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NATIONAL ACCOMMODATION DIVISION – ELECTION RESULTS

The AHA is enjoying stable leadership of its National Accommodation Division (NAD), with all elected representatives retaining their positions.

At the NAD's Annual General Meeting, which was held in Perth this week, Patrick Griffin, the Regional Managing Director of Orient-Express Hotels, was re-elected as President of the AHA's NAD for a second year.

John Dickson, the General Manager of Sofitel Mansion & Spa at Werribee Park, retains the Vice Presidency, while Don Goode, the General Manager of Rydges South Bank in Brisbane, was re-elected Secretary.

This trio will also sit on the National Board of the AHA for 2007/08, along with Mark Sproat of The Brassey in Canberra and Robert Humphries, who heads up the Pier Hotel in George Town, Tasmania.

Mr Griffin thanked his AHA colleagues for their support.

"I am extremely passionate about hotels and the wider tourism industry, so I am delighted to be able to continue as President of the AHA's National Accommodation Division," Mr Griffin said.

"It is also pleasing that John Dickson and Don Goode will continue as office-bearers because they are both tremendous advocates for the industry – along with all of those who give up their time to sit on the NAD board.

"It further strengthens the AHA's position as the leading industry body for four and five-star accommodation hotels in Australia.

"The National Accommodation Division of the AHA will remain a powerful and credible voice on all issues that affect hotels across Australia."

Mr Griffin's on-going leadership will maintain the AHA's strong working relationships with other key players in the tourism industry.

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The Australian Hotels Association (AHA) is the pre-eminent tourism and hospitality industry organisation in Australia. It has around 5000 members operating general and accommodation hotels. It has a National Office and Branches in each State and Territory. It also has a discrete Branch to represent the interests of its Accommodation members that covers four and five-star properties operated by the major chains.