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## Rendezvous Hotels and Resorts International to Manage Duxton Hotel Melbourne

**November 2005** –Rendezvous Hotels (Australia) Pty Ltd has been engaged by the Rendezvous Flinders Street Trust to manage the historic 338 room Duxton Hotel, Melbourne, to be re-named Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne. This followed the signing of a contract of sale for the Duxton Hotel on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Rendezvous is expected to assume management of the hotel on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

Rendezvous CEO, Mr Alan Featherby, says, "Rendezvous is pleased to be adding such a Melbourne landmark hotel to its group. We are very confident that under Rendezvous' guidance the hotel will experience strong growth and profitability into the foreseeable future. This will bring to ten the number of hotels and resorts operated by Rendezvous. Featherby said that he expects to announce another property to be managed by Rendezvous in December this year."

The vendor, Low Keng Huat (Singapore) Ltd., said it was very pleased that the hotel would be managed by a hotel group with such a substantial presence in Australia.

Built in 1913 as the Commercial Travellers Club, 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 4 star plus market and a recognised quality corporate hotel in Melbourne.

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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 9 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*
- *Rendezvous Stafford Hotel, Sydney*
- *Rendezvous Hotel, Brisbane*
- *Rendezvous Hotel, Singapore*
- *Rendezvous Merry Hotel, Shanghai*
- *Rendezvous Baohong Hotel, Sanya*

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