

AHL – Celebrating 100 years at the forefront of hospitality and entertainment

Amalgamated Holdings Limited (AHL) is one of Australia's premier entertainment, hospitality, and tourism and leisure companies celebrating 100 years of operation in 2010. AHL had its beginnings with West's Pictures in 1910 which later merged with a number of other companies under the banner know as Union Theatres and Australasian Films to form the largest film company in Australia in 1913.

Union Theatres' then General Manager Stuart Doyle created the vision for 'million dollar theatres' including the construction of the State Theatre in the 1920s. He also pioneered a national broadcasting service and created the Australian Broadcasting Company Ltd before handing it over to the Commonwealth Government.

AHL now operates cinemas in every capital city and major regional centre in Australia trading under Greater Union and Birch Carroll & Coyle. The company owns, leases or manages over 30 hotels and resorts in Australia and New Zealand including Rydges Hotels as well as owning and operating the Thredbo Alpine Resort and Featherdale Wildlife Park.

AHL's technology interests include the largest film-processing laboratory in Australia and the design, manufacture and installation of film processing equipment. AHL also exports its knowledge and skills to Europe and the Middle East through cinema joint ventures with local partners and hotel management contracts.

QT Hotels – bringing excitement, elegance and style to inner city hotel offerings

The Sydney QT hotel in the upper floors of the State Theatre and Gowings Buildings will include 196 designer rooms, an exciting and edgy restaurant and bar and a luxurious day spa. This will be the launch hotel for the QT brand. QT hotels and resorts will be 4.5 star level boutique hotels offering a stylish, exciting and elegant experience.

New hotel supply has been severely constrained in Sydney over the past few years, with residential and office developments capturing the most available land. The State Theatre and Gowings Buildings Revival Project will help address the current shortage of hotel room stock, boosting employment and tourism infrastructure.

The new group of 4.5 star level hotels will initially be located in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Canberra. They will be centrally located for business and individual leisure travellers. Each hotel will have a distinct personality offering a new hotel experience. Resorts are also planned in alpine, coastal and unique geographical locations.

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ENTERTAINMENT Greater Union Cinemas • Birch Carroll & Coyle Cinemas • Cinestar Cinemas
ENTERTAINMENT TECHNOLOGY Atlab Image & Sound Technology • Filmlab Engineering
HOSPITALITY & LEISURE Rydges Hotels & Resorts • Thredbo Alpine Resort • The State Theatre