

SUITE *surrender*

New and notable
on the Oz hotel
scene in 2014.

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Canberra's
Hotel Hotel

HOTEL HOTEL

Canberra has taken a turn to the quirky-cool side with the launch of Hotel Hotel, boutique accommodation so nice, they named it twice. Juxtapositions abound: woven wall art and a salvaged-timber staircase add a bit of rough to the smooth of Danish furniture. No two of the 99 rooms are the same. And in summer, there is even a courtyard cinema showing arthouse movies. From \$285. *NewActon Nishi, 25 Edinburgh Avenue, Canberra, (02) 6287 6287. hotel-hotel.com.au*

THE HOUSE AT SMOKO

This stockman's homestead hits the right mix of luxury and country heartiness. An intimate three-bedroom property with rustic touches such as rough-hewn planks, tin roofing and an open stone fireplace outside,

a sleek, modern kitchen and abundant natural light. In winter, visitors are in easy reach of the snowfields at Mount Hotham, Falls Creek and Mount Buffalo. In summer, spend an evening under the stars and explore the Victorian Alps. From \$350. *1691 Great Alpine Road, Smoko, Victoria. 0448 992 960. thehouseatsmoko.com.au*

ADINA BONDI BEACH

Adina's new digs in Bondi bring all the amenities of an apartment suite to Sydney's famous stretch of sand. The location makes it a family-friendly standout, with 111 apartments. A trip to the seaside wouldn't be complete without an ice-cream, and the on-site Gelato Messina deserves the hype. From \$229. *69-73 Hall Street, Bondi Beach, NSW. (02) 9300 4800. adinahotels.com.au*



The House
at Smoko



Adina
Bondi
Beach



Cicada Lodge



Ovolo Hotel

MCLAREN EYE

Accommodating just two couples, this eco-friendly bolthole is the embodiment of intimate. Floor-to-ceiling windows and a hillside perch showcase 180-degree views of sun on the stubble. Nestled in the lesser-known, but highly lauded McLaren Vale wine region, guests can get their cellar door on or pack a basket with local olives, bread and vino for a daytrip to a gloriously unadulterated stretch of coastline. From \$450. 36a Peters Creek Road, Kangarilla, South Australia. (08) 8383 7122. mclareneye.com.au

ESCAPE HAVEN BYRON BAY

A new sister property to the ladies-only Bali resort, Escape Haven Byron Bay seems to know what women really want – beaches, Bellinis, surfing and all-you-can-stretch

yogathons. Guests can choose between a yoga or surfing-centric program to wind down or ramp up a girly week away. There are just four suites, plus a reading pool and lap pool – and the shoreline is a short stroll away. From \$2895 (seven-day program). 6/137 Broken Head Reserve Road, Broken Head, NSW. 0447 000 693. escapehaven.com

CICADA LODGE

A new addition to the eco-luxury market, Cicada Lodge offers impeccable service in the spectacular Nitmiluk National Park. The lodge is run by the Indigenous Jawoyn people, whose traditions and customs inform its aesthetic. Local art is displayed in the 18 suites, the natural hues and textures complementing the views of the sandstone Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and



Escape Haven Byron Bay



1888 Hotel

McLaren Eye



bushland. The Chef's Table restaurant adds an ultra-contemporary spin to native produce, with dishes including savoury crocodile cheesecake. From \$645. Nitmiluk National Park, Katherine, NT. (08) 8974 3100. cicadalodge.com.au

1888 HOTEL

With neighbours such as the Star Casino, Sydney Fish Market, Darling Harbour and the CBD, this heritage-listed 90-room boutique hotel is right at the heart of all things entertainment. The style is “rustic contemporary”, which means the former warehouse vibe has been retained, with large (soundproofed) period windows, exposed ironbark beams and brickwork, recycled timber work stations and 3m-high ceilings complemented by bespoke furniture and Australian art works. The Eatery & Bar

serves breakfast and a light evening menu, craft beers and cocktails, while the rooms feature rain showers and custom-made bedding. From \$179. 139 Murray Street, Pyrmont, NSW. (02) 8586 1888. 1888hotel.com.au

OVOLO HOTEL

The Hong Kong hospitality group's first foray into the Australian market, Ovolo introduces a street-chic alternative to the standard business offering, with smart lighting solutions and tech access given top billing. The 43 rooms embrace a moody colour palette, with pops of yellow and red. Three penthouses have an open-air rooftop hot tub and in-room pinball machine to ensure guests aren't working too hard. From \$229. 19 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria. +852 2165 1000. ovolohotels.com