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Travel Counsellors Australia sees further expansion

Travel Counsellors has undergone further expansion as the award winning company continues to go from strength to strength since its launch in Australia last year.

The past month has seen the company recruit two new members to its support team in Australia, move the office to larger premises, and recruit a further three agents to the country's team of Travel Counsellors.

The company has moved its Australian head office to Melbourne's premier business district, St Kilda Road, located in the Cadbury Schweppes building, an iconic Melbourne landmark. The office has been specifically designed to accommodate the induction training for new Travel Counsellors, as well as the ongoing training support provided to its agents. The Australian management team are now also able to broadcast the company's own live webcast, TCTV, from the office giving it agents the latest industry updates and news about the company.

The move will also give the company's growing team of support staff in Australia space to expand further, having recently recruited IT specialist Niral Shah and Priscilla Lyons in administration. Headed by General Manager Peter Watson, the team of professional support staff provide an unrivalled level of support to the company's Travel Counsellors in Australia.

Peter Watson comments; "I am delighted with our success since the company launched in Australia in September last year. We have already had to move offices to accommodate our expanding team of support staff and I would like to welcome our two new office members Niral and Priscilla plus our three new agents to the Travel Counsellors family. We also plan to expand our recruitment team in Australia over the next couple of months."

He adds; "It is such an exciting time for the company as it continues to grow and recruit the best agents in the industry, empowering them to run their own travel businesses from home."

The three new Travel Counsellors, Campbelltown based Karen Farley, McMahons Point based Ruth Walsh and Robina based Michael Barlow, bring the total number of agents in the country to 12.

The company's Travel Counsellors, who have an average of 19 years travel industry experience, have access to the best technology in the travel industry, allowing them to research the widest range of holidays on their customers' behalf. The Company is world's largest home-based travel company, with over 880 Travel Counsellors, working from home throughout the UK, Australia, the Netherlands, Germany, South Africa, and the USA.



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About Travel Counsellors: Travel Counsellors PLC is one of the UK's largest independent travel companies with turnover at the end of its last financial year (Oct 31 2007) of \$A502million, a 21% increase year on year. Founded in 1994 it currently has over 880 travel consultants who work from home with the support of over 170 staff at the company's head office in Bolton. The company operates in the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands, Germany, South Africa, Australia the US. In the UK Travel Counsellors places all customer money in a Trust account which guarantees a 100% refund in the event that a supplier collapses. Travel Counsellors was the winner of the prestigious Queen's Award for Enterprise in 2003-2008, the technology category of the 2005 CBI Growing Business Awards and was voted Travel Agent of the Year by readers of the Guardian, Observer and Guardian Unlimited in 2006 & 2007.

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