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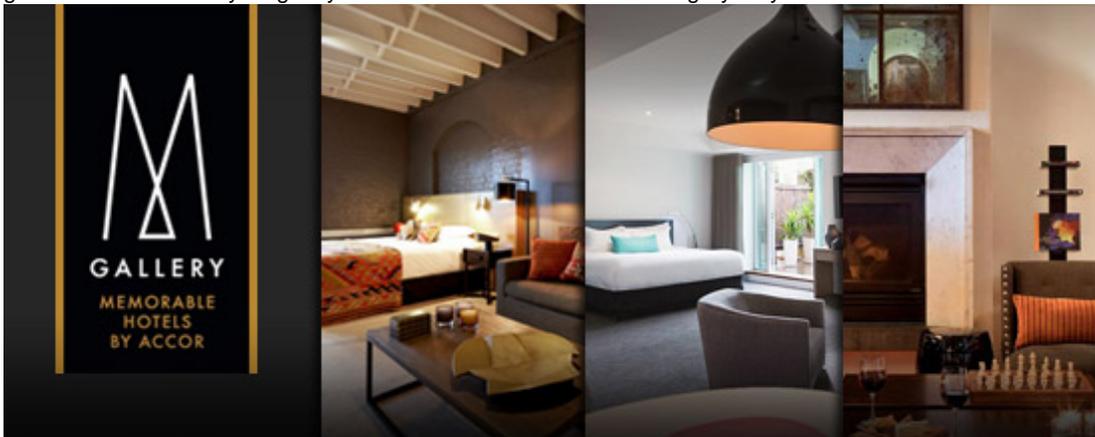
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# MGallery continues to conquer Australia

The MGallery Collection already counted two best-in-class addresses in Australia and is taking a spectacular leap forward as the year draws to an end. The Harbour Rocks (Sydney), Como and Lindrum (Melbourne) hotels now complete the list of exclusive addresses in Melbourne (Grand Hotel) and Leura (Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains Hotel). Here's a guided tour of these three character-steeped properties.

### A 59-room gem in the heart of the historical district

Our first stop is Sydney, where the **Harbour Rocks** has opened a stone's throw from the city's world-famous opera house. The building dates back to 1887 and is brimming with history – befitting the collection. It was originally the city's first hospital, and then became a bond store (1907) and art gallery (1973) before undergoing the metamorphosis that turned it into a hotel (1989). Its location is one of its distinctive features: it is in the heart of The Rocks, the legendary district where the first English settlers set foot. Its rich past still radiates from the red brick façade and stone walls inside, which transport guests. The wall behind the reception desk, for instance, features a prominent period map of the world that takes you back to the days of epic ocean travel. Those are a few of the amenities that guarantee a one-of-a-kind guest experience. Hotel Director Michael Sheridan enthuses, *"It was an amazing experience to see the Harbour Rocks transform over those six months. Joining a world-class Collection is an important step for us – and a natural step in this place's history."* The new décor subtly intertwines contemporary design and period furniture with character. The Harbour Rocks and its 59 stylish guestrooms have everything they will need to continue to rank among Sydney's finest addresses.



### Celebrity lifestyle in Melbourne

On to 630 Chapel Street, a Melbourne fashion and shopping hotspot. The **Como** has just welcomed its first guests as an MGallery hotel – and treated them to an astounding experience starting at the carriage door. And celebrities, artists, musicians and actors have flocked to it. This hotel is in one of the city's most prominent districts and nestled in countless well-known restaurants, stores and cafés. Its 107 light-filled and generously-sized suites feature colorful pop touches. The modern atmosphere provides the perfect backdrop for this hotel's Memorable Moment: a shopping spree in the second-largest Australian city's fashion-designer district with an image and style consultant to the stars, complete with a hairdressing session, makeup session and limo!

### In a billiards champion's footsteps

Our tour of Melbourne ends at the **Lindrum**, which will be joining the Collection this December. It is a stone's throw from the theatres and time-out hangouts, and surprises guests as soon as they see the neon sign that deliberately emulates 1950s style and conjures up Broadway's heyday. The Lindrum has 59 rooms and all the class you expect from a *"boutique-hotel"* – and is a perfect venue for classy seminars and conventions, including a billiards room that pays tribute to star Australian player... Walter Lindrum!

MGallery now has 5 addresses in Australia and is pushing ahead with its drive to expand its network in Oceania, consistently selecting new hotels by its uncompromising quality standards, which are building its selection's reputation every day.

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