



Media Release

## **OVOLO PUTS ITS EMPLOYEE'S FIRST - Ovolo Hotels actions mandated wage increase three months early**

Lifestyle designer hotel collection, Ovolo, is living up to its mantra of making people 'Shine' by passing on The Fair Work Commission's mandated wage increase for award workers three months ahead of the October 1 deadline.

The Commission chose to postpone the increase for industries 'at risk', including hospitality and airlines, until October 1, 2022. However, from July 1, Ovolo will pass on the 4.6% increase to all its award workers in its seven designer hotels and seven unique restaurant and bar concepts across Australia.

Dave Baswal, CEO of Ovolo Hotels said this decision was made with Ovolo's employees solely in mind.

"We're all about Shiny Happy People. Hospitality is a people business; we are nothing without our team - they are our biggest asset - so it is only right to pass this increase onto them as soon as possible. This will ensure our team are looked after in what are still tough times for many of them – it provides a sense of stability and security," Baswal said.

"At Ovolo we aim to be a force *for* good on every level, from our individuals to our communities and beyond. We believe if a business or an industry has the financial capability to act on the recent Fair Work Commission's mandated wage increase for award workers, then we absolutely need to pass that onto our people with almost immediate effect," he continued.

It's not just the hospitality and tourism industry that has suffered, but it's the people within - mentally, physically, emotionally - and they find themselves exhausted. Whilst increasing the wages three months ahead, it's a small gesture and a heartfelt thanks to all the hard working, dedicated, humble, gracious, and loyal people of Ovolo.

What truly makes Ovolo more special and more unique from the rest, is its people. They are committed, extremely talented and they shape our strong culture. People are the heart and soul of Ovolo through their care, creativity and passion creating the kind of 'feel-good' factor that keeps guests coming back time and time again.

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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.