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# AUSTRALIAN ACCOUNTANTS, LAWYERS & DIRECTORS CONFERENCE™

WE ARE PROUD TO INVITE YOU TO THE 16TH CONFERENCE AND WELCOME THE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF THE SPONSORS; SV PARTNERS, THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, VIRGIN AUSTRALIA, GRAYSONLINE, HILL ROGERS FINANCIAL SERVICES, BAILLIEU HOST LTD, MYACCOUNTS, THE AUSSIE GROUP, ATANASOV AUDIT & CONSULTING, PROFESSIONAL RISK MANAGERS, ITC LAW, BREENE & BREENE SOLICITORS, CARRERA AND HEAD. WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT THE CONFERENCE SIMPLY WOULD NOT GO AHEAD.

The inaugural Conference was held in 2000 in Aspen, Colorado. In 2001 it was moved to Whistler, British Columbia, where it was held for the next six years before returning to Colorado, at Steamboat Ski Resort in 2007 and then back to Aspen in 2008 where it has been held since. We are very pleased to be returning to Aspen in 2015.

Formally the Australian Accountants & Lawyers Conference™, the program was expanded in 2013 to accommodate company directors to reflect the delegate mix of the conference. Feedback from non-accountants & non-lawyers indicated the professional program is also relevant to the everyday operations of a business. This is particularly so given the professional advice from accountants and lawyers is an integral part of any business and that prudent directors will often seek the counsel of their professional advisors when considering many business decisions. We hope to attract more directors for the mutual benefit of all delegates and to create additional networking opportunities to those already available at the conference.

Clearly, the professional and director who keeps up to date with recent developments is in a better position to best conduct his or her practice or business. How do we identify problems before they overtake our clients or businesses and what steps can be taken to maintain systems at efficient and effective levels? In its 16th year, the AALDC™ will address contemporary issues and create meaningful discussion about issues faced by the professions and in business. The program is designed to provide continuing professional education points for participation (however participants should make independent enquiry of their professional association\*).

Previous conferences have been well attended by accountants, lawyers and directors. Additionally, the Conference program is structured to be of professional interest to other advisers who are often called upon by the accountant, lawyer and director and the cross fertilization of ideas has extended every presentation. We welcome and encourage those from other professions to attend the conference for the mutual benefit of the delegates. The "Open Forum" sessions or 'Discussion Workshops' provide a stimulating environment beneficial to all delegates and enhance networking opportunities.

The Australian Accountants, Lawyers & Directors Conference™ 2015 will emulate the high standard of professional content and the relaxed friendly environment of previous conferences.

The Conference provides a wonderful opportunity to compensate families for the disruption caused by the demands of the busy professional and commercial life. Registered family members may be actively or passively involved in various aspects of the program.

Early registration is highly recommended. Numbers are limited and places will be allocated strictly in order of receipt of deposit payment. Travelplan Australia has highly competitive travel packages however airline seats will fill quickly.

**It is important to BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment.**

As package prices have been negotiated on a group likely, immediate confirmation for those wishing to register for the conference outside the package cannot be guaranteed however a waiting list will be established and places offered only in the event of the Conference package not being fully subscribed. In the event of the conference being fully subscribed all subsequent booking and registration fees received will be refunded.

Please call Ian Purchas on: 02 8986 8986 to discuss.

The Conference is promoted by Travelplan Australia Pty Limited.

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## speakers

We welcome the following speakers who have indicated their current availability (subject to change):

**Layne Beachley** Seven-times Women's World Surfing Champion, Aim For the Stars Foundation founder

**Jane Flemming OAM** Dual Olympian & Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist

**Naomi Robson** Managing Director, Managing Your Message

**Ross Greenwood** Business & Finance Editor, Channel 9 and 2GB

**Felicity Rourke** Partner, Norton Rose Fullbright

**His Honour Justice Francois Kunc** Supreme Court of NSW

**Jennifer Hutchison** Chairman, Alpine Resort Management Board

**Andrew Conway** CEO, Institute of Public Accountants

**Richard McGrath** Director, Hill Rogers Financial Services

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**Karen Anne Hayne** Partner, Addisons

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**Robert Atanasov** Principal, Atanasov Audit & Consulting

**Simon Allsop** Managing Director, myaccounts

**James Clancy** Principal, ITC Law

**Zeshan Mantara** MD, Professional Risk Managers

**Tim Breene** Partner, Breene & Breene Lawyers

**David Begg** Director, Premier State

**Terry van der Velde** MD, SV Partners

**Stephen Hathway** Executive Director, SV Partners

**Darren Vardy** Director, SV Partners

The professional program will be confirmed prior to the conference and will include a number of the speakers listed above. Additional speakers (if any) will likely be from the Australian & North American accounting and legal professions and commerce.

## professional program

This has been developed to cover a number of major areas including issues such as:

- Governments, the professions and business
- Advocacy issues
- Social media – how to use in your business
- Expert evidence
- Software developments concerning the professions
- Insolvency issues
- Business skills
- Directors obligations and duties
- Alternative marketing methods
- Maintaining your health, fitness and an executive life
- Personal finance issues / financial planning
- Corporate Governance
- Lessons learnt on the sporting field applied to business
- Investment strategies for 2015
- Shareholders agreements

Note: full details of the professional program will be available prior to the Conference and may change from the above.

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# indicative itinerary

(subject to availability, individual choice)

## WEDNESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2015

Depart by Virgin Australia to LA, with connecting flight to Aspen [other airlines available]. Arrive Aspen airport and transfer to The Gant or your accommodation.

## THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY 2015

No scheduled sessions.

Evening: Opening Cocktail Reception, The Gant.

## FRI 9TH, SAT 10TH, SUN 11TH & MON 12TH JANUARY 2015

4.00pm - 7.00pm Afternoon presentations.

7.00pm - 8.00pm Discussion Workshop: informal discussion on session & networking.

## TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2015

8.00am - 10.00am Morning presentations.

11.00am - 1.30pm Race Day and lunch.

4.30pm - 6.30pm Afternoon presentations.

Evening: Closing Cocktails and Race Day Presentation, The Gant.

## WEDNESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2015

Depart Aspen. Optional extension in Aspen or other resorts available on request

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## conference venue

### THE GANT ASPEN

The Gant is Aspen's finest condominium resort. Situated a few short blocks from downtown, The Gant is nestled amongst beautifully landscaped grounds featuring two pools, three hot-tubs, and a work out facility. Exceptional detail to service such as daily housekeeping, van transportation, knowledgeable concierge and attentive front desk and bell staff, distinguish The Gant from other condominium experiences.

### NEW CONFERENCE CENTRE

The Gant conference centre has undergone a \$5 million renovation and expansion that includes a new specialty cafe, panoramic rooftop deck, flexible indoor and outdoor floor plans, and contemporary furnishings and accessories.



## Package Costs

### AALDC PACKAGE TOUR COSTS

The Gant	Share	Early booking	Regular
1 Bedroom	2	\$2085	\$2335
2 Bedroom	4	\$1433	\$1683
2 Bdrm Deluxe	4	\$1581	\$1831
2 Bdrm Premier	4	\$1730	\$1980
3 Bedroom	6	\$1461	\$1711
3 Bdrm Deluxe	6	\$1601	\$1851
3 Bdrm Premier	6	\$1762	\$2012

**GANT EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT \$250 PER ADULT**  
APPLIES IF YOU PAY DEPOSIT BY 31 AUGUST 2014 AND BALANCE BY 30 OCTOBER 2014.

### TOUR COSTS ARE PER PERSON AND INCLUDE

- Seven nights at The Gant Resort in apartment accommodation including local taxes and service charges.
- Return transportation between your accommodation and Aspen airport.
- 6 day Aspen Snowmass Four Mountain Lift Pass.

### PACKAGE COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE

Air travel, conference registration fees, meals, single room supplements, travel insurance, excess baggage charges, ski hire & lessons, currency adjustment or individual transfer supplements, departure taxes, fuel surcharges and airport taxes.

### FLY TO THE AALDC ASPEN WITH VIRGIN AUSTRALIA

Virgin Australia Q class Earlybird economy fare Sydney to Los Angeles from \$2498 including known taxes and surcharges.

Special Business Class fares from Travelplan. These fares have limited availability and are subject to change.

**OTHER AIRLINES** Travelplan also has special ski fares to Aspen with Qantas and United, in economy and business class, plus Premium Economy with Qantas.

**LOS ANGELES - ASPEN** United or American return fares from \$600. These are instant purchase fares that should be purchased immediately you book to achieve best pricing.

**IMPORTANT NOTES**  
**CURRENCY ADJUSTMENT POLICY AND PRICE GUARANTEE OPTIONS** See back page or visit [www.travelplan.com.au/conditions](http://www.travelplan.com.au/conditions)

**FLIGHT AVAILABILITY** Is limited for low cost fares, particularly in early January. Travelplan will provide current airfare availability for your travel dates.

### THE GANT RESORT

Special Conference rates apply 2-21 January.



### CONNECTING FLIGHTS USING SEPARATE FARES AND TICKETS

Combining separate fares to Los Angeles, with other carriers to Aspen involves two separate fares and airline tickets. Should your flights disconnect for any reason, each carrier can apply the rules of their individual fare, and could require you to pay a penalty charge to continue a delayed journey. This happens infrequently, but you should be aware of the possibility.

**BAGGAGE** - in some circumstances, carriers may not interline baggage at Los Angeles.

### DOMESTIC US CARRIERS BAGGAGE CHARGES

Domestic US/Canadian carriers now apply charges for all baggage. These are often waived when travelling on a through international journey.

### CHILD COSTS

Special children's costs vary with age and number sharing apartments. Details from Travelplan.

### OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Travelplan can provide costs to include all major Canadian and US resorts. Aspen long stay specials include pay 8 days lifts - ski for 14 days - 6 days free.

### SKI RENTAL - SKI SCHOOL

Travelplan has great discount rates for quality ski rental - Ski 7 days, Pay 6 or Ski 14 days, Pay 8 - 6 days FREE.

Ski School - buy 8 get 14 days.

Book and pay by 30 October for these specials. Rental offers include FREE storage at the base and FREE transport to all 4 Mountains eg drop your skis at the Aspen base after skiing and collect the next day at Snowmass. Travelplan can prebook ski school at all 4 mountains.

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES\*

	Early booking	Regular
Conference Delegate	\$1345	\$1395
Accompanying adult	\$290	\$290
Child under 19 years	FREE	FREE

### # EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT:

REGISTER BEFORE 31 AUGUST AND SAVE \$50 ON DELEGATE REGISTRATION.

### FEES INCLUDE:

- Attendance at all presentations (delegates).
- Conference documents/papers (delegates).
- Official Opening and Closing functions.
- Ski Race Day, including lunch.

**A deposit of \$800 per person per week is required. Please contact TRAVELPLAN AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED.**

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Please read carefully and ensure that you understand and accept the conditions and information outlined.

**Reservations** A Booking Form must be received by Travelplan at time of deposit to proceed with booking. Non-refundable ground package deposit of \$800 per week per person. Balance of payment due 30 October 2014 or according to airline rules.

**Credit Card Payments** We will add a surcharge of 1.0% for Visa and MasterCard, 2.5% for Diners Club and 3.0% for American Express. Credit card payments are accepted on the express understanding that you authorise Travelplan Australia Pty Ltd to pay deposits and balance payments on your behalf to airlines, accommodation operators and other principals involved. In consideration of doing so, you will not hold Travelplan Australia Pty Ltd responsible for the insolvency and/or failure to perform of airlines, accommodation or any other principal involved, and in any of those events, you will not ask your credit card provider to revoke payments made, where Travelplan Australia Pty Ltd is the merchant in such transactions.

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**Currency Protection Options** There are two options to protect your booking against currency fluctuation. At any time you can lock in the current package and airline costs by paying the balance amount in full, based on current Travelplan exchange rates. Land costs can alternatively be protected against currency fluctuation for a small fee. The Currency Guarantee Charge is currently 1.5%. Contact your Travelplan consultant for further details. Either of these actions will mean your Travelplan land costs will not change due to currency fluctuation. This protection only applies to Travelplan operated packages, and against currency fluctuation. Should you subsequently cancel all or part of your land booking, a charge may be made against any adverse currency effect on Travelplan.

**Responsibility** Travelplan Australia Pty Ltd acts as a booking agent only for the persons or organisations providing or offering the means of travel, accommodation, ski lifts or services detailed and as such cannot be held responsible for any injury, loss, accident, delay or any other irregularity outside of our control. The issuance and acceptance of any receipt, voucher, coupon, exchange order, air ticket or itinerary shall be deemed as consent by the client to the above conditions.

**Baggage Allowance** We recommend prior to departure, you check exact baggage restrictions with the airlines on your itinerary. The following information is given as a guide, but is subject to change. Domestic flights often do not include free checked luggage, particularly in the United States. Airlines may waive baggage charges on domestic flights if you are connecting to/from an international flight, or upon presentation of your international ticket at the check-in counter. If more than one airline is providing the transportation for journey, each airline may apply different rules on both checked and carry-on luggage. Generally speaking, for flights to North America, one suitcase is allowed (two suitcases on Qantas and Virgin Australia) with a combined total dimension of 106" (269cm) with no one suitcase exceeding 62" (157cm), with max 23kg for Economy Class or 32kg for Business/First Class per piece. One set of ski equipment counts as one piece of baggage. For flights elsewhere free baggage allowance is generally 20kg total for Economy Class, 30kg for Business Class and 40kg for First Class. Maximum 1 piece per person carry on luggage. All carry on luggage must comply to size restrictions enforced by the airlines and each piece must not weigh more than 7kg.

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**Cancellation** Airfares are subject to up to 100% cancellation fee once tickets are issued. Please reconfirm airline conditions with Travelplan. A cancellation service fee up to

\$200 per person may be charged for a booking cancelled more than 60 days prior to scheduled departure date. This fee will increase to up to \$400 per person for bookings cancelled from 60 to 45 days prior to scheduled departure date. This fee does not include cancellation charges by accommodation and/or other principals. Ski hotels have very stringent cancellation policies particularly in the United States. Generally if a cancellation is received inside 45 days prior to departure you will lose all monies paid. Prices All prices shown in Travelplan's brochure are based on airfares and projected currency exchange rates at 15 April 2014 and are subject to change without notice for any reason whatsoever. Prices do not include local, airline, customs or departure taxes, insurance, gratuities or any other costs not detailed in final invoices or itinerary. Additional costs caused by weather, failure of transportation services or other circumstances beyond our or our principal's control are not included or recoverable.

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