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OVOLO AUSTRALIA'S NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, WAYNE TARANTO
- TARANTO JOINS AWARD-WINNING DESIGNER HOTEL COLLECTION, OVOLO -

Wayne Taranto has been appointed as the Director of Operations for Ovolo Group in Australia. Based in Sydney, Wayne will be responsible for all Operations for the Australia Hotels. He joins the Ovolo with 26 years' experience as a respected leader in the vibrant Australian hospitality industry.

Wayne's areas of expertise are in the inception and execution of luxury brand operations and innovative culinary & beverage conceptual development and delivery, extremely valuable as Ovolo expands in Australia, with Ovolo South Yarra opening 2021. With proven success in the strategic roll out of past brands, his ability to foster a thriving team environment with a focus on pride, consistency and attention to detail is welcome, cementing the growth and success of this award-winning collection.

"With a diverse portfolio of venues, restaurants, bars, hotels, and entertainment precincts in multiple countries, I'm excited to bring my unique approach to guest experiences and service to Ovolo. The group shows no sign of slowing down and I'm confident that my passion for exemplary presentation, service and consistency, will keep us on the front foot," say Wayne. "Ovolo have been acknowledged in the industry as leaders, most recently receiving the accolade *Hotel Brand of the Year* at the 2019 and 2020 HM Awards. I'm thrilled to be part of a group where we can continue excelling in hotel excellence."

With an extensive background in hospitality, he honed his skills at Event Hospitality & Entertainment managing various Rydges Hotels & Resorts' on the east coast of Australia. He furthered his culinary expertise as Food & Beverage Director for the Australian Accor Hotels network, whilst managing hotels in the Sydney Olympic Park precinct, Circular Quay and Sydney's first five-star hotel, The Sofitel Wentworth. In recent years, Wayne was responsible for establishing Crown Group's innovative hotel division, SKYE Hotel & Suites and managing d'Albora, Australia's largest Marina Group as CEO

"To have a Rockstar like Wayne join Ovolo Australia during a period of expansion and change will help lift what is already an award-winning hotel group to the next level," said Dave Baswal, COO Ovolo Group Australia. "Alongside our current team Wayne will bring a new dimension and assist in ensuring Ovolo continues to deliver pride in doing things the right way and connecting with our guest emotionally through design, art, music and exceptional yet personal service."

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About Ovolo Group:

The Ovolo Group was founded by entrepreneur Girish Jhunjhnuwala and first entered the real estate market in 2002; then further expanded into the hotel industry in 2010. Ovolo Hotels quickly became one of Hong Kong and Australia's most dynamic independent owner operated hospitality firms by providing guests with the best in effortless living across hotels and food and beverage outlets.

The Ovolo Group is a collection of contemporary hotels that keep you connected to the little luxuries you love, all effortlessly included. The company prides itself on being in touch with the modern traveller through award-winning interior designs, detail-driven comforts, complimentary value-added services like the mini bar and breakfast, with cutting-edge technology. Ovolo Hotels have been acknowledged for Hotel and Accommodation Excellence, receiving the accolade "Hotel Brand of the Year", at the 2019 and 2020 HM Awards.

A proud Hong Kong brand, Ovolo Group remains a family-owned and privately-operated business operating four hotels and three restaurants in Hong Kong, and seven hotels and five restaurants across Australia in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane. A new hotel is being developed in Melbourne, Australia, Ovolo South Yarra.

Ovolo also has the By Ovolo Collective within its portfolio of hotels, a distinctive collection of four hotels each one unique, each one special, the more guests explore, the more they'll find. These include Nishi Apartments in Canberra Australia, Mojo Nomad Aberdeen Harbour in Hong Kong, The Sheung Wan Hong Kong, and Mamaka Kuta Beach Bali Indonesia launching Q1 2021.