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Rendezvous Adds Three More Hotels To its Australian Portfolio

Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International has been appointed to manage three hotels in Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra, by the Grand Hotel Group. The Country Comfort Sydney Central will ultimately be re-named **Marque Hotel, Sydney**, The Chifley on George will be re-named **Marque Hotel, Brisbane** and The Chifley on Northbourne will become **Marque Hotel, Canberra**. Rendezvous is expected to assume management of these three hotels at the end of November, 2006.

Marque Hotel, Sydney is located directly opposite Central Railway Station. The 113 room hotel with facilities including a bar, restaurant and undercover parking, will undergo a \$5 million upgrade to a boutique 4 star hotel.

Marque Hotel, Brisbane is a 99 room hotel to be upgraded. The Hotel is centrally located in the CBD opposite the Treasury Casino.

Marque Hotel, Canberra is also centrally located just minutes from the hub of business, shopping and entertainment areas. Facilities include a bar and restaurant, pool and exercise rooms, business centre, wireless internet access and complimentary car parking.

Mr Alan Featherby, Chief Executive of Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International, says, "Rendezvous' expansion is evidence that our group is highly regarded amongst discerning hotel owners. We have a track record of achieving strong profitability in the hotels we manage. We expect to continue the current expansion of the group in Australia, New Zealand and Asia. Rendezvous and the owner of the hotels will be spending \$7 million on upgrading the hotels in Sydney and Brisbane and we expect these hotels to be prominent contributors to Rendezvous' hotel portfolio in the future. This will bring the number of hotels and resorts operated by Rendezvous to 15; with 11 hotels in Australia, two in China, one in Singapore and one in New Zealand, and will further propel Rendezvous into being a major hotel operator in the Asia Pacific region."

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Rendezvous Hotels (Australia) Pty Ltd is part of the Singapore listed company, The Straits Trading Company Limited. The Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International group currently operates 12 hotels in the Asia-Pacific region:

- Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, Perth
- Rendezvous Sanctuary Resort, Cable Beach, Broome
- Rendezvous Allegra Hotel, Adelaide
- The Marque Hotel, Melbourne managed by Rendezvous
- The Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne
- Rendezvous Stafford Hotel, Sydney
- Rendezvous Hotel, Brisbane
- Rendezvous Reef Resort, Port Douglas
- Rendezvous Hotel, Singapore
- Rendezvous Merry Hotel, Shanghai
- Rendezvous Baohong Hotel, Sanya
- Rendezvous Hotel, Auckland

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