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**\$4 Million Investment Completed for Marque Sydney to Make Its Mark As 4-Star Hotel**

Four star hotels are overtaking five star in the high-end corporate and leisure travel markets as the Global Financial Crisis continues. With this trend emerging, the Marque Sydney hotel; has completed A\$4 million of upgrades and renovations to cater for this discerning, growing market.

Alan Featherby, CEO at Rendezvous Hotels and Resorts International, incorporating Marque Hotels said; "The completion of the upgrades to Marque Sydney means we can become a leader in that key four star market and provide accommodation and services demanded in 2009.

"The changes have come at the right time as we are seeing an upturn in the number of enquiries from business and leisure customers who have traditionally gone for elite 5-star hotels."

When RHI acquired the property in November 2006, it was decided to upgrade from its homely, traditional and comfortable style to evolve into one of Sydney's most modern and stylish hotels, with an emphasis on quality and value.

"Sydney is the most social, populated and modern city in Australia and we wanted to reflect that with our stylish and cool environment at Marque Sydney," added Mr Featherby.

Renovations that commenced at the beginning of 2008 have now been completed and the hotel has been totally refurbished inside. All 115 rooms, the Script Restaurant, Reception, lifts and swimming pool have all been given a major facelift.

Four conference rooms of various sizes have been completely refurbished and equipped with the latest technology. New data projectors and electronic screens, wired speakers and high tech sound systems are in every room.

The new Script Restaurant and Lounge Bar encompasses an urban and relaxed environment where executive chef James Leadbetter creates innovative and affordable Australian style dishes.

The rooftop pool with its stunning views of the city skyline is now the perfect place to relax with its stylish new decking, lounges, sauna, toilets and pool umbrellas. An area has been allocated for BBQ's and functions so the rooftop pool can also be utilised for small events.

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The 115 guest rooms are a mix of style and the latest technology with new flat screen TV's, rainforest shower heads, iPod docking stations and cordless phones..

Now with the inside complete, the next stage of the upgrade to Marque Sydney will be external parts of the building. This will commence shortly and there will be no disruption to guest services.

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*Rendezvous Hotels International Pte Ltd is part of the Singapore listed company, The Straits Trading Company Limited. The Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International group operates a total of 18 hotels existing or under construction in the Asia-Pacific region:*

*Rendezvous Observation City Hotel Perth  
Rendezvous Sanctuary Resort Cable Beach Broome  
Rendezvous Allegra Hotel Adelaide  
Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne  
Rendezvous Stafford Hotel Sydney  
Rendezvous Hotel Brisbane  
Rendezvous Reef Resort Port Douglas  
Rendezvous Hotel Singapore  
Rendezvous Merry Hotel Shanghai  
Rendezvous Hotel Auckland  
Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch (opening 2009)  
Rendezvous Hotel Kuala Lumpur (opening 2010)  
Rendezvous Hotel Fujairah (opening 2010)*

*The Marque Hotel Brisbane  
The Marque Hotel Sydney  
The Marque Hotel Canberra  
The Marque Hotel Perth  
The Marque Hotel Guilin (opening 2010)*

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