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## OVOLO STRENGTHENS ITS TALENT

Ovolo Hotels, the award-winning boutique designer hotel collection, is continually strengthening their team by adding to their impressive portfolio some of the industry's best talent. Through hard times, Ovolo Woolloomooloo and Ovolo Nishi has introduced bold new rockstars to the group who will help solidify Ovolo's standing within the industry.

Ovolo Woolloomooloo bridges heritage and modern luxury, allowing guests to indulge in the rich history of the Woolloomooloo wharf complemented by contemporary designs and tech-savvy inclusions.

Kieron Hunt, the property's newly appointed General Manager, brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from all round the world. Having worked extensively in London, Dubai, China, Japan, and Australia... to name a few. He has spent the last 20 years working for some of the world's biggest and most luxurious brands such as The Murray, Peninsula Hotels, InterContinental Hotels, Hilton Hotels and Chelsea Football Club.

Kieron will work closely alongside newly appointed Food and Beverage General Manager, Adam Leonardi. Adam's career has taken him to some of Sydney's most iconic venues including Operations Manager at The Crown, as well as Food and Beverage Manager at the Accor and the Pullman Hotels.

There can be no better duo to direct Ovolo's signature Sydney venue, Woolloomooloo, out of lockdown and towards the unrivalled status of being the number one Boutique Hotel in Sydney.

Further down South, the cosy and artistic Ovolo Nishi is joined by Gabriel Polias, their newest General Manager. Using his experience as Hotel Manager at the Sofitel Hotel and Director of Operations at the Marriott, Gabriel is shaping Canberra's latest luxury boutique hotel and Ovolo's most sustainable and architecturally innovative property. His goal has always been to further his career within an international hotel brand and working with Ovolo has only helped him further achieve that goal.

Just as Sydney has gained a new dynamic duo for Ovolo Woolloomooloo, Canberra has also gained their own: Gabriel now works alongside newly appointed Executive chef, Matthew Bentley.

Chef Bentley brings an unparalleled knowledge of Modern European cooking and baking. He is passionate about seeking and utilising quality local seasonal produce. Bringing experience from across Europe and the United Kingdom, Matthew has worked globally in 5-star properties and Michelin-starred restaurants. Including Restaurant Vermeer and Restaurant De Moerbeij in the Netherlands, and Hotel Lindrum Mgallery by Sofitel in Melbourne. In his new role, Matthew leads Canberra's only refined vegetarian dining experience, Monster Kitchen and Bar. With his experience as well as strong working knowledge of Asian cuisines, he is sure to have major contributions to Monster's rich French and Japanese inspired flavours.

"We are thrilled to be bringing a wealth of experience and talent to the group at a time when we are inviting guests back to our hotels. We feel incredibly fortunate to be able to attract such high Calibre senior management", says Ovolo's Director of Operations Australia, Wayne Taranto.

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#### **About Ovolo:**

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 eight hotels and seven restaurants across Australia in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane.

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 and The Aberdeen Harbour in Hong Kong, and Mamaka Kuta Beach in Bali Indonesia.



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.

Ovolo acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we are located. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.