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MANTRA ON MURRAY

INFORMATION MEMORANDUM (As at 24th August 2018)

BETTER THAN 6% RETURN ON THE NET RENT (Why settle for less?)

Mantra on Murray properties have proved to be a very popular form of investment. This document explains why! It provides comprehensive information to prospective buyers.

The Building

Mantra on Murray is located in central Perth, at 297 – 305 Murray Street Perth, approximately 200m west of the Murray Street mall and its intersection with William Street. It is immediately adjacent to the Murray Street Rail station and approximately equi-distant to the free public transport "Central Area Transit – (CAT)" Bus Service.

The building comprises basement parking and a ground floor which accommodates the Hotel reception area, public areas and the Hotel's function and meeting rooms.

The ground floor also accommodates two Strata Lots, one of which is leased to the Hotel for its bar and bistro and the other which is used for non-related commercial purposes.

The first seven floors above ground level are sub divided into 190 Hotel Suites. Each Hotel Suite is on a separate Strata Title and each is owned by individual investors. At the time of issue of this memorandum there are 6 owners who each own 2 apartments and 1 couple who own 3 apartments. All of the rest are owners who own a single apartment.

There are a further 3 floors (floors 8, 9 and 10) which comprise 60 separate Strata Title residential apartments. These apartments are not leased to the Hotel. A number are owner occupied whilst others are leased.

The Lease

The Hotel opened in August 2003. All 190 Hotel Suite leases have common terms and terminology.

The Hotel exercised the options on all 190 Leases for a new lease term to commence on the 18th August 2018.

Each Lease has a series of 5-year options. Under the terms of the original Lease all would have finally expired on the 15th August 2033. However, the Hotel operator has invited the owners to grant them further options through to 2043.

Since it opened the Hotel has traded exceptionally well with higher than Perth average occupancy rates. Like all hotels in Perth, over the past couple of years the hotel has experienced the effects of substantial increases in room numbers coinciding with a general downturn in visitor numbers to Perth. This commercial reality lead to an "across the board" rent reduction to commence with the new lease term. The pain is now over and the new rent forms the base for the next 5 years. Our selling price has been reduced accordingly.

The Tenant named in the Lease is "Pacific International Suites (Perth) Pty Ltd". That Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mantra which is the largest Australian based hotel and resort marketer and operator. Mantra Group has over 22,000+ rooms under management for owners in properties across Australia, New Zealand and Indonesia.

The Apartments

The apartments vary in size from 28 sqm to 58 sqm although most are in the range of 31 – 37 sqm. They are fully furnished; the furnishings being owned by the Hotel. The Hotel upgraded all furnishings in all rooms during the first quarter of 2017.

The lease provides that the Lessee (the hotel) may call upon the Lessor (the strata lot owner) once every 5 years to upgrade or replace the fittings installed in the suite and this is one of the very few expenses that the property owner may be required to make.

The 1st of those upgrades was completed in 2011 after 7 and a 1/2 years, at the cost of the then owners. The 2nd was to have occurred in July 2016 but that upgrade was deferred. The rooms present very well (all furnishings were upgraded by Mantra in 2017) and it is not known when the next refurbishment will occur.

Income and Expenses

The rent payable by the Hotel operator is set at the commencement of the Lease and is subject to regular review. The reviews are fully detailed in each Lease. Reviews are:

- 2 years from lease commencement – CPI over that 2 year period to a maximum 5%
- 2 years from the last review date – CPI over that 2 year period to a maximum 5%
- Commencement of new lease term (1 year from last review) – Market value to a maximum 8%

That cycle repeats itself with each of the five-year option periods – i.e. a market value review (maximum 8%) at the commencement of each five-year option term, followed by the 2 x CPI or 5% increases during that term.

In addition to paying the rent, the Tenant also pays:

- The Water Rates and water usage charges
- The Council Rates
- The Strata Reserve Fund levies
- All of the Strata Levies including all maintenance costs relating to the building **except** the cost of maintenance contracts for servicing essential services – e.g. the lifts, water supply and the fire and sprinkler services.

Owner Expenditure

On the current budget, Mantra pay approximately 90% of the total Strata Levies, leaving a majority of owners to pay around 10% of the Strata Levies from the rent income.

Property Management Fees.

The Lease requires that there be one Property Manager who shall manage on behalf of all of the owners. The owners can change Managing Agents by a majority vote.

WA Property Connection is the currently appointed Property Manager. The buyer of a Strata apartment will be invited to enter into a Property Management Agreement with this Company.

Because we manage many hotel apartments in the building we can retain our management fees at very inexpensive levels. At 3.5% of rent they are possibly the lowest in Australia.

PRICES AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT.

There were no sales made over the past 6 months because we were negotiating the rent to apply from August this year, but prior to that we sold a majority of the apartments offered for sale over the previous 5 years. Ownership is generally very stable. Owners tend to sell their property only when their circumstances change. As investors come to realise the stability of this type of property investment, yields have tended to gradually come down.

**APARTMENT 7.19 – STRATA LOT 183 – ASKING PRICE \$257,000
(Area 36 m2 –on 7th Floor)**

Gross rent	\$17,664.51pa
Management fee (Inc. GST).	\$680.08pa
Owner proportion of Strata levies (Inc. GST).	\$279.76pa
Net rent	\$16,704.67pa
Return on investment	6.5%

Summary

The above is an exact breakdown - rent less costs = net rent – and then the return on investment with respect to the apartment we are currently offering for sale. Rents vary depending upon the size, location and nature of the fit-out of the Hotel Suite.

Whilst we make recommendations to each owner regarding the price at which they sell, the price sought by the owner is a decision for that owner. This helps explain why prices and returns may also vary from Apartment to Apartment.

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