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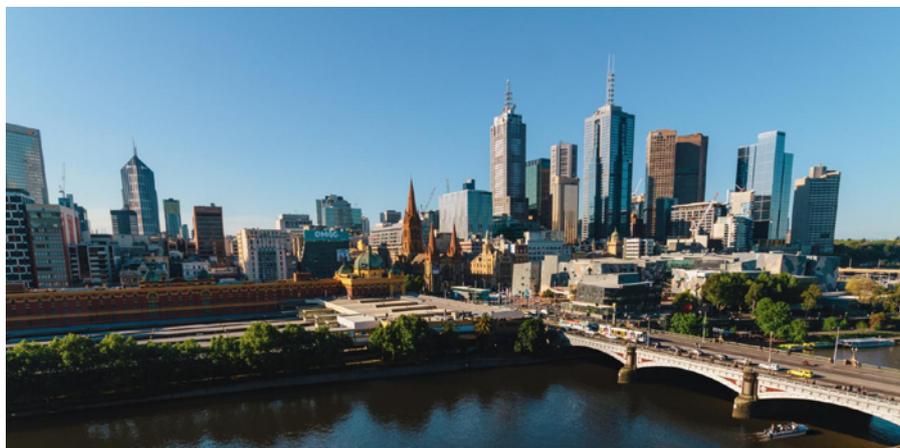
MELBOURNE BIZ EVENTS TO FLOURISH

MELBOURNE'S business events sector is set for a boost over the next two years with the introduction of five city hotels, said Melbourne Convention Bureau's (MCB) chief executive officer Karen Bolinger.

Coming to the Vic capital this year is the 273-key Four Points by Sheraton in Docklands and the 166-room Hyatt Place Melbourne Essendon Fields.

This will be followed by the opening of 32-storey newbuild Peppers Southbank next year.

In 2019, the city will welcome the addition of the 127-room Aloft Melbourne as well as the debut of the newly expanded



destination for their incentive, meeting, conference or exhibition," she said.

Once complete, the combined number of additional rooms that will be available in Melbourne over the next two years will be more than 1,000.

MEANWHILE, this year will also see seven new flights to launch in Melbourne including connections from

Shenzhen, Xi'an and Changsha, LA, Santiago, Tokyo and Dubai.

Hotel Windsor.

Speaking on the upcoming hotel openings, Bolinger said "the business events sector in Melbourne has benefited from the recent launch of hotels, attractions and events, with a

suite of new infrastructure also set to launch in 2017".

"The exciting developments will provide more reasons for international business event decision makers to choose Melbourne as the host

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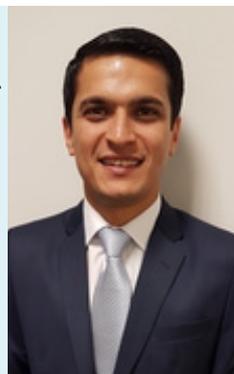
Business Events News today has one page of news.

NEW APPOINTMENT

PANKAJ Dhingra (pictured) has been named as the new hotel manager of Sage Hotel James Street in Brisbane.

Prior to his appointment, Dhingra spent two years as executive assistant manager at NEXT Hotel Brisbane.

He brings with him a total of 12 years in the industry in both India and Australia.



Marriott's Taiwan expansion

MARRIOTT International has announced the opening of the Aloft Taipei Beitou Hotel in Taiwan.

Situated in close proximity to Beitou Thermal Valley and the Beitou Hot Springs Museum, the 292-room property is the second Aloft-branded hotel in Taipei and features three meeting spaces all fitted with state-of-the-art AV equipment and complimentary wi-fi.

Attend TRENZ 2017

BUYER applications to attend TRENZ 2017 in New Zealand are now open.

The four-day program is the country's largest annual business-to-business travel and trade event.

Held in Auckland between 09-12 May, more than 700 New Zealand tourism industry representatives are expected to gather and showcase their products and services to over 350 int'l and Kiwi buyers.

For more details or to register as a hosted buyer, **CLICK HERE**.



■ **A BENDIGO** man who was overcharged by \$5 for his fettucine last week was shocked when the restaurant's proprietor refused to refund him and instead snatched the final scraps of food from his plate to make up the difference.

The owners of the restaurant in question, Golden Square Hotel, denied any wrongdoing to *News.com.au* and said simply "the whole thing had been blown out of proportion".

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