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**Rendezvous Reef Resort's \$8 Million Investment in Top 5 for
ANZPHIC 'Best Refurbishment' Award**

The \$8 million facelift of the Rendezvous Reef Resort in Port Douglas placed the hotel in the top five for the 'Best Refurbishment' award at the annual *Australia, New Zealand & Pacific Hotel Investment Conference (ANZPHIC)* held in Sydney on July 2nd and 3rd.

The prestigious award recognises the contributions and talent behind the best refurbished hotels, resorts and serviced apartments. Rendezvous Reef Resort was placed in the final top five candidates in the 'Best Refurbishment' category. There were around 100 entries and 14 short-listed for the various award categories.

The Rendezvous Reef Resort is unique in that it only provides villa accommodation to visitors. All of the villas are individually owned and most have been purchased by previous guests of the resort. This makes the Resort's refurbishment unique as, in effect customers have designed the accommodation.

The resort, with 128 villas, provides a large number of owners with a vast wealth of talent, knowledge and skills. The owners formed a Committee to manage and design the refurbishment from start to finish, with Owen Carington-Smith acting as the Committee Chairman and architect Gary Kurzer heading design.

The one, two, and three bedroom self-contained two-storey villas each provide over 110 square metres of space to guests. 108 villas were completely refurbished inside and out and the remaining 20 were partially refurbished. Each offers a balcony or patio, kitchen, laundry with washing machine and clothes dryer, high speed internet access, TV and DVD player. Most villas also contain undercover parking.

The refurbishment has included a complete renovation of the main building which houses the reception area, lobby, tour desk, Swish Restaurant and Bar. This activity was undertaken by Rendezvous Hotels and Resorts International who implemented a significant and spectacular upgrade to the previously dated building.

The Resort is set on 15 acres of tropical gardens and offers facilities which include three 'lagoon style' outdoor swimming pools with a shaded children's area, a 25 metre, 8-lane lap pool, new poolside sundeck, tennis courts, gym, designated BBQ area and pitch 'n' putt golf.

Other upgrades and facilities include new roads systems and a number of new environmental features such as solar lighting.

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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

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*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
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The Marque Hotel Canberra
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