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Kellvin Ong is the new General Manager

Singapore, 18 May 2005 – Mr Kellvin Ong has been promoted to General Manager of Rendezvous Hotel Singapore. He was previously Executive Assistant Manager (EAM), a position he held for 2 ½ years.

Mr Ong has been with Rendezvous Hotels since its pre-opening in 1998, when he joined as Director of Sales & Marketing. He assumed the role of Financial Controller for a short period before being promoted to EAM. During his tenure as EAM, Mr Ong was in charge of the operations of Sales & Marketing, Food & Beverage and recently, the Rooms Division as well.

A SHATEC graduate, Mr Ong has over 22 years of experience in the hospitality industry. He worked in various international chain hotels, including Hyatt, Marina Mandarin, Westin, Oriental and Carlton Hotel. He was also a member of the pre-opening team for the Inter-Continental Hotel in Singapore.

Mr Ong succeeds the previous General Manager, Mr Tan Aik Hong, who has moved to Perth to take up the General Manager position at the recently refurbished Rendezvous Observation City Hotel – a property he is familiar with, having been Deputy General Manager there from 1994 to 1997. Mr Tan returned to Singapore in 1997 to open the flagship Rendezvous Hotel Singapore.

In his new role as General Manager, Mr Ong intends to strengthen and support the Rendezvous brand, which is now present in both Australia and Shanghai.

"Rendezvous Hotels International's vision in Rendezvous is to be the hotel of choice wherever it operates, with total commitment to quality service that exceeds guests' expectations. We have long honoured that goal in Singapore – the Singapore Service Class and Service Excellence Awards are tangible proof of this commitment to deliver quality service to guests and business partners," said Mr Ong.

He added: "Rendezvous Hotel has an excellent location in the historic civic and cultural district of Singapore. Now we have a burgeoning education and arts community developing around us. We will leverage on this favourable position and take this opportunity to grow with the vibrant scene that is unfolding. Customers can look forward to some exciting developments at Rendezvous Hotel Singapore as we strive to enhance guests' experience with us."

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Rendezvous Hotels International is the hospitality arm of The Straits Trading Company Limited, which is listed in the Singapore Stock Exchange. Its current portfolio includes seven hotels in Australia, Singapore and Shanghai, with an eighth – a resort hotel – scheduled to open in Broome, Western Australia, in August 2005. The Group aims to grow through management contracts or leases of four-star hotels in key gateway cities in the Asia-Pacific region, especially China. Its vision is to be the hotel of choice wherever it operates, by total commitment to quality service that exceeds guests' expectations and which is productive in outcomes.

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