

Crystalbrook Collection Appoints Two New Directors Ahead of Anticipated Growth Phase

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Crystalbrook Collection has added two key positions to its leadership team as the Group prepares to expand its portfolio. Murray Gordon has been appointed as Director, Development and Raphael Antonini as Director, Hotel Investments. Both report to CEO, Mark Davie.

Crystalbrook Collection currently owns and operates two hotels in Sydney and Cairns. Four more hotels are currently in development and construction with openings scheduled for later this year, 2020 (two openings) and 2022. In the next stage of expansion, the Group is looking to add several more hotels across Australia and New Zealand.

Murray Gordon, Director, Development

With extensive commercial, residential and retail development experience, Murray is responsible for the development and project management of all current and future constructions within the Group, overseeing planning, project programming, design, quality assurance, project budgeting and delivery.

Prior to joining Crystalbrook, Murray was Associate Director at PDS Group, a national development and project management consultancy. He has also held senior positions with Pointcorp and Multiplex. Murray has an extensive background across projects ranging from \$2m up to \$1.1b.

Raphael Antonini, Director, Hotel Investments

Tasked with the strategic expansion of the Crystalbrook portfolio, Raphael is responsible for pursuing hotel investment opportunities, management agreements and leases, assessing and advising on future acquisitions and developments.

Raphael has an extensive background managing investments in Australia, United Kingdom, USA, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, New Zealand and across South America. Most recently Raphael was Director, Acquisitions and Development for Ovolo Hotels and Mojo Nomad. He has also held senior positions with CBRE Hotels, Jones Lang LaSalle Hotels and Hospitality Group and Hilton Worldwide.

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About Crystalbrook Collection

Crystalbrook Collection is an Australian based tourism and hospitality group. Its portfolio includes:

- Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort, Cairns, Queensland – opened 2018
- Little Albion, a Crystalbrook Collection Boutique Hotel, Sydney, New South Wales – opened 2018
- Bailey, a Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Cairns, Queensland – opening September 2019
- Flynn, a Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Cairns, Queensland – opening April 2020
- Kingsley, a Crystalbrook Collection Hotel, Newcastle, New South Wales – opening November 2020

Crystalbrook Collection also owns and operates Crystalbrook Station and its subsidiary pastoral businesses, Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, and the 90-foot motor yacht MV Bahama.

To date, Crystalbrook Collection has committed more than AU\$800 million in tourism investments within Australia.

Crystalbrook Collection and Ghassan Aboud Group

Crystalbrook Collection is owned by accomplished entrepreneur and philanthropist Ghassan Aboud. Ghassan Aboud Group is a multi-business conglomerate engaged in automobiles, real estate, retail, bespoke catering, media and logistics. In business for more than two decades, the group operates

from its global headquarters in the United Arab Emirates with offices in Australia, Belgium, China, Jordan and Turkey.

The establishment of Crystalbrook Collection in Australia marks the groups substantial investment foray in the region - notably in the acquisition, development and management of hospitality, tourism and related assets.

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