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OVOLO'S CULINARY CREATIVES SHINE BRIGHTER THAN EVER

After the recent appointment of Chef Ian Curley, Ovolo appoints renowned drinks specialist Andrea Gualdi

Ovolo Hotels, award-winning boutique designer hotel group, announces the appointment of Andrea Gualdi, co-founder of the "Maybe" Group, one of Australia's brightest and internationally renowned drinks specialist as the group plans to take their food and drinks venues to the next level.

Joining the Ovolo Group Australia in their newly created role of Group Creative Beverage Director, Andrea Gualdi, brings an extensive professional level of knowledge and experience as Co-founder and Creative Director of the "Maybe" Group which owns and manages Maybe Sammy, their Sydney venue; landing number 22 in 'The World's 50 Best Bars' this year and awarding them with the title of 'The Best Bar in Australasia 2021'.

"I'm super excited to join The Ovolo Group which has partnered with some of Australia's most recognised talent in the Food & Beverage industry. I'm looking forward to contributing to the growth of the Ovolo portfolio, as well as bringing some of my personal touch to these unique venues," said Andrea.

In addition to being co-founder to a successful hospitality group, Andrea has secured multiple personal awards for his skills behind the bar. Andrea was awarded 'Top 10 International Bartender of the Year' in 2020, 'Australian Bar Team of The Year' in 2019 and 'Australian Bartender of the year' in 2017.

"Andrea's success speaks for itself, he's a rock star, we look forward to continuing his successful run at Ovolo,' said Ovolo's Director of Operations Australia, Wayne Taranto.

Recently, the Ovolo Group announced renowned chef Ian Curley as Group Creative Culinary Partner for Australia. This initiative sees the experienced mentoring the passionate. As Ovolo's Group Creative Culinary Partner, alongside the team of Creative Culinary Consultants, Ian will invest his vast knowledge and experience working with Ovolo's passionate and emerging chefs.

"Excited to be welcoming Andrea to our F&B leadership team to carve out the future of our bars and beverage programs alongside Ian Curley," Taranto continued.

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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.