

Appointment of expert hotel and resort development consultant

Michael Skinner has joined Best Management Group as Development Consultant. In his role he will be responsible for planning, design input and pre-opening activity for the company's pipeline of new projects.

Michael has been involved in the Hospitality Industry for over two decades and is highly experienced in both hotel operations and development. Michael has worked for a number of major hotel companies in Australia, including All Seasons Hotels, Saville Hotel Group and more recently the Stella Hospitality Group.

Michael's operational knowledge is extensive, having worked in all areas of hotel operations. During his career Michael has held General Manager positions at seven different hotels in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

For the past 5 years Michael has specialised in the development sector of the Hotel Industry. He participated in the feasibility, design, and pre-opening of the Saville Southbank Hotel, which was developed by the Stockland Group. During his recent tenure with Stella, Michael was responsible for negotiating and successfully securing a number of major hotel contracts for both the Mantra and the Peppers brands.

Michael has extensive experience in project management, preparing and analysing financial feasibilities, negotiating hotel operating agreements and buying and selling of Management Letting Rights.

“We will progressively be introducing Michael to our various projects and he will be working closely with our clients to ensure that the design and set up of new hotels and resorts are optimized” said David Catterall, Managing Director of Best Management Group. “Michael will also head up assignments and produce expert reports for clients on a consultancy basis” he said.

Best Management Group operates a stable of properties around Australia comprising over 800 rooms, with a similar number in varying stages of development. The company recently launched its own Harmony TM management system, providing a programme of management support for General Managers on-site.

Best Management Group is Brisbane based, 100% Australian owned and debt free.

The company was recently appointed to manage the 301 room Treetops Resort and Spa in Port Douglas, which it now operates under an Accor (Mercure) brand.

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