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RENDEZVOUS HOTELS & RESORTS INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES KEY DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPANSION IN 2005 – 06.

December 2005- Rendezvous Hotels International Pte Limited trading as Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International ("Rendezvous"), a subsidiary of the Singapore listed public company, The Straits Trading Company Limited, currently operates 11 hotels in the Asia-Pacific region. It is in negotiations on a number of other properties that fit well with the company's expansion plans in China, Australia and the Asia Pacific region. The prototype of a typical Rendezvous hotel is 200 rooms plus, 4 star corporate hotels in gateway cities throughout the region and upscale resorts offering leisure and recreational facilities in key resort locations throughout the region. Rendezvous assumed management of **Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne and Rendezvous Reef Resort, Port Douglas**; the latest additions to the Rendezvous group on 8th December 2005.

Rendezvous CEO, Mr Alan Featherby, says, "Rendezvous is extremely pleased to have added both these very different properties, each with exciting potential, to its group in Australia. We are very confident that under Rendezvous' guidance Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne and Rendezvous Reef Resort, Port Douglas will contribute strong growth and profitability to the group in their respective markets; in particular, corporate business for Melbourne and the domestic family market in Port Douglas."

In other developments during 2005, **Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International** proudly launched a **benefits programme, Experience More**; its **new website www.rendezvoushotels.com** in December and the brand and its hotels were also the recipients of several prestigious awards:

- **Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International** was accorded a **Singapore Promising Brand Award (SPBA)** Rendezvous is the only hotel brand to receive this distinction among 36 winning organisations, which span a wide spectrum of trade sectors and industries. The SPBA recognises enterprises that have shown outstanding performance in the communication of their brands. Rendezvous is one of eight first-time-entry winners from more than 150 nominations.
- The **Rendezvous Merry Hotel Shanghai** was awarded the **Special Contribution Award for the 2005 Shanghai Tourism Festival**, the only International hotel in the Jing An district to win this award.
- **Rendezvous Hotel, Brisbane and Rendezvous Stafford Hotel, Sydney** were both finalists in the **QLD and NSW State Tourism Awards 2005**, respectively.

New Hotels and Resorts 2005-06:

Built in 1913 as the Commercial Travellers Club, the historic 338 room **Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne** (formerly the Duxton Hotel) is a heritage-listed building located on Flinders Street which has been meticulously restored to its original splendour. The Commercial Travellers Club held a significant place in Australia's history being home for travelling politicians and dignitaries. The hotel is a significant player in the four star plus market and a recognised high quality corporate hotel in Melbourne.

Rendezvous Reef Resort (formerly Reef Terraces, Port Douglas) is located on Port Douglas Road, the major thoroughfare into the village of Port Douglas, approximately one kilometre from the central town area. The Resort is a spacious four star, garden resort complex spread out over 6 hectares and comprises 182 large 1, 2 & 3 bedroom double story villas which feature two bathrooms, laundry and full size kitchen. The reception, tour desk, shop and restaurant are located in a central complex and guest facilities also include four swimming pools, a barbecue area and villa guest parking. Rendezvous will undertake an upgrading program throughout the resort in 2006 including a refurbishment of guest rooms and villas, central facilities, restaurant, grounds and kids club. **More...**

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Rendezvous Sanctuary Resort, Cable Beach, Broome is located in Broome, a short walk from the beautiful Cable Beach, only seven kilometres from Broome's town centre and six kilometres from the region's international and domestic airport. The resort design consists of 167 self-contained studio, 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments to be constructed in 3 stages. Stage 1 consists of 42 units which opened on 30th September 2005. The emphasis throughout the resort is very much a tropical oasis theme, with stage one also including a large freeform swimming pool with an island landing in the centre, a kiddie's pool and the poolside bar and deck area. Other features of the resort will include: a restaurant and bar, room service, spa, resort shop, tour desk, a nature lagoon with viewing gazebo and tropical landscaping.

Rendezvous Baohong Hotel Sanya, Hainan Island, China, also opened in October 2005 and is located in the heart of the picturesque Dadonghai Bay (Great East Sea Bay) area, one of the three major beaches of Sanya and the one closest to the city. Rendezvous was appointed to provide technical consultancy services to the project and to manage the hotel for the next ten years. The hotel offers 300 rooms and 31 suites and is divided into two parts. The hotel building is connected to the recreation centre by a western-style restaurant which will be operated by Rendezvous in addition to all facilities and rooms in the hotel building. The recreation centre features a night club, bar, Karaoke, restaurant and coffee shop. The hotel is only 500 metres from the 7 kilometre white sand beach and crystal-clear waters where guests can enjoy a range of water sports or simply relax. Rendezvous Baohong Hotel Sanya, also provides excellent facilities for guests combining leisure with business, including secretarial and business centre services, high-speed internet access and wireless broadband and a variety of meeting and function rooms catering for groups from 10 to 550, theatre-style.

In December, **Rendezvous Baohong Hotel, Sanya** pledged its support to the **Sanya Tourism Bureau and City of Sanya for Miss World 2005**. The Hotel provided accommodation for support personnel and a press centre for the domestic media personnel covering the Miss World 2005 event.

The event was held in the Rendezvous Grand Ballroom followed by dinner in the hotel's Baohong Chinese Restaurant. Miss World 2004, Maria Julia Mantilla Garcia (Peru) and Miss Australia 2005, Danae Brunow and about 40 members of the domestic media were in attendance.

Rendezvous has entered into a Management Agreement for an 81 room upmarket resort in Phuket, Thailand to be named the **Rendezvous Resort, Phuket**. Rendezvous will provide technical consultancy for the design, construction and the management of the resort, which is due to open mid 2006. The **Rendezvous Resort, Phuket** will be a boutique, upscale resort of 81 generously sized rooms, restaurant, bar and spa with stylish pool and water features situated directly opposite an excellent white sandy beach in Phuket's Karon Beach. The resort will be low rise, modern and contemporary in architectural style. This property fits within Rendezvous' key parameters for future expansion and will add to Rendezvous' other resort hotels in Australia; Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, Perth and Rendezvous Sanctuary Resort Cable Beach, Broome.

Rendezvous Chief Executive, Mr. Alan Featherby says, "**The Rendezvous Resort in Phuket** will be our first to open in Thailand and we are now reviewing further opportunities for expansion in that country. "Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International has a strong and very focused expansion strategy in Asia and Australasia over the next five years. In that time we expect to have over 20 hotels operating or committed. Our growth will be most prominent in China and Australasia with secondary areas being South East Asia, Middle East and India. In China we have identified 16 key cities as priority locations for expansion."

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Other News:

Earlier this year, Rendezvous proudly announced the opening of the new day spa, **Vanilla face + body spa**, at their **Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, Perth**. Guests can relax and revitalize in the fabulous new spa, already being hailed as 'the best in Perth', which boasts eight treatment rooms, Vichy Shower and a spa retail boutique. The spa has rooms for couples to enjoy side-by-side treatments, and a VIP suite perfect for a small group of friends or family. **Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, Perth**, located across from the pristine sands of Scarborough Beach on Western Australia's Sunset Coast, is only fifteen minutes from the city centre and offers guests a unique opportunity to experience the exceptional lifestyle that is Perth. The hotel recently completed a refurbishment of all 333 rooms and the contemporary suites which offer panoramic ocean views and private balconies. Installation of wireless broadband into all conference areas and many rooms from July this year, will further enhance both the facilities and ambience of the hotel.

The Rendezvous Hotel Singapore (RHS) also underwent a \$S1.4 million refurbishment, further emphasizing Rendezvous' commitment to style and guest satisfaction. Highlighting the hotel's historic charm and distinctive style, the 299-room hotel has been refreshed and transformed to be a truly opulent and elegant setting, even for the most discerning traveller. The hotel's nine floors including Superior and Deluxe rooms have been re-fitted to provide a high level of luxury and comfort to guests. The newly refurbished Deluxe rooms feature a fresh new colour scheme, lush carpeting, customised soft furnishings, and luxurious Manchester. Further enhancing these features, rooms offer the latest in communications technology. Guests can now access broadband Internet and all rooms are wired for international electricity conversion, making RHS the ideal choice for clients travelling overseas on business.

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Rendezvous Hotels (Australia) Pty Ltd is part of the Singapore listed public company Straits Trading Group (STC). The Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International group currently operates 11 hotels in the Asia-Pacific region:

- [Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, Perth](#)
- [Rendezvous Sanctuary Resort, 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](#)

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