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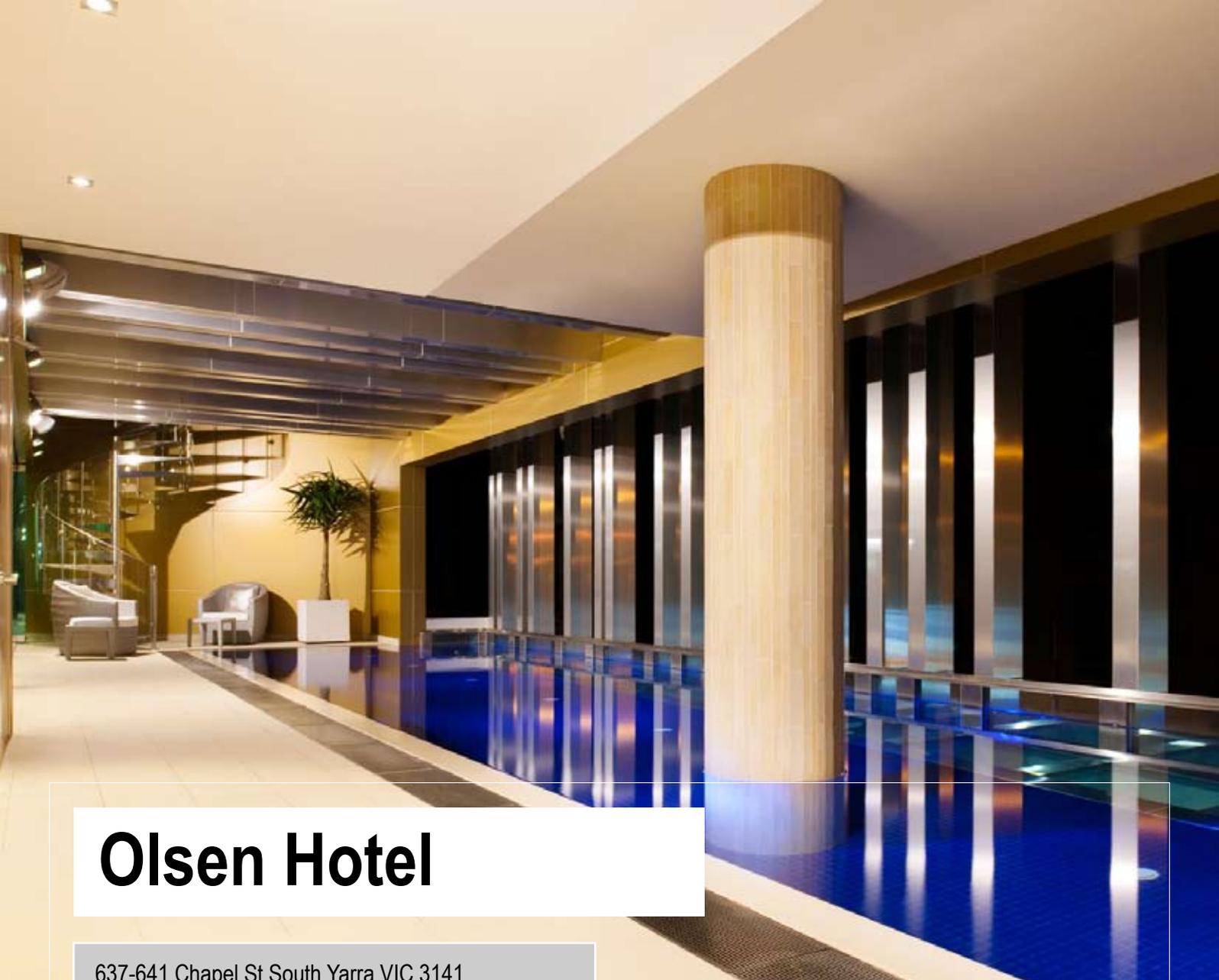
## Art Series Hotel Group

The Australian Artists Association wishes to thank its major sponsor, the Art Series Hotel Group and its parent company, Asia Pacific Building Corporation.

Three distinctive hotels, each featuring a major artwork commissioned especially for the foyer by the naming artist (John Olsen, Charles Blackman and Adam Cullen), were completed in 2010. Prints and a photographic history of each artist's life adorn the walls of rooms and public spaces of the hotels while the

architecture, interior design, linen and stationary reflect each artist's style.

Members of the Australian Artists Association and clients of Lowensteins Arts Management enjoy discounted accommodation rates throughout the Art Series Hotels – by booking their accommodation through the dedicated members' only area on the Art Series Hotel website – [www.artserieshotels.com.au](http://www.artserieshotels.com.au). Below we feature each of the Art Series Hotels.



# Olsen Hotel

637-641 Chapel St South Yarra VIC 3141

Phone: 1800 278 468

[theolsen.com.au](http://theolsen.com.au)

Regarded as Australia's greatest living painter, John Olsen is best known for his lively paintings, in particular his work depicting central Australia and Lake Eyre. He is a master at water colours and etchings of all things great and small. Set in the premier location of Chapel Street, South Yarra, The Olsen is the Art Series flagship hotel and is the perfect long or short term stay for aficionados of

shopping, cultural seekers, corporate travel or those who just enjoy the good life. Beautifully designed suites balance harmony and creature comforts with a splash of glamour. Step outside and into a retail heaven, return for some pampering at the Day Spa, then sip and dine at either of the delicious restaurants.

- ◇ 229 self-contained luxury suites
- ◇ Over 650 original Olsen art, sculptures and archival prints
- ◇ Perfect solution for short and long terms stays
- ◇ Business Centre services available on-site
- ◇ Natural light-filled conference & meeting rooms
- ◇ Bluebottle Restaurant & Bar, all day dining
- ◇ Steer Bar & Grill, open for lunch and dinner
- ◇ 24 hour in-room dining
- ◇ Outdoor heated glass-bottom swimming pool
- ◇ In-house Art Curator - tours available



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# Cullen Hotel

164 Commercial Road Prahan VIC 3181

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[thecullen.com.au](http://thecullen.com.au)

Known as the enfant terrible in the Australian contemporary art scene, Adam Cullen combines irreverent humour with an astute sensitivity to society. The Cullen sits boldly in bohemian and eclectic Prahran attracting a bevy of locals, eager for tasty fare from either delicious restaurant. You can stay for a night, a weekend or

as long as you like. With spectacular uninterrupted views of Melbourne's CBD, Prahran Fresh Markets opposite, transport, bars and nightlife all at your doorstep, unlike Hotel California – you won't want to leave. The Cullen was proudly featured in the 2010 Condé Nast Traveller US Hot List. Experience a stay a little extraordinary.

- ◇ 119 self-contained luxury suites
- ◇ Over 400 original Cullen art, sculptures and archival prints
- ◇ Business Centre services available on-site
- ◇ Meeting & event rooftop with balconies
- ◇ WiFi internet
- ◇ Well known Melbourne favourite HuTong Dumpling Bar, open for lunch & dinner
- ◇ Terrace Restaurant, all day dining- 24 hour in-room dining
- ◇ In-house Art Curator - tours available



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## Blackman Hotel

452 St.Kilda Road Melbourne VIC 3004

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[theblackman.com.au](http://theblackman.com.au)

Most well known for his Alice in Wonderland series, Charles Blackman articulates life with a dreamlike poetry.

Located on the boulevard of business, St Kilda Road, The Blackman is the closest Art Series hotel to the Melbourne city and is highly sought after by corporate executives for short and long term stays.

Spacious suites with balconies and modern designer furnishings. Enjoy delicious dining options and complimentary scheduled transport. Local favourite running track The Tan is perfect for an early morning jog and Albert Park Lake is right nearby.

- ◇ 209 self-contained luxury suites
- ◇ Over 800 Blackman archival prints
- ◇ Business Centre services available on-site
- ◇ Express check out
- ◇ Complimentary scheduled CBD shuttle
- ◇ Guest Experience Agents to meet your every need
- ◇ Delicious dining options of French bakery Fleur Depot de Pain or at timeless Italian Classico
- ◇ In-house Art Curator - tours available
- ◇ Non-smoking property
- ◇ Wheelchair access



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# Robert Juniper Exhibition and Monograph Launch



Qdos Arts proudly presents a very special exhibition of seminal Australian artist Robert Juniper, to be opened on Sunday January 9 by Antonia Syme, Director of the Australian Tapestry Workshop and former Director of Artbank. Actress Sigrid Thornton will be attending the opening as a special guest of the artist.

Robert Juniper born 1928  
*The Forgotten Garden of Tomothy D. Paynes Find*  
Oil and acrylic on Belgian linen  
182cm by 212 cm

Robert Juniper will be signing copies of his new monograph, authored by Gavin Fry. Preview and sales of artworks may be arranged prior to the opening. The exhibition will be current to January 29.

For more information call Qdos Arts on 03 5289 1989 or visit [www.qdosarts.com](http://www.qdosarts.com). Qdos Arts is located at Allenvale Road, Lorne.

## Gallery Gondwana to close in 2011

Roslyn Premont announced last week that she will be retiring as director of Gallery Gondwana, Alice Springs. According to author Susan McCulloch:

“Roslyn’s Vatu properties are quite wonderful havens and the gallery has been of huge significance for many years as a beacon of independent quality and innovation.” Reproduced below is an edited version of the email sent from Roslyn Premont on December 15.

*Hi to all of the Gondwana family: friends, clients, ex-staff, artists, art centres, and supporters in general.*

*I have decided to retire after 20 years of Gallery Gondwana and five years of working for the government gallery prior to that – both in Sydney and then in Alice Springs.*

*As you can imagine, it is not a decision I have taken lightly*

*because I love the gallery, being surrounded by beauty, and hold a passion for the art movement in general.*

*Because I will be leaving Alice Springs to live on the Coral Coast in Fiji at the end of June 2011, I have also made the huge decision to sell the Vatu properties, Vatu Sanctuary and Vatu Homestead.*

*Apart from absolutely loving Vatu Sanctuary in particular and the fact that both properties are beautiful and nurturing, Vatu is also a very successful business, catering primarily for visiting professionals who rent from one week to several months. Accommodation is so difficult in Alice that Vatu is always booked. But even though financially, it is very tempting to keep both properties, it makes more sense to sell them, as I will be in another country. Spread the*

*word to anyone who might like to live in a lovely resort environment and have a profitable and dependable business at the same time.*

*Both Vatu Sanctuary and Vatu Homestead (two blocks from each other) will be put on the market for sale mid January to take over as from 1 July 2011.*

*I really appreciate all the support everyone has given Gallery Gondwana over the past 20 years. There have been some truly great moments, some very special exhibitions, great stock, stimulating environment, achieving excellence, kicking goals. I will miss so much. And so many people... However I've found that one of the attributes of a really good painting is when the artist knows when to stop!!*



*The last day of the gallery is 26 April 2011 (the Tuesday after Easter). Easter will be the very last days of Gallery Gondwana in Alice Springs.*

*If you are considering coming from interstate or overseas, after the abundance of rain we've had this year, the country is alive with wildflowers and breathtakingly beautiful.*

*Hope to see you!*

*Warmest regards  
Roslyn*

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