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Design Hotels Canberra addition

CANBERRA'S funky new Hotel Hotel has emerged as the newest Australian portfolio addition to boutique hotelier Design Hotels.

Earmarked for a mid-2013 opening, the property is located on the shore of Lake Burley Griffin in the Australian capital city, and features 68-hotel rooms and 31 hotel apartments.

Developed by Australian firm the Molonglo Group, the hotel is spread over three levels of the Nishi residential building, which is billed as a sustainable 'vertical village', containing a mix of

facilities such as a cinema, an independent book and pop-up stores, cafes and bars.

Hotel Hotel features six meeting rooms capable of handling cocktail receptions for 260 guests.

It's being built in the 'cool and cultural' precinct of Canberra, called New Acton, and has rates priced from \$225 per night.

Representing more than 200 independent hotels in over 40 countries, Design Hotels is headquartered in Berlin and has branches in London, Barcelona, New York, Singapore and Perth.

Hotel Hotel boosts the group's presence locally to three cities, joining Limes Hotel in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane and QT Sydney, located in the heart of the CBD.

Ready for St Patricks

A NEW social media campaign has been launched by Tourism Ireland to celebrate the arrival of the

BA 777 inaugural prize

BRITISH Airways is this week giving a lucky *Travel Daily* reader a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to win two Business Class tickets on its inaugural B777-300 flight between Sydney and London.

The prize is for two Club World tickets on the 02 Apr BA16 flight, with the return date able to be selected up to 30 Apr 2013 - **CLICK HERE** for terms & conditions.

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T-QUAL Tick Race

TOURISM Australia has today announced the launch of the T-QUAL Tick Race, building on the



Window Seat

PANDAS are definitely on the brain at this new hotel.

Holding a soft-opening (get it?) recently, the Haoduo Hotel in China's Sichuan province is the first panda-themed hotel in the world, and sees pandas walking the halls and serving guests.

Rooms are decorated with soft panda toys which sit on beds, tables and chairs, with photos of pandas adorning the walls.

Perhaps the kicker though is that the staff even dress in panda costumes to entertain and serve the guests.

The hotel is due for to be opened in full in May this year.