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HOTEL OPENINGS IN 2022 AND 2023

There's a hotel boom underway in Australia, while New Zealand is also seeing a solid increase in new accommodation across the country. Here's our pick of some of the best openings of 2022 and 2023 for conferences and incentives.

Ace Hotel Sydney

The hip Ace Hotel brand arrived in the Southern Hemisphere in June 2022, touching down in Sydney's Surry Hills. Reviving the Tyne House historic brick factory on Wentworth Avenue, the 257-room Ace Hotel Sydney is an eclectic experience with a vintage vibe. Three flexible event spaces range from 49m² to 150m² and can be combined. The 18th floor restaurant, headed up by Mitch Orr of ACME fame, can also host private events.

The Langham, Gold Coast

Located in the tallest of three crystalline towers, The Langham, Gold Coast opened in June 2022 as the first new hotel on the Gold Coast to have direct beach access in three decades. All 169 rooms and 18 suites have dreamy ocean or hinterland views. With over 1,100m² of meeting space, the property has 11 event venues, including a 618m² ballroom, which can host

up to 400 guests for a gala, and ten breakout rooms. And there's no need to leave the premises post-event, with several bars and restaurants onsite, including Tang Court, which has been Michelin-starred internationally.

Sudima Kaikōura

Located 180km from Christchurch on the coast of New Zealand's South Island, Sudima Kaikōura opened in October 2022 and is transforming the business events opportunities for this emerging destination. Perched on the shoreline, Sudima Kaikōura's 120 rooms and suites, restaurant, bar, gym, pool and two conference rooms take advantage of the beautiful, rugged coastline and dramatic mountains. The first 4.5-star property in town, meeting rooms Pacific 1 and 2 can be joined to host up to 130. Nearby, the Mayfair Arts and Culture Centre has two auditorium spaces, the largest of which can host 95 attendees.

The Porter House Hotel Sydney

The Porter House Hotel Sydney – MGallery by Sofitel opened in September 2022. Built around the heritage-listed Porter House in the heart of the city, it's steps from Hyde Park, Pitt Street Mall and the financial district. The property seamlessly blends voguish architectural design with its yesteryear, 1876 trade heritage with the 122 stylish, ultra-modern rooms and suites occupying ten floors of the new 36-storey tower. The connected four-level heritage building is a standalone hospitality destination with a ground-level café and bar. The first floor Dixon & Sons – named after the original merchant owners – has two semi-private dining areas while levels two and three comprise dedicated functions spaces, meeting rooms and private dining rooms with cosy lounge seating and some with fireplaces. It's topped off with a fourth-floor rooftop bar, rotating art gallery, heated pool and garden.

The Ritz-Carlton, Melbourne

Scheduled to debut in March 2023, The Ritz-Carlton, Melbourne will bring a stunning landmark to Melbourne's skyline. At 80 storeys, the 257 luxury rooms and suites will have breathtaking city views. The hotel's offering includes ample space to wine, dine, meet and be pampered across a signature restaurant, a library bar, more than 2,700m² of event space, a holistic wellness centre and an infinity pool.

Capella Sydney

Also in March 2023, Capella Sydney will open its first Australian property. The eight-storey heritage-listed sandstone Department of Education building occupies an entire block encircled by Loftus, Bridge and Young Streets. Alongside 192 luxury guestrooms and suites, there will be three food and beverage outlets and six bespoke meeting and event spaces, with heritage embellishments, high ceilings, masses of natural light and the latest technology, on ground level, catering for groups of 10 to 80 people. And it's all within strolling distance of the harbour foreshore, Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House.

W Sydney

W Sydney is already altering Sydney's Darling Harbour waterfront skyline with its dramatic architectural curved ribbon design. It will be the largest W Hotel in the world and encapsulates the brand's signature flair and edge while offering up water and city views. Slated to open in October 2023, no two of the 585 ultra-luxurious suites and rooms are the same. Level five features 1,018m² of event space across nine areas, including a 425m² foyer and a pillarless 592m² Great Room with 5.6m ceilings and floor-to-ceiling glass. A two-storey rooftop bar, eclectic restaurants, an infinity pool and a spa round out the property.

The Sebel Wellington Lower Hutt

The Sebel Wellington Lower Hutt is being built in partnership with Hutt City Council's new Civic Centre, which includes an 800-seat Events Centre adjoining the historic Town Hall. Overlooking Riddiford Gardens and the Hutt River on Wellington Harbour's eastern shores, it opens in the second quarter of 2023. The new build apartment-style hotel has 60 fully serviced studios and one-bedroom apartments with cosy, modern furnishings alongside dynamic restaurant and bar areas.

InterContinental Auckland

Opening late 2023, InterContinental Auckland will enjoy an unrivalled location on the city's waterfront, surrounded by Auckland's newest shopping, dining and living precinct. The 139-key hotel, with its rooftop bar and dining venue, form part of the NZ\$1 billion Commercial Bay mixed-use development. [m](#)