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FGI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SYDNEY AUSTRALIA 15 – 18 NOVEMBER 2007

Proposed Itinerary

Thursday 15 November 2007

10.00am – 5.00pm **Conference Registration**, at the offices of the:
NSW Department of State & Regional
Development
Level 47, MLC Centre
Cnr King & Castlereagh Streets, Sydney.

Sydney FGI Members will greet out-of-town conference participants who will be arriving throughout the day to register. Out-of-town delegates will be assigned and meet their own personal FGI Sydney Ambassador at registration. All FGI Member Delegates will receive badges, a welcome gift bag, as well as conference package containing event invitations, a detailed itinerary, tourism guides and other relevant information.

6.10pm Meet your FGI Sydney Ambassador in the
Lobby of Sofitel Wentworth Hotel Sydney
61 – 101 Phillip Street
Sydney
Board chartered buses departing the Sofitel
Wentworth for Government House.

6.25pm Alight chartered buses at Government House.
6.30pm – 8.30pm **The Cutting Edge Cocktail Reception
and Welcome**, at Government House, the
official reception space of the Governor of New
South Wales, Professor Marie Bashir AC.
Opening address by Mary Gualtieri, Regional
Director Fashion Group International Sydney,
and Claudia Chan Shaw, Conference Chair.

Government House, Sydney, is an historic, gothic revival building, set amongst 5 hectares of garden adjoining the extensive harbourside Botanic Gardens, overlooking Sydney Opera House to the north. During this memorable evening, hosted by Professor Marie Bashir AC, we will be celebrating the official opening of the FGI International Conference – *The Cutting Edge*, and the 40th Anniversary of FGI Sydney.

8.30pm Board chartered buses departing Government
House for the return journey back to the Sofitel
Wentworth Hotel.
Evening at own leisure.



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8.00am Meet your FGI Sydney Ambassador in Lobby of Sofitel Wentworth Hotel.

8.10am Board chartered buses departing the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel for Circular Quay.

8.30am Arrive at Circular Quay

8.40am Board the Sydney Harbour Ferry to Taronga Park Zoo.

8.45am Sydney Harbour Ferry departs Circular Quay

Sydney Ferries have been part of life on Sydney Harbour for more than 135 years. As we sail out from Circular Quay towards Taronga Park Zoo Wharf, you'll enjoy stunning views of the Sydney Opera House, Port Jackson and marvellous harbour-side houses. Enjoy the Harbour experience!

9.00am Arrive at Taronga Park Zoo Wharf, board chartered buses that will take you up the hill to the Taronga Centre.

Taronga Park Zoo is Australia's leading zoological garden, featuring Australia's finest collection of native animals and a diverse collection of exotic species. What makes Taronga something special is its location. It is situated on elevated land along the waterfront, in one of the most beautiful vantage points on Sydney Harbour overlooking Sydney Cove, the Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House. This will form the backdrop for this morning's business breakfast.

9.10am Alight chartered buses arriving at the Taronga Centre.

9.15am - 11.00am ***Australian Innovations in Textiles***
Business breakfast at the Taronga Centre, Taronga Level, Taronga Park Zoo.

A business breakfast where keynote speakers will present their future oriented perspectives for the 21st Century wardrobe – where fashion meets function. Discover innovative materials, concepts, products and ideas; cutting edge technologies, revolutionary developments and visionary ideas from the area of high tech apparel textiles. Presentations will focus on the development of ground-breaking prototypes, current product examples, functional fabrics and eco textiles – fabrics that care.

11.15am Board chartered buses departing the Taronga Centre for Balmoral Beach.

11.30am Alight chartered buses arriving at Balmoral Beach



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11.45am-12.45pm **Swim Surf Resort** – a parade on the beach featuring some of Australia’s best designers in this market.

Australia’s reputation for beach culture and sun worship is legendary. We head to Balmoral Beach to feature some of Australia’s best designers in this lucrative market segment. A chance to get the sand between your toes.

1.00pm – 3.00pm Lunch at The Bather’s Pavilion, Balmoral Beach.

The *Bather’s Pavilion* waterfront restaurant and private room is headed by Executive Chef / Owner, Serge Dansereau; renowned worldwide for his culinary skills and his development of a uniquely Australian cuisine. Serge and his team have especially designed a menu to complement today’s *Swim Surf Resort* event showcasing the freshest of Australian produce and seasonal ingredients for our FGI international delegates.

3.15pm Board chartered buses departing Balmoral Beach for the short journey over Sydney Harbour Bridge, back to the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel.

3.45pm Alight chartered buses arriving at Sofitel Wentworth Hotel.

3.45pm- 6.30pm Afternoon at own leisure.

5.15pm – 6.00pm Optional informal light refreshments in the Canberra Room, Level 1, Sofitel Wentworth Hotel, for member delegates.

6.30pm Meet your FGI Sydney Ambassador in the Lobby of Sofitel Wentworth Hotel. for a short downhill walk to Sydney Opera House.

6.40pm Board chartered buses departing the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel for the Sydney Opera House.

6.50pm Alight chartered buses at the Sydney Opera House.

7.30pm-9.45pm **A Night at the Opera House** – Premium tickets for the Australian Ballet’s performance of “Destiny” – a tribute to Leonid Massine, creative star and choreographer to the renowned Ballets Russes. Complimentary program and champagne at Interval.

The Australian Ballet’s *Destiny* program will open with Massine’s *Les Presages* set to Tchaikovsky’s Fifth Symphony (which premiered in Australia in 1936, performed by the Ballets Russes). *Symphonie Fantastique* is the second work on the *Destiny* bill, set to the 1830 score of Hector Berlioz. Followed by



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10.00pm-midnight ***Dinner at Guillaume at Bennelong***, under the architectural sails of the Sydney Opera House. Experience fine dining and a salon showing of the designs of graduates of one of Sydney's leading fashion schools – ***the Raffles KVB Institute of Technology Salon Showing***.

Raffles KVB Institute of Technology, with its mission to provide one of the most creative and flexible curricula and study environments in Australasian design education, is noted by the Australian fashion industry for its innovative approach to knitwear and ready-to-wear de luxe / couture design. *RKVB* offers students a 3 year Bachelor of Design degree program, with a major in Fashion Design. Robert de Giovanni, Head of School at *R KVB Sydney*, will present the Graduate Collection.

The dining room of *Guillaume at Bennelong* is situated in the southern shell of architect Joern Utzon's Sydney Opera House. Here diners sit beneath the building's magnificent vaulted concrete ribs. The restaurant boasts 180 degree views of Sydney Harbour, the city and the Botanical Gardens. We will have exclusive use of the restaurant, balcony and bar area for this fine dining experience and salon showing. This award winning restaurant has Three Chefs Hats, with a rating of 18/20, and has been awarded 3 Stars from Australian Gourmet Traveller.

Executive Chef, Guillaume Brahimi, a Michelin trained French Chef who worked with Joel Robuchon in Paris before moving to Australia, will design and prepare a special gourmet menu of contemporary Australian cuisine with a classical French influence served with selected wines for this special event featuring fine dining and fashion's stars of the future.

12.15am Board chartered buses at Sydney Opera House for the return journey to the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel.

12.30am Alight chartered buses at the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel.



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8.30am-11.00am ***Fashion Flash – meet Australia's Fashion Cognoscenti***
Business breakfast at the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel Ballroom.

View highlights from the recent International fashion shows....but with an Australian twist! A panel of Australian fashion luminaries will reveal how they compete and prosper in an increasingly competitive global marketplace, with their brands achieving cult status both at home and internationally. The panel discussion and question time will be moderated by a leading fashion editor and style guru.

11.30am Board chartered buses departing the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel for the Queen Victoria Building.

11.50am Alight chartered buses at the Queen Victoria Building.

12.00pm-2.30pm ***Counter Culture – Retailing in the 21st Century***
Business 'high tea' to be held in The Tearoom, Level 3, North End, The Queen Victoria Building, 455 George Street, Sydney.

Panel discussion where leading retailers and industry experts examine the Main Street, the Mall and the Virtual Store. Where to from here?

2.30pm – 4.30pm Retail shopping experience at own leisure.

Pierre Cardin called it *'the most beautiful shopping centre in the world'*. Gianni Versace said it was *'number one'*. They were both describing the magnificent *Queen Victoria Building*. Free time for delegates to explore the *Queen Victoria Building* with generous discounts exclusively for *The Cutting Edge Conference* delegates.

4.30pm Make own way back to Sofitel Wentworth Hotel.

5.30pm Board chartered buses departing the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel for the Powerhouse Museum.

5.50pm Alight chartered buses at the Powerhouse Museum.



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6.00pm – 9.00pm ***Florence Broadhurst – Reinventing the Brand for a Contemporary Market***
Business cocktail event to be held at the Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo, Sydney.

Florence Broadhurst was a revolutionary artist and wall paper designer. A fascination with her colourful life and outstanding designs has led to a worldwide revival of the Florence Broadhurst brand. This session reveals the many lives of this extraordinary Australian, the far-reaching influences of her designs and how the company, *Signature Prints*, has established the Florence Broadhurst global brand. Guest speakers include Helen Lennie, General Manager, Signature Prints; David Lennie, CEO Signature Prints; Helen O'Neill, author of *Florence Broadhurst, Her Secret and Extraordinary Lives*; Interior Designer, Babette Hayes, and Fashion Designer, Akira Isogawa.

The Powerhouse Museum, Australia's largest and most popular museum, has a unique and diverse collection of over 385,000 objects that span history, science, technology, design, industry, decorative arts, music, transport, and space exploration. Built up since 1880, this vast collection includes an extraordinary array of treasures, oddities and innovations.

During the 40 years of its existence, FGI Sydney has donated 24 significant pieces to the Powerhouse Museum's fashion collection. In a special gesture to acknowledge and celebrate *The Cutting Edge- FGI International Conference*, some of these garments will be on special exhibition for delegates to view.

Delegates will also be treated to an exclusive, private viewing of *Diana: a celebration*. *Diana: a celebration* is an exhibition commemorating the public life and private side of Diana, Princess of Wales. On loan from the Althorp Estate, the Spencer family's 500-year-old ancestral home, *Diana: a celebration* showcases the life and humanitarian work of one of the most remarkable women of her time. On display are 150 objects, including her Royal Wedding gown and other Designer dresses, jewels from the Spencer family collection, letters and film footage from Diana's childhood and her adult public life, plus heirlooms, photographs and paintings from the Althorp estate. On show at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney from 27 September 2007.

9.15pm Board chartered buses departing The Powerhouse Museum for the return journey back to the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel; OR delegates may choose to stroll down to Darling Harbour to experience the harbourside dining and night life at own leisure.

9.30pm Alight chartered buses at the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel.

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Sunday 18 November 2007

Breakfast at own arrangements.

10.00am Board chartered buses departing the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel for the *Cerrone* flagship store.

10.30am Alight chartered buses at the *Cerrone* flagship store

10.30am-12.00pm ***Designs on Diamonds***
Nicola Cerrone hosts an exclusive private viewing of the world's most coveted jewellery in the acclaimed *Cerrone* flagship store.
13-19 Catherine Street Leichhardt

As one of Australia's most successful and awarded jewellers, Nic Cerrone exhibits a passion about his jewellery that has attracted an equally passionate clientele. He has been the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors including the *2005 Premio Italiani nel Mondo*, and the De Beers Diamonds International Awards, and De Beers Supreme Diamond Award.

World wide, Nic Cerrone has developed a loyal and impressive following of many high profile celebrities including Barbra Streisand and Olivia Newton-John, who have commissioned his designs.

12.00pm Board chartered buses departing the Cerrone flagship store for the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

12.30pm Alight chartered buses at the Art Gallery of New South Wales

12.45pm-1.45pm ***Living Life in Art***
Cultural focus on the artist, Salvatore Zofrea.
Art Gallery Of New South Wales,
Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney

Artist Salvatore Zofrea will take us on his journey as an Italian immigrant to Australia, through the story as depicted in his wood-block series – *Appassionata*. *Appassionata* is a series of one hundred woodblock prints which form a visual diary of significant events in the life of the artist. Salvatore Zofrea is a widely acclaimed artist in the medium of woodblock printmaking. These bold works trace his memories and dreams from his Italian beginnings to his life in Australia.

The Art Gallery of New South Wales is the leading museum of art in New South Wales and Sydney, and one of Australia's foremost cultural institutions. It holds significant collections of Australian, European, and Asian art, and presents nearly forty exhibitions annually.

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1.45pm – 2.45pm Light lunch at the Art Gallery of New South Wales

3.00pm - 4.00pm Viewing of the Aboriginal Art Collection and the milestone exhibition *The Masterpieces of Sidney Nolan*

The Aboriginal collection of the Art Gallery of New South Wales is housed in the Yiribana Gallery, sponsored by Qantas. It is one of the largest spaces in Australia dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, and displays one of the broadest collections in the country. Delegates will experience the Yiribana Gallery.

The Masterpieces of Sidney Nolan

Sidney Nolan is rightfully claimed to be Australia's most original and internationally recognised artist. His most well-known works focus on Ned Kelly in a manner which has since become iconic.

4.00pm Board chartered buses departing AGNSW for Sofitel Wentworth Hotel

4.30pm – 6.30pm At own leisure

7.00pm-11.00pm ***The Cutting Edge – FGI International Conference Black Tie Gala***
The Sofitel Wentworth Hotel Grand Ballroom.

A formal dinner and presentation hosted by the Council of Textiles and Fashion Industries of Australia (TFIA) announcing the nominees for the prestigious Fashion Industry of Australia (FIA) awards, and nominees to the TFIA Hall of Fame. The inaugural FGI Sydney award for excellence in fashion will be presented on the night.

This event represents the strong relationship between TFIA and FGI Sydney in supporting the Australian fashion industry and continues an ongoing collaboration for the mutual benefit of their members. TFIA plays a key role in positioning the Australian fashion and textile industry for global growth in the open market.

Sofitel Wentworth Sydney has an illustrious history and in the past has been home to many famous faces including movie stars Sophia Loren, Audrey Hepburn and members of Royalty including the Princess of Wales. Diana – Princess of Wales danced in the Sofitel Wentworth Sydney Grand Ballroom during her Australian visit. This magnificent room will be the venue for this gala event.

11.00pm ***The Cutting Edge – FGI International Conference – Close.***

Closing address.

FGI Sydney reserves the right to cancel, transfer or add sessions.