



Press release

## MGALLERY: THREE EXCEPTIONAL NEW HOTELS IN AUSTRALIA

Paris, October 19, 2012 - MGallery, Accor's Collection of high-end hotels, adds three new establishments to its network in Australia: Harbour Rocks Hotel (Sydney), The Como (Melbourne) and Hotel Lindrum (Melbourne). Including the latter, which is due to open at the end of November 2012, MGallery now boasts six properties on this continent.

### Harbour Rocks Hotel: a jewel nestled in the heart of Sydney's old quarter

This hotel is located right in the center of Sydney, a stone's throw from the famous Opera House in the legendary Rocks district where the first British settlers disembarked. Since its construction in 1887, the **Harbour Rocks Hotel** building has served a variety of purposes. It started out as the city's first hospital before becoming an art gallery in 1973, and was finally turned into a hotel in 1989. The building's red brick façade and stone wall interiors reflect its character and singularity.



The restaurant "Scarlett" and the bar "Eric" echo the legend of an impossible love story between Eric, Merchant Seaman, who was a frequent visitor of the hotel, and Scarlett, owner of the Cabaret next door to the **Harbour Rocks Hotel**.

Today, Sydney' oldest restaurant brought life again to old recipes with delicacy.

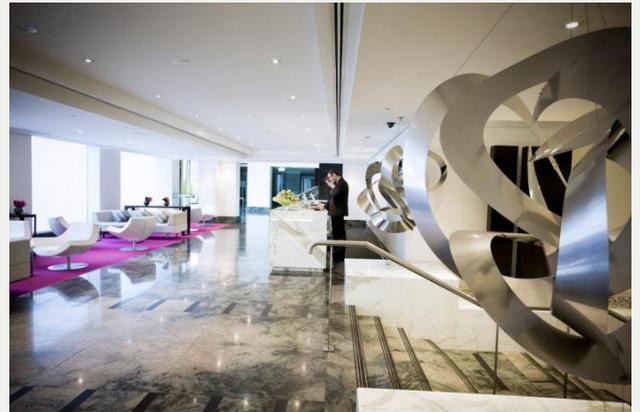
**Harbour Rocks Hotel** and its 59 rooms embodies the new spirit of luxury and will continue to establish its reputation as a top boutique address in Sydney.

**Michael Sheridan**, the hotel's General Manager, comments "*It was wonderful watching Harbour Rocks Hotel transform over the six month renovation period. Joining a world famous Collection is an important step for us and a natural progression for this historical establishment and I look forward to seeing guests experience the difference.*"



## The Como Melbourne: elegance and discreet charm in Chapel Street, the heart of Melbourne's fashionable district

Situated in Chapel Street, in the very heart of the fashionable district where stores, restaurants and renewed coffee shops are legion, **The Como** has started welcoming its first guests under the MGallery brand. Elegant and distinctive, the hotel surprises customers as soon as they come through its large entrance doors, following in the footsteps of the numerous celebrities, artists, musicians and international actors who have done so in the past. With its 107 bedrooms and suites, exceptionally luminous and spacious, **The Como** seduces guests thanks to the magnificent interior swimming pool and the terrace in the roof.



**Cleo Seaman**, the hotel's General Manager comments *"Joining the MGallery Collection will inject new life into this establishment, which has been a landmark hotel for many Australians. What is more, the hotel has benefited from an extensive 12 month renovation which has it looking better than ever"*.

## Hotel Lindrum: charm and discretion in Melbourne's cultural and artistic district



Located nearby theatres, museums, and Melbourne's cultural and artistic life, **Hotel Lindrum**, will join the MGallery Collection at the end of November. The establishment offers all the charm of an intimate 59-room boutique hotel with a contemporary atmosphere.

The restaurant "Felt" proposes a rich card of delicate dishes served in a cosy and chic ambiance. In the same way, the billiard room refers to the famous Australian snooker player who gave his name to the hotel: Walter A. Lindrum.

With five addresses in Australia and one in New Zealand, MGallery continues to enrich its Collection in the Asia Pacific region. Next year, the brand's objective is to open six more establishments in this zone.



*MGallery, high-end hotel Collection of Accor group, the first hotel operator worldwide, with over 3,500 hotels in 92 countries, counts more than 50 hotels all around the world. Each hotel of the Collection stages with talent a unique personality and story, experienced by guests through its architecture, interior design and services. Each hotel is inspired by one of the three typical atmospheres of the Collection. Some hotels present "Heritage" origins, places filled with history; others reflect an aesthetic universe, a style, the "Signature" of a personality that contributed to their creation or decoration; still others promise a relaxing time, "Serenity," in a natural or urban retreat.*

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