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Key Developments And Expansion Plans For 2008 And Beyond

Rendezvous Hotels International Private Limited, trading as Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International ("Rendezvous"), is a subsidiary of the Singapore listed public company, The Straits Trading Company Limited. Rendezvous operates a total of 19 hotels either existing or under construction 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, the Asia Pacific region and the Middle East. The prototype of a typical Rendezvous hotel is 200 rooms plus, 4 star corporate hotels in gateway cities and upscale resorts offering leisure and recreational facilities in key resort locations throughout the region.

Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International:

New Hotels:

Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch

In December 2006, Rendezvous was also appointed to manage Christchurch, New Zealand's newest upscale hotel. The development of The Gloucester Street Hotel, to be named **Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch**, is well-located in the Christchurch CBD, moments from the premier restaurant street, New Regent St, and the newly re-developed tourist and entertainment precinct, Cathedral Square. Formerly retail premises, the 17-storey new development will be a modern hotel building designed to incorporate state of the art environmental efficiencies in power, solar heating and management systems. Rendezvous Hotel, Christchurch will offer 171 stylishly appointed rooms and suites; each ideally equipped for the leisure and corporate traveller. Spa and fitness facilities will be available to guests during their stay and the restaurant will also open its doors to the public. Rendezvous is expected to open the hotel in 2009.

Rendezvous Hotel Kuala Lumpur

In March 2007, Rendezvous was appointed to manage Kuala Lumpur's newest 4 star deluxe hotel. The development to be named **Rendezvous Hotel Kuala Lumpur**, will be completed and open in 2009. The hotel is a new and exciting commitment by Rendezvous to the future long-term growth of corporate tourism and the hospitality industry in Malaysia. **Rendezvous Hotel Kuala Lumpur** is well-located in the centre of the city, commonly referred to as "The Golden Triangle", which boasts the city's major shopping centres, trendiest nightspots, and also houses the key financial and business office centres. **Rendezvous Hotel Kuala Lumpur** will consist of two adjoining towers. The hotel tower will offer 388 rooms on 26 floors with three additional floors devoted to hotel facilities and commercial spaces such as a recreation and spa area with pool, gym, spa, steam and sauna rooms; a restaurant and bar; business centre and a conference centre with meeting and seminar rooms. The adjoining tower of 26 levels of residential apartments will have its own entrance, parking, lobby, health and services facilities and will be partly sold and partly leased.

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Refurbishments:

Rendezvous Reef Resort Port Douglas

Rendezvous Reef Resort has created a stunning new accommodation option for families in the tropical playground of Port Douglas. The \$8 million refurbishment project will further enhance the property's status as the **only all villa family resort** in this popular holiday destination. With brand new kitchens, bathrooms, air conditioning and furniture, plus the addition of flat screen LCD TVs, the new look villas will provide the ideal base for a tropical getaway or a fun-filled holiday for the whole family.

The villa refurbishment process has been thoughtfully designed to have limited impact upon guests. The villas are laid out in groups sprawled over fifteen acres lush tropical gardens and the refurbishment team work on only one group of villas at any one time.

The first stage of the project is now complete, featuring the glamorous makeover to the Resort's **Swish Restaurant and Bar**; now a chic brassiere bringing a touch of cool city style to the tropics. The unique garden villa layout gives guests almost twice the space of competing properties: the average apartment with one bedroom is only 60 sq. m. for most properties, while the new **Rendezvous Reef Resort** villas offer a two-storey residence of a massive 110 sq. m. 40 of the spacious villas are already wowing guests while refurbishment of the remaining 90 villas scheduled for completion by September this year.

Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne

The Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne commenced a \$4 million dollar refurbishment in 2006. Stage one of the refurbishment involved the introduction of 177 **Commerce Rooms**, over 9 floors. The design was aimed at providing hotel guests with a sense of comfort; intimacy as well as an experience of understated luxury. This effect has been achieved through careful selection of warm and discreet colours, sympathetic materials and application of hidden lighting to create interest. An automated lighting system, a wall mounted LCD television and broadband access are just a few of the modern conveniences incorporated into each room.

The complete refurbishment which will include accommodation rooms, conference rooms, public areas and restaurant/bar operations is scheduled for completion late 2008.

Rendezvous Hotel Auckland

The **Rendezvous Hotel Auckland** commenced a multi-million dollar refurbishment of its function and event facilities on April 1st 2008. Formerly the Carlton, the hotel is located within walking distance of some premier restaurants and shops and internationally recognisable landmarks such as Auckland's exciting America's Cup Village.

Upgrades will offer a pristine conference centre with brand new designer furniture, lighting and two new bar areas in the Atrium and Pre-Function rooms. The conference facilities will also supply an exclusive elevator to the conference area, bypassing the main hotel lobby. The refurbishment is scheduled for completion June 1st 2008.

With 452 rooms, the Rendezvous Hotel Auckland became New Zealand's largest hotel in 1998 upon completion of a \$35 million extension. New additions to the hotel at that time included 176 rooms and a fully equipped gymnasium complex, a heated indoor lap pool, saunas and a Japanese-styled roof garden.

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The Rendezvous Hotel Brisbane

The **Rendezvous Hotel Brisbane** will undergo a \$1.5 million dollar refurbishment August 2008. There will be a full replacement of guest room hard and soft furnishings, Coffee machines installed in deluxe rooms and LCD televisions Ipod docking stations, cordless phones and wireless broadband in guest rooms.

Located in the heart of Brisbane city, opposite Central Railway Station and overlooking evergreen Anzac Square memorial Gardens, the **Rendezvous Hotel Brisbane** boasts over 131 hotel rooms and spacious suite style apartments.

Rendezvous' The Marque Collection of Hotels brand:

New Hotels:

The Marque Hotel Perth

Rendezvous Hotel Management acquired the Emerald Hotel, Perth in April 2008. The four star, 101 room boutique hotel sits in its own cul-de-sac off Mount Street, close to the city's main street of St Georges Terrace and features a spa, sauna and fitness room, plus a restaurant, bar and meeting space.

The hotel was purchased in a complex transaction from 60 individual strata titled owners and will further expand the Rendezvous and Marque portfolio in the Asia Pacific region. The hotel will be operating as The Marque from May 2008.

The Marque Hotel Guilin

In April 2007, Rendezvous announced its introduction of **The Marque Collection of Hotels** into China with the addition of a new contemporary hotel in Guilin. The hotel, to be named **The Marque Hotel Guilin**, is located on Shanghai Road, within the Xiangshan district of Guilin - a key international tourist destination in China. The addition of this 152-room Marque hotel is timely to meet the strong industry demand. **The Marque Hotel Guilin** will offer tourists a contemporary limited-service-hotel at an affordable price, providing a real value for money experience. A four-level retail podium will be located on the lower levels of the hotel featuring a central reception, coffee shop and bar, a Chinese restaurant, Karaoke bar, a spa and leisure / small conference facilities. The 20-storey hotel is one of six towers within the mega commercial development. The hotel is expected to open in 2008.

The Marque Hotel Fujairah

Rendezvous will open its first hotel in the fast growing Middle East tourism market in 2009 with the signing of its first hotel management agreement in the region - a 4-star hotel in the United Arab Emirate (UAE) of Fujairah. The hotel, to be named **The Marque Hotel Fujairah**, will be managed by Rendezvous under **The Marque Collection of Hotels** brand. The agreement represents a major step forward for Rendezvous in its strategic expansion plans. Major UAE real estate developer and retailer, **Al Safer Group of Companies LLC** will incorporate **The Marque Hotel Fujairah** into a new distinctive shopping complex in Al Sharia which is well located at the fringe of the CBD of Fujairah, adjacent to the beach and a short distance to the Port. The 4-story hotel will sit above the complex and will boast 217 rooms, a 160 capacity restaurant, a coffee shop, function rooms, a bar, extensive leisure facilities, an infinity pool on the roof-top deck and undercover parking.

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The Marque Hotel Shanghai

In January 2008 Rendezvous announced the signing of a management agreement for a new hotel to be built in Shanghai, China's leading economic and financial hub. The 4 star, two hundred room hotel, to be opened under Rendezvous' The Marque Collection of Hotels brand, will be named the **Marque Hotel Yu Garden, Shanghai** and is due to open in mid-2009.

Centrally located on He Nan Road South, just a few hundred meters away from the famous Yu Gardens, the hotel will include a café, lobby bar and conference rooms. A gym, out-door swimming pool and other leisure facilities will be located in a Club House on levels 6 and 7 of the hotel building and will also be available to apartment tenants.

This is the second property to be announced under the Marque brand in China, after the Marque Hotel, Guilin, which will open later this year and represents another key step for Rendezvous in its strategic expansion plans into China.

Refurbishments:

The Marque Hotel Sydney

The Marque Hotel Sydney, formerly the Country Comfort Central, is undergoing a \$5 million dollar upgrade of all rooms and public areas to a boutique 4 star hotel. Operating as The Marque since November 2006, the hotel offers an infusion of contemporary lines and the brand's funky shades of pink and brown. The 113 rooms and suites will offer the next generation in accommodation, each featuring ipod docking stations, 52 inch LCD TV's, cordless phones and rain showers.

The Marque Hotel Brisbane

The Marque Hotel Brisbane is a 99 room hotel centrally located in the CBD opposite the Treasury Casino and is currently undergoing some very exciting developments. A refurbishment of The 103 Restaurant and Lobby area were completed in early July and now portray the brand's colour scheme of pink and brown in the form of comfortable restaurant and lobby seating and modern décor throughout.

The upgrade of The Marque Hotel Brisbane will be complete by December 2008. The guest lifts are scheduled for completion by late June with the finishing touches of LCD TVs and Ipod docking stations installation in the guest rooms by the end of the year.

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- *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 2008)*
- *Rendezvous Hotel Kuala Lumpur (opening 2009)*
- *The Marque Hotel Brisbane*
- *The Marque Hotel Sydney*
- *The Marque Hotel Canberra*
- *The Marque Hotel Perth (opening 2008)*
- *The Marque Hotel Guilin (opening 2008)*
- *The Marque Hotel Fujairah (opening 2009)*
- *The Marque Hotel Yu Garden Shanghai (opening 2009)*

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