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Rendezvous Expands with Jolly Green Giant in Christchurch

Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International has expanded its commitment to the long-term growth of tourism and hospitality in New Zealand, with the opening of Christchurch's newest upscale hotel in December 2008. **Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch** is the company's second property under management in New Zealand, after being appointed to manage the country's largest hotel, **Rendezvous Hotel Auckland**, in 2006.

Dubbed the "Jolly Green Giant" for its energy efficient design and 22 storey steel structure, there's nothing giant about the carbon footprint of **Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch**. A power generating wind turbine will be installed on the hotel's rooftop, a stylish pyramid design that will provide wireless transmissions and allow the building to absorb energy through solar heating panels, placed at an optimal angle to meet the sun's rays. When combined with efficient management systems, these unique elements create a greener, healthier building.

"The use of steel as a building option reduces both the construction time and environmental footprint. It has also allowed us to build higher" explains the developer, Ernest Duval. "The building takes advantage of passive heat absorption, with the use of concrete and tiles to absorb the heat of the sun and release that heat through a simple transfer system. This means we can extract the heat from waste water to heat fresh water coming into the building."

Christchurch is considered the gateway to the South Island, and **Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch** will provide a contemporary accommodation option for those seeking style with minimal environmental impact.

The 171 room hotel, including 11 luxury apartments, is well located beside Cathedral Junction, home to the Garden City's tourist and entertainment precincts and moments

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from the premiere restaurants of Christchurch. On site parking for 100 cars, a gymnasium, sauna, restaurant and bar complete the ultimate Rendezvous.

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Rendezvous Hotel Auckland commenced a multi-million dollar refurbishment of its function and event facilities on April 1st. 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 in June 2008.

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 that provides total relaxation at any time of the day, with a heated indoor lap pool, saunas and a Japanese-styled roof garden. The now 452 room luxury hotel offers an experience that ranges from the decadent to the divine.

Rendezvous CEO, Mr Alan Featherby, says, "Rendezvous is excited about the commitment to extend the Rendezvous group into New Zealand with the addition of the Rendezvous Hotel Auckland and Rendezvous Hotel Christchurch. At the beginning of what appears to be a major upward movement in market conditions in Auckland and Christchurch and with no significant increases to hotel supply forecast, we are very confident that under Rendezvous' guidance both hotels will experience strong growth and profitability into the foreseeable future."

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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 19 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*

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- *Rendezvous Stafford Hotel Sydney*
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- *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*
- *The Marque Hotel Guilin (opening 2008)*
- *The Marque Hotel Fujairah (opening 2009)*
- *The Marque Hotel Yu Garden Shanghai (opening 2009)*

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