each day: The Club InterContinental chef prepares a hot and cold buffet breakfast, afternoon tea of sweet and savoury treats, all-day barista coffee, and twilight drinks with canapés, served with a selection of the finest crafted beers and New Zealand wines.

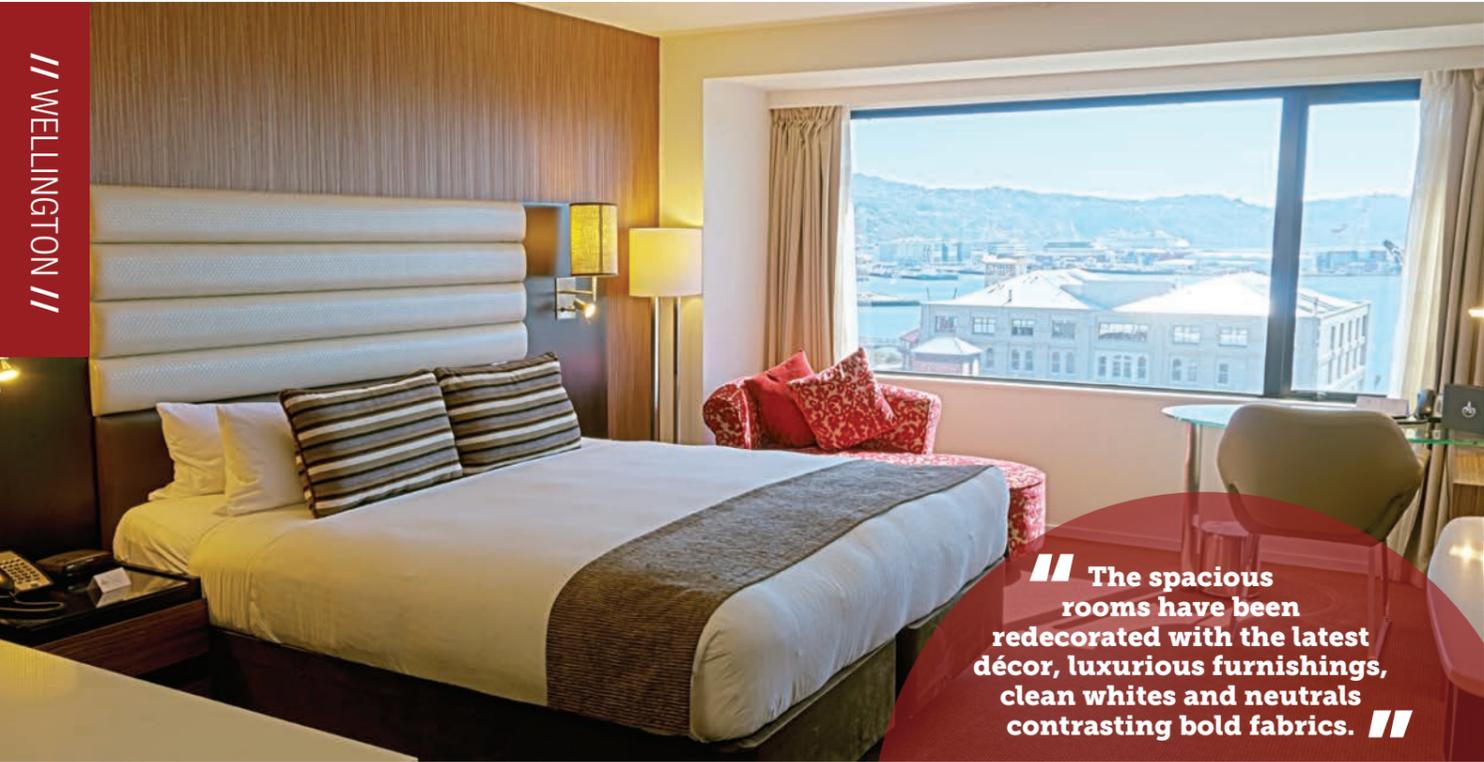
The final stage of the hotel's remodel is a total refurbishment of The Lobby Lounge, Chameleon Restaurant and meeting rooms. A new sense of arrival will be created within a redesigned reception supported by the Concierge team's wealth of local insights.

The new-look InterContinental Wellington is scheduled to be completed by early September.

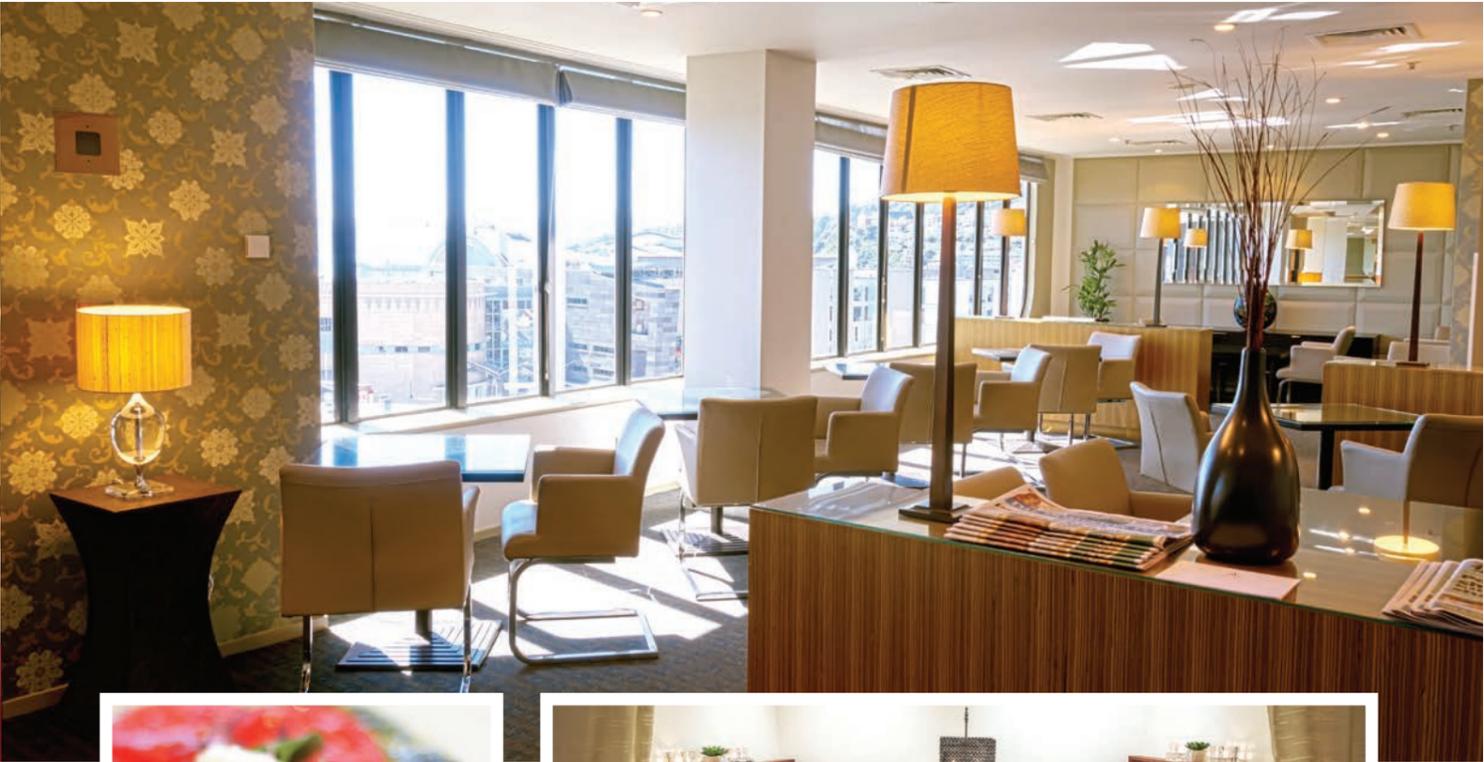
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// It's our job to continue to deliver excellence so both our business and leisure guests benefit from our global expertise. //



// The spacious rooms have been redecorated with the latest décor, luxurious furnishings, clean whites and neutrals contrasting bold fabrics. //



AMORA HOTEL WELLINGTON Welcomes You

This fabulous, downtown hotel redefines superior comfort and luxury, with a contemporary style in New Zealand's Capital City



Located right in the arts and entertainment precinct, nearly all rooms at Amora Hotel Wellington command unobstructed views of the Wellington harbour and/or the city.

Situated in the heart of the arts, entertainment and business precincts Amora Hotel Wellington is only a short walk to the buzzing waterfront and Te Papa Museum. It is also an ideal spot for shopping lovers, with the funky Cuba Street just up the road and the designer shops of Lambton Quay close by. Amora Hotel Wellington is truly the perfect location for both business and leisure travellers!

The hotel's 192 rooms have stunning views of the Wellington harbour and city vista. The spacious rooms have been redecorated with the latest décor, luxurious furnishings, clean whites and neutrals contrasting bold fabrics, modern artwork and enhanced amenities. Featuring Deluxe Rooms, Club Rooms and Club Suites the hotel offers all the niceties you would expect from a leading international hotel.

Experience first class in the exclusive Club Lounge located on the ninth floor, boasting magnificent views of the harbour and city. Designed for relaxation or business, the lounge offers complimentary gourmet breakfast, daily refreshments, an evening

cocktail and canapé service from 5.30pm to 7.30pm, complimentary WiFi and full access to the VIP lift from the lobby directly to the Club Lounge for club guests only. The lounge is only available to Club guests staying in Club Rooms and Club Suites on the top floor. The Club Lounge delivers a truly sophisticated and unforgettable experience.

The multi-award winning Grill Restaurant is perfect for those elegant and intimate dining occasions set in stunning five star surroundings. The Grill provides a fusion of contemporary New Zealand and international cuisine perfectly matched with complimentary wines, serving a la carte lunch and dinner as well as a daily full buffet breakfast service. The seasonal menu is structured from the best of New Zealand and regional produce to create an alchemy of flavour, colour and texture. Crisp linen tables, an impressive smart wine list and the aroma of bread baking on the premises compliment this sophisticated yet intimate restaurant.

Getting down to business is easy at Amora Hotel Wellington with 10 unique conference spaces. All venues are perfectly flexible to tailor make a conference and event solution that is just right for you. From banquets to meetings, trade displays to breakouts, board meetings to business breakfasts, product launches to cocktail functions, Amora Hotel Wellington is the complete venue for 2-300 delegates.

An additional luxury within the hotel is the award-winning Bodyhaven Spa offering guests the highest level of comfort and relaxation, located on the Mezzanine floor of the hotel. Receiving awards for Best Luxury Hotel Spa and Best Luxury Boutique Spa in New Zealand for the 2014 World Luxury Spa Awards, this boutique spa provides guests with a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere in which they can completely unwind. Spoilt for choice, the spa offers a range of desirable services such as massages, facials, manicures, pedicures, spa packages and herbal relaxing aromatherapy baths. The spa features an authentic Moroccan tea room, manicure and pedicure stations, single and double spa suites fitted with therapeutic copper tubs, and a dedicated spa function room. Also, Bodyhaven has proudly partnered with Singapore Airlines to offer exclusive rates to their frequent flyers!

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James Cook Hotel GRAND CHANCELLOR

A well known icon of New Zealand's Capital



// 268 rooms, two restaurants and bars and a complimentary in-house gymnasium. //

Noted for its friendly, professional service and well-appointed accommodation, the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor is the destination of choice for today's discerning business and holiday traveller.

Located in the heart of the city, the hotel is conveniently located for access to Government and business offices, Parliament, convention and event centres, and shopping precincts.

The hotel is located straight off The Terrace motorway off-ramp and also features a direct pedestrian thoroughfare to the leading retail district of Lambton Quay and business hub of The Terrace. Shopping, entertainment and Wellington's main attractions are just a short stroll away. The hotel is the closest 4.5 star hotel to Shed 6; Wellington's newest convention and entertainment venue located at the waterfront, making the hotel the ideal location for meeting planners and conference delegates.

The hotel features 268 accommodation rooms, two restaurants and bars and a complimentary in-house gymnasium. The exclusive 26th floor Club Lounge offers the pinnacle of executive comfort with complimentary full buffet breakfast, evening bar service and a business centre with spectacular harbour views.

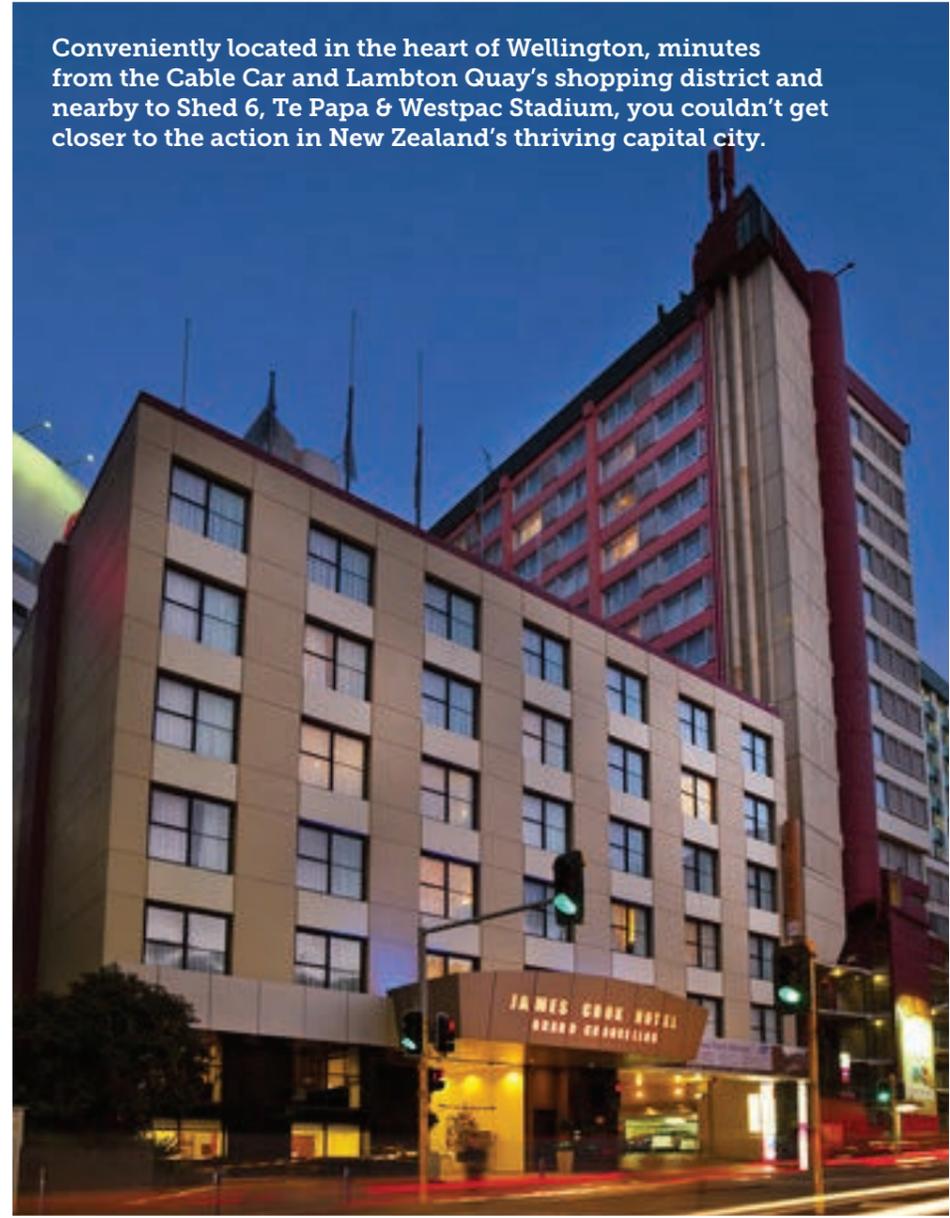
The hotel offers a versatile conference venue for a wide range of events – from small breakfasts and board meetings to conferences, training workshops and evening cocktails and gala dinners. The hotel has a diverse selection of eight meeting and conference rooms, with seating for up to 240 delegates and 200 banquet style. The entire conference floor and Whitby's Restaurant can also be utilised for large events and tradeshow for up to 600 guests.

Open seven days a week, Whitby's Restaurant offers an extensive buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner with an À la carte dinner menu also available. Another option is Sojourn Café and Bar located in the lobby of the hotel and offers fantastic contemporary cuisine at an affordable price, as well as great coffee and snack food.

The James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor acknowledges its role in protecting New Zealand's natural environment and aspires to be leaders in this field. The hotel is committed to providing great customer service and quality accommodation whilst meeting its environmental and social responsibilities. Recently the hotel secured the country's highest hotel environment award; the 2014 Greenfield Hotel Industry Environmental Initiative Award. The hotel is thrilled to have received this award which recognises a hotel that has shown innovation above and beyond all others in order to neutralise its impact on the environment.



Club Lounge



Conveniently located in the heart of Wellington, minutes from the Cable Car and Lambton Quay's shopping district and nearby to Shed 6, Te Papa & Westpac Stadium, you couldn't get closer to the action in New Zealand's thriving capital city.

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WHAREKAUHAU LODGE

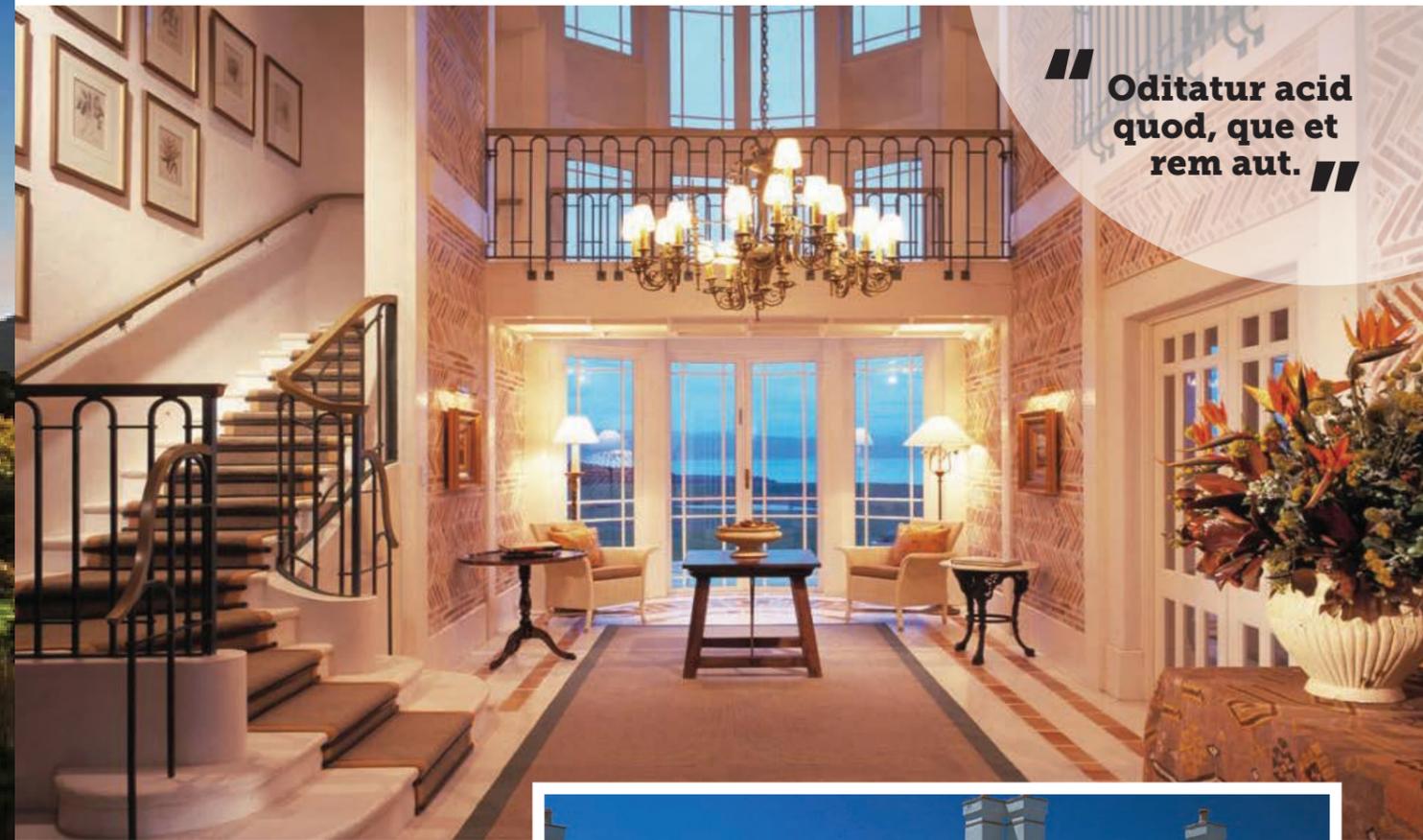
The Ultimate Corporate Retreat



Throw yourself into a bygone era and enjoy the grandeur and gracious lifestyle of the Edwardian times reflected in Wharekauhau.



As you wander into the grand lodge, what catches the eye is the awe-inspiring view over Palliser Bay, framed perfectly from every vantage point. Each room in the main lodge has a different feel, from large open lounges to smaller and more intimate areas such as the Palliser Room or Drawing Room. The antique furniture and over-sized fireplaces throughout the lodge capture the grandeur of yesteryear.



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One of the best-placed Wellington hotels for the smart traveller who appreciates great value.



With close proximity to the city's financial hub as well as many Wellington attractions, such as Wellington Zoo, the Wellington Cable Car, the Te Papa Museum of New Zealand and the Wellington Botanic Gardens, Travelodge Hotel Wellington is perfectly located for both business and leisure travel.

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WELLINGTON AIRPORT

Busy City Airport at the Heart of the Nation

Wellington Airport is at the heart of the nation, welcoming 5.5 million passengers a year. It is world recognised for its unique architecture and sculptures from *The Hobbit*.



Gandalf Swoops into the Terminal

Recently a Great Eagle swooped into the main terminal building giving Gandalf a glimpse of the runway. What could be more suitable in the middle of middle-earth, than a sculpture of an evocative image from *The Hobbit*. The Great Eagle and Gandalf share the space with the impressive Gollum sculpture which is also suspended from the ceiling.

Southern Terminal Expansion

Wellington Airport is continually investing to stay ahead of growth and maintain the best passenger experience possible with the highest level of service for airlines. Over the last 15 years the airport has invested \$300 million in travel and tourism infrastructure.

The Airport is in the planning stages to extend the main terminal by about 35 metres to the south. The expansion will provide more lounge space with better amenities including expanded retail offerings, toilets and lifts.

The extension will be in a similar style to the existing terminal on the outside but with an innovative interior design. It is expected to be finished around 2015 and will cater for 6 million visitors.

Exciting Retail

There is an exciting array of retail options at Wellington Airport, which now includes Country Road.

In addition there are a variety of shopping options including: Witchery, Icebreaker, Silvermoon, Discover NZ, Antipodes, 3 Wise Men, Relay, Sunglass Hut, JR Duty Free to name a few. So if you are ever stuck for a gift idea this is the place to explore.

In addition to fantastic shopping the coffee is world class, Wellington Airport's Mojo has been named second best airport coffee shop in the world.

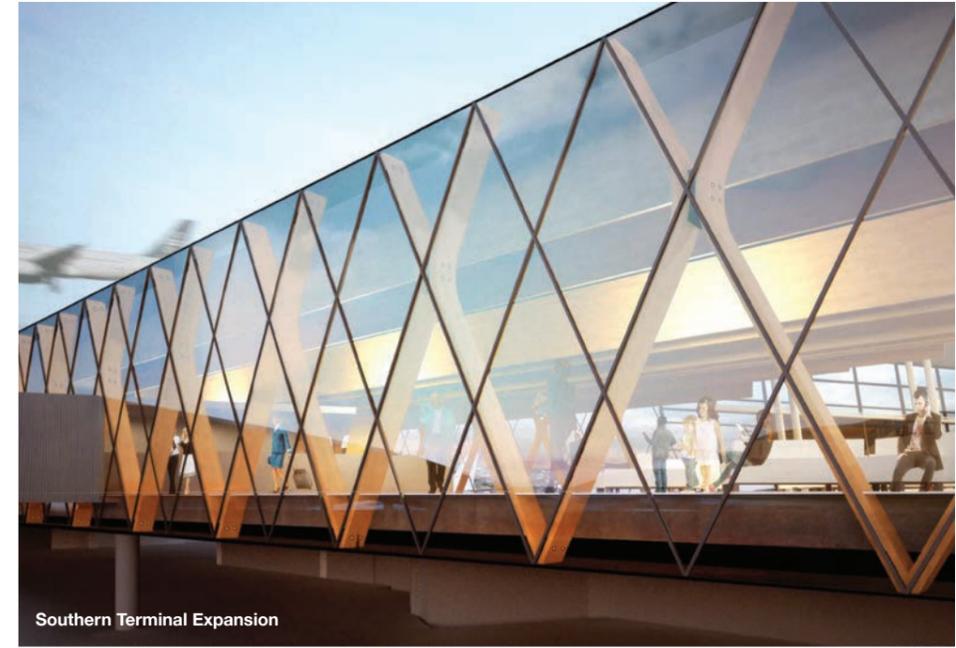
Conference Centre

Wellington Airport has a unique Conference Centre located conveniently in the heart of the terminal. The floor to ceiling windows of the dedicated Conference Centre not only provide great natural light, they open up expansive views of Gollum, the bustling terminal below, runway and beyond to the ever changing Lyall Bay surfing beach.

Attendees can fly in, have a meeting and fly out again. It is a central meeting point for people from the South Island and the top of the north.

The Conference Centre encompasses 10 tastefully decorated rooms that can accommodate meetings from 2 – 100 people in a variety of styles. The rooms are competitively priced with both half day and full day rates available. They offer in-house catering and a team of dedicated friendly conference staff.

If you would like further information about the Conference Centre, please contact:
conference@wellingtonairport.co.nz
04 3855199
www.wellingtonairport.co.nz



Southern Terminal Expansion



The Rock



Conference Centre

Hotel Review

NOVOTEL WELLINGTON

Located on The Terrace with direct lift access to Lambton Quay, the Novotel Wellington couldn't be more handy to the CBD, parliament and the waterfront.

Once my car was valet parked in the underground parking I didn't have to use it again for a few days. Interesting to note that if you are driving a hybrid, you get to park for free.

The lobby is compact to say the least but check in took just minutes to complete and there is also two Mac work stations available.

All 139 rooms have been recently refurbished and I found them to be very modern, spacious and the bed super comfortable. There is an ergonomic work area for those late night reports, a connectivity panel, cabled and WiFi internet. I was even able to dock my iPad and stream my favorite radio station.

Novotel really has the corporate hotel down to a fine art and if you have a harbour view room, you really couldn't ask for more from a four star hotel so it comes down to service and the Novotel Wellington has it in spades,



Novotel Wellington newly refurbished room

despite early starts the staff always seemed to be smiling and cheerful in that Kiwi way. The bar tender from South Africa who looks after everyone during happy hour (5-7pm) just loves his job and couldn't be more professional. Ranked the #5 hotel out of 50 in Wellington on TripAdvisor and I could see why, clean, great location, value for money – it ticked all the boxes.

By Brent Gibson.

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Kiwi business or leisure trips can now feature a touch of luxury following the introduction this spring, of the new Lexus ES300h into Hertz New Zealand's Prestige Collection which is sure to impress even the most discerning renters.

Sometimes a little luxury is essential in every journey, and your choice of rental car can be a great place to start. From exploring the open road in America to navigating the city streets of Paris, a specialty vehicle can turn a good trip into something really special.

Hertz has recently unveiled a range of new cars globally to ensure that you travel in style. These include impressive marques in the Dream Collection, heart-pumping vehicles in the Adrenaline Collection and sophisticated cars in the Prestige Collection. The diverse new fleet offers an unparalleled range of vehicles with enhanced features and services that add an extra level of luxury to any trip, be it for business or pleasure.

Experience the thrill of driving on the German autobahns with a Jaguar XK Convertible. You'll really get a sense for what these great roads offer drivers when you hit the high speeds. Or make like James Bond in London, and hire an iconic Aston Martin DB9. Cruise Pall Mall and take in the impressive sights along the Thames as you experience luxury at its best.

The Hertz Dream Collection will make any motoring enthusiasts' dreams come true. If you've ever dreamed of driving a Maserati Granturismo down the Champs-Élysées, now you can make it a reality. Travellers to the US can also get in on the action by taking a SRT Viper for a spin down Route 66, or turning heads along Rodeo Drive in a Ferrari California.

Closer to home, when your next in Australia you can navigate a Porsche Cayman around Melbourne's trendy city centre – or take a Porsche Boxster to the beaches of the Sunshine Coast.

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The New Lexus ES300H

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The GS350 is the perfect executive car, with a solid and direct feel, there isn't a sacrifice in ride comfort or practicality. If you are after comfort, you won't be disappointed.



With an artfully decorated leather interior and the most amazing front seats, even at 6'4" my seat wrapped around me like a soft kid glove. When I was hot it blew cold air through my clothes, and when I was cold it kept me warm. I cannot stress how much I loved my new chair.

Being used to a European SUV, I like a car to feel solid on the road and the GS350 delivers yet the steering also feels incredibly nimble at the same time. The perfect combination.

At night time the car is even more impressive, with recessed lighting, which reminded me of the A380 business class cabin. A huge screen for the SatNav and a dash glowing blue all add to the futuristic feel.

Turn the button on the centre console to the right, put your foot down and everything changes, the instrument now emits a red hue and magically a rev counter appears.

You can tell you are in sports mode just by the snarls and growls coming from the V6 engine.

The roar of the engine is an experience to behold, raw but refined at the same time. Turn the knob back to the left and its back to being a well behaved limo. It leaves you wondering if you just imagined you were



just driving a space age sports car that sounded like it belonged at Le Mans. It's true, you do get two cars for the price of one when you buy a GS350.

Another amazing feature of the Lexus is the cruise control with radar braking. There has been recent talk about driverless cars in the future, well they are pretty much here. Once on a motorway simply set the system for the desired speed, recline in my favorite lounge and the car does almost everything else.

I must admit I felt incredibly brave not touching the brakes once doing 102kph when the traffic ahead had come to a complete stop. It's a truly surreal experience, your foot

can't help trying to brake. You do this sort of mid air dance above the pedals. In fact my 8 year old son and I invented a game called "Shall I brake?".

But here is the strange thing just 48 hours later we are going down the motorway (yet again) hugged by my seat, satnav loaded, stereo and radar on, not braking became the norm. I somehow naturally spent less time looking at the road, really just checking I'm still in the right lane from time to time.

The Lexus GS350 is a fantastic car, I felt safer with the car driving than me, it really is a car of two halves.

By Karl Schutt.

LATEST TRAVEL APPS

WordLens

One of the most amazing apps ever, WordLens lets you translate signs, menus etc through your smartphone camera in real time. Simply point your phone at what you want to translate and the app will show it on your screen in the language you chose. So impressive is this app that Google brought the company.

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Yelp

Yelp connects people with great local businesses. Yelp communities have taken root in major metros across the US, Canada, UK, Ireland, France, Germany, Austria, The Netherlands, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Australia, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Singapore, Poland, Turkey, New Zealand, the Czech Republic, Brazil, Portugal, Mexico and Japan. Yelp had a monthly average of 132 million unique visitors in the first quarter of 2014. By the end of the same quarter, Yelpers had written more than 57 million rich, local reviews, making Yelp the leading local guide for real word-of-mouth on everything from boutiques and mechanics to restaurants and dentists. June 2014 saw the launch of a new video feature.

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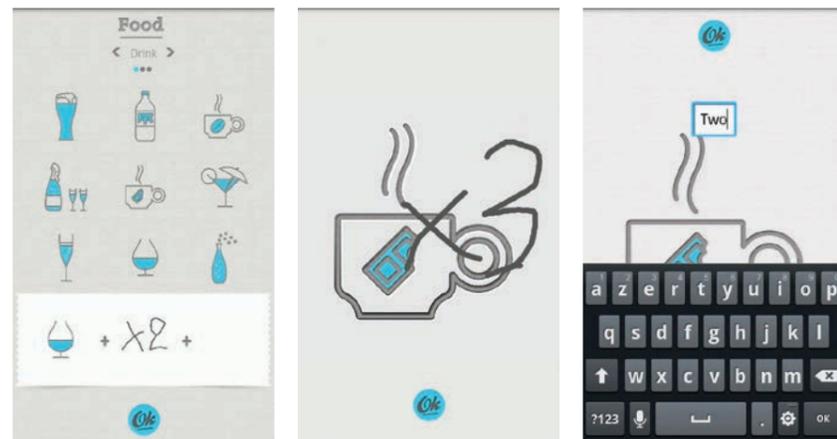
ImageIt

Images can be your best friend when you find yourself up against the language barrier. Easy for travellers, "Image It" mobile application provides more than 400 pictograms to help you get your message across.

You can combine a series of pictograms, such as "taxi + airport + price" and even add in real pictures from your phone or draw on the ones provided.

App can be used offline in order to avoid roaming charges. In fact, the entire content of the application is installed in the phone's memory, allowing you to use the application anywhere you go.

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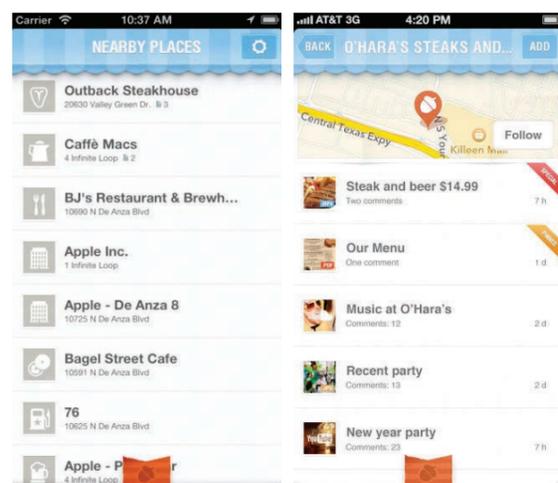


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GADGETS

Hi Def pocket projector

This pocket projector is perfect for showing video and images on the go. It outputs 1080p high-definition video up to 60-inches diagonally, and connects all HDMI-based devices. It can run for up to two hours on a single charge, and includes dual built-in speakers. All this, and it fits in the palm of your hand, or even in your pocket. And it's great for playing games or movies off your smartphone onto your hotel room.

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Google Chromecast Video Streamer

Google Chromecast is an inexpensive, USB-based device that allows you to stream video content from your laptop or smartphone over Wi-Fi connections for quick and easy TV or movie viewing. It plugs into most modern TVs equipped with USB ports, but requires your smartphone on hand to act as the remote control. So now you don't have to rely on dodgy hotel entertainment.



Grid-it Get Organised

Grid-it is a simple organization system made up of dozens of elastic bands that hold devices firmly to the inside case. It's slim and features a rear zippered pocket for more storage.

Business travellers often have many gadgets that get lost in your clothes in your luggage – but now there is a simple answer.



GorillaPod

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For business travellers who take photos on their smartphone rather than a digital point-and-shoot camera and if you are in to "selfies". Then the GorillaPod stand can angle your phone at any angle. With its flexible tripod legs, they can wrap around objects. It's quick to set up, and easy to use, and can really help capture that moment without the need to keep your hands glued to your mobile device.

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NEW LOOK FIJI PRINCESS LAUNCHES

Blue Lagoon Cruises has relaunched its flagship vessel Fiji Princess back into the waters of Fiji following a \$1.2m refurbishment last month.



All interiors have been completely made over, and, paying tribute to the company's long maritime history, the theme is nautically inspired.



Blue Lagoon cruises are popular with people wanting to experience the 'real' Fiji – rather than just sitting in a 5 star resort for their holiday – and being a smaller boutique cruise ship means they can get right up close to the beaches and islands – The Fiji Princess even ties up to a coconut tree at our anchorage just off our own private beach at Nanuya Lailai.

Cruises are based in the Yasawa Islands (now with transfers available from Mamanuca Island Resorts) and range in length from 3 to 7 nights.

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ROYAL PAVILION VILLAS

by Qasr Al Sarab

Set against the dramatic landscape of The Empty Quarter – the world’s largest stretch of uninterrupted sand desert, the exclusive collection of Royal Pavilion Villas, is the epitome of luxury, offering stays of understated sophistication and Arabian elegance. Guests seeking a truly bespoke getaway and seclusion will create lasting memories at this unique Arabian retreat.

Personalized resort excursions complement dining experiences created to delight the most adventurous palates and discerning tastes.



With a landscape, best described as mystical and from story books, explore the wonder of the majestic desert dunes by camel, experience the adrenalin rush of dune bashing by 4x4 or awaken early morning for a sunrise desert walk and learn how to make the valley beneath come alive with the sounds of the dunes singing.

Take time to truly relax. Soak in a sublime rose scented bath to your favourite melodies or float in your private pool admiring the views. The choice is yours.

Decadent Arabian décor, rich fabrics and local artefacts have a sense of place in this secluded fortress palace and play homage to one of the world’s ancient cultures, where luxury blends with landscape.

The Royal Pavilion Villas is the epitome of luxury in Abu Dhabi. Personalized resort excursions complement dining experiences created to delight the most adventurous palates and discerning tastes. While the Anantara Spa provides a sanctuary for relaxation and revitalization, that embodies ancient spa rituals.

visit: royalpavilionvillas.com



HARD ROCK IBIZA OPENS

Hard Rock International – owner of one of the world’s most-recognizable and iconic brands – has opened its first European hotel, Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza, this month in Spain, this is the 20th hotel in the Hard Rock portfolio.



True to the musical roots of its location, Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza offers unparalleled live music and DJ performances throughout the property and a 2,500-guest outdoor concert terrace, with artists such as Ellie Goulding, UB40, Snoop Dogg and Robin Thicke joining the summer lineup, further elevating the island’s standing as a mecca for music culture.

In addition to live music events, the 493-room property will offer brand-wide Hard Rock amenities and exceptional innovative offerings, such as:

Rock Spa® – Groundbreaking treatments modernize Swedish massage practices by inducing vibrations rippling through the body while a massage therapist synchronizes movements to an expertly

curated playlist, taking the guest on a musical journey of the senses.

The Sound of Your Stay® – A brand-wide music amenity program designed to provide travelers with an all-encompassing experience in the comfort of their hotel rooms – from a Fender guitar delivery to a DJ mixing board, and even a curated playlist.

Rock Suite Legend – As a nod to the music legend and Ibiza visitor, guests may relax with an outdoor terrace, ocean views, Bob Marley memorabilia to "Not Worry About a Thing" and room to lounge with a bedroom, living room and office space.

Rock Star Suite – Indulge in beachfront views from this rooftop suite with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, living and dining room, complete with your own private outdoor terrace and private Jacuzzi.

Sublimotion – Two Michelin star chef, Paco Rancero’s newest creation, Sublimotion, is

an experience for all of the senses where culinary art and technological innovation come together to create a complete and unprecedented emotional experience.

RFID Bracelets – This smart V.I.B. (very important bracelet) allows for guests to indulge in a variety of advantages, including the eliminated need for room keys, express check-in and check-out and exclusive payment services, among others.

Additional dining options include, The Beach Club, with ocean views and Mediterranean cuisine; Estado Puro, tapas in their purest form brought to your by Michelin star chef, Paco Roncero; Sessions, not your average breakfast spot; 3rd Half, a sports bar and lounge; and The Ninth Sky Lounge, an enormous, rooftop sky lounge featuring spectacular panoramic views over the Mediterranean coastline.

visit: hrhibiza.com



A champion hotel for tennis fans

Andy Murray, last year's Wimbledon Champion, has bought the hotel Cromlix House in Perthshire, Scotland, close to his home town of Dunblane.

It's already won the title of Scottish Hotel of the Year since opening on 1 April, and has had good reviews from those who've laid their head on the pillows already – and tested their serve on the green and purple (Wimbledon colours) tennis court. In addition to luxurious, traditional Scottish rooms with

a modern twist, there's a restaurant run by chef Albert Roux of Le Gavroche in London (the first UK restaurant to win three Michelin stars). Despite the chef's star credentials, you can get a three course dinner for less than £30, which Murray's family were insistent on when making plans for the hotel,

in order to keep it affordable for locals to the area. Wander the grounds to the private loch and borrow a fishing rod to try catching brown trout, or else borrow a racquet and test your serve on the court.

visit: cromlix.com

Found! Bali Beach Paradise

Winter is here but at Finns Beach Club in Bali the months of June, July and August bring perfect beach weather.

This is the dry season in Bali when the temperate hovers around the high 20s and humidity is at its lowest as the sea breezes from Australia cool the evening air.

Now open from 9am until 11pm daily guests can take advantage of the sunny days and star lit nights. Finns is the private Beach Club located at Semara Luxury Villa Resort, Uluwatu.



visit: semaraluwatu.com

Sheraton Hotels & Resorts Unveils One of the Largest Hot Spring Resorts in Greater China



visit: starwoodhotels.com

Starwood Hotels has just announced that Sheraton Huzhou Hot Spring Resort is one of the largest hot spring resorts in Greater China, with the recent completion of its hot spring and spa facilities. With 101 individual hot spring pools and jacuzzis across a vast 20,000sqm spa complex.

Slated for full completion at the end of 2014, Sheraton Huzhou Hot Spring Resort is set to be one of the most architecturally innovative resorts in China. It features an eye-catching, ring-shaped exterior. When night falls, 79 lighting lines light up the building's facade, reflecting the resort in the lake like a full and luminescent moon. The circular shape symbolizes unity, wholeness, and infinity in Chinese culture – Located at the southern point of China's famed Taihu Lake in Huzhou which is just two hours away from Shanghai.