

THE MARQUE

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Rendezvous Gets Top Marque in Perth

The Straits Trading Company Limited through its wholly owned subsidiary Rendezvous Hotels Management Pty Ltd has exchanged contracts to acquire the Emerald Hotel, Perth. Settlement is expected on or around 1 April 2008. At that time this four star, 101 room boutique hotel will be renamed **The Marque Hotel Perth**, to be operated within the Rendezvous Hotels & Resorts International Group as part of The Marque Collection of Hotels brand.

The hotel, currently a Best Western property, was purchased in a complex transaction from 60 individual strata titled owners. The hotel will join the existing Rendezvous property in West Australia's capital city, **Rendezvous Observation City Hotel** and further expand the Rendezvous and Marque portfolio in the Asia Pacific region.

Well located in the CBD of Perth, The Marque Hotel Perth sits in its own cul-de-sac off Mount Street, close to the city's main street of St Georges Terrace. With views of the city skyline and the Swan River, The Marque Hotel Perth is minutes from the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and a short stroll to magnificent Kings Park and the Botanical Gardens.

The hotel features a spa, sauna and fitness room, plus a restaurant, bar and meeting space.

"We are excited to be the successful purchaser of the Emerald Hotel in Perth and believe it to be an excellent investment for The Straits Trading Group" says **Mr Norman Ip, President of The Straits Trading Company Limited**. "We are confident that The Marque Hotel Perth will capitalise upon WA's natural resource boom and Perth's appeal as Australia's fastest-growing major city."

Rendezvous Chief Executive, Mr Alan Featherby says Rendezvous' appointment to operate the hotel will provide the group with an excellent addition to the already expanding portfolio. It also presents a natural twinning opportunity with our Rendezvous Observation City Hotel at Scarborough Beach Perth. "The new owner intends to upgrade the hotel to a Marque standard by undertaking a substantial refurbishment of the hotel in 2008" says Mr Featherby. "We also have a number of other projects underway and plan to have at least 15 more hotels and resorts signed in the Asia Pacific region within the next three years."

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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*
- *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 Guilin (opening 2008)*
- *The Marque Hotel Fujairah (opening 2008)*
- *The Marque Hotel Yu Garden Shanghai (opening 2009)*
- *The Marque Hotel Perth (opening 1 April 2008)*

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