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Ovolo Group expands Dave Baswal's role to Managing Director ANZ

Ovolo Group, leading boutique designer hotel group has expanded the role of Dave Baswal to Managing Director ANZ. Dave has been leading the Australian arm of the business since 2016 and is not new to Team Ovolo.

Bringing over 20 years of hospitality finance and real estate management experience, he has been instrumental in leading Ovolo Australia over COVID, one of the hardest period hotels has seen in recent history. He has also lead development, design and growth initiatives for all new Australian based Ovolo Hotels; this includes acquisitions, repositioning, design and project management for The Inchcolm by Ovolo and Ovolo The Valley in Brisbane, Ovolo Nishi in Canberra and Ovolo South Yarra in Melbourne.

In addition to this, alongside Vince Lombino, Group Creative F&B Director, he has help create some innovative F&B concepts which add to the Ovolo experience, including Australia's first hotel plant-based restaurant Alibi, taking Ovolo to be the world's first vegetarian hotels and implementing this across numerous hotels and restaurants, among many others.

Commenting on the promotion, Girish Jhunjhnuwala said, "In a time of continued expansion for Ovolo, it is imperative to further bolster the Australian team with continued strong leadership and oversight, particularly with the launch of Ovolo South Yarra in early April and through this temperamental recovery period for the rest of Australia."

With the recent appointments of Wayne Taranto as Director of Operations Australia and Jared Thibault as Director of F&B Operations Australia will also allow Dave to focus on strategic and development opportunities in the ANZ region.

"I joined Ovolo Group's Australian team with a goal of driving the brand's further expansion into the Australian market," said Dave Baswal. "I have no intention of slowing down and with a great team behind me I will be able to focus on the strategic direction of the business in this region, acquisition and development projects to give Ovolo an even stronger footprint in this region."

Ovolo South Yarra is an example of Ovolo's commitment to invest the ANZ region, a new-build hotel which has been constructed and will open over a difficult social and economic period. This hotel also pushes the boundaries on design and experience, it blends past, present, and progressive, a place where retro chic and pop-art meet. Taking design cues from the days of disco, rock gods and 70's glamour - all mods and zero cons. At the heart of the 123 rooms and suites is Ovolo's 'effortless living' philosophy, experienced through seamless technology integration and intuitive design.

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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 The Sheung Wan by Ovolo in Hong Kong, and Mamaka Kuta Beach Bali Indonesia launching Q1 2021.

As of March 2021, Dash Living collaborated with Ovolo Hotels to launch two new generation of serviced rental solutions in Hong Kong. A total of 135 rooms and suites that form part of a new generation of serviced rental solutions for hyper-mobile millennials will be available for booking. The Aberdeen by Dash Living, soon-to-be converted from Mojo Nomad By Ovolo, offers 79 rooms ranging from studios to executive suites. The 56-room The Sheung Wan By Ovolo, only remaining under Ovolo's management for stays under 7 days, will offer units from studio, one bedroom, to family room options.