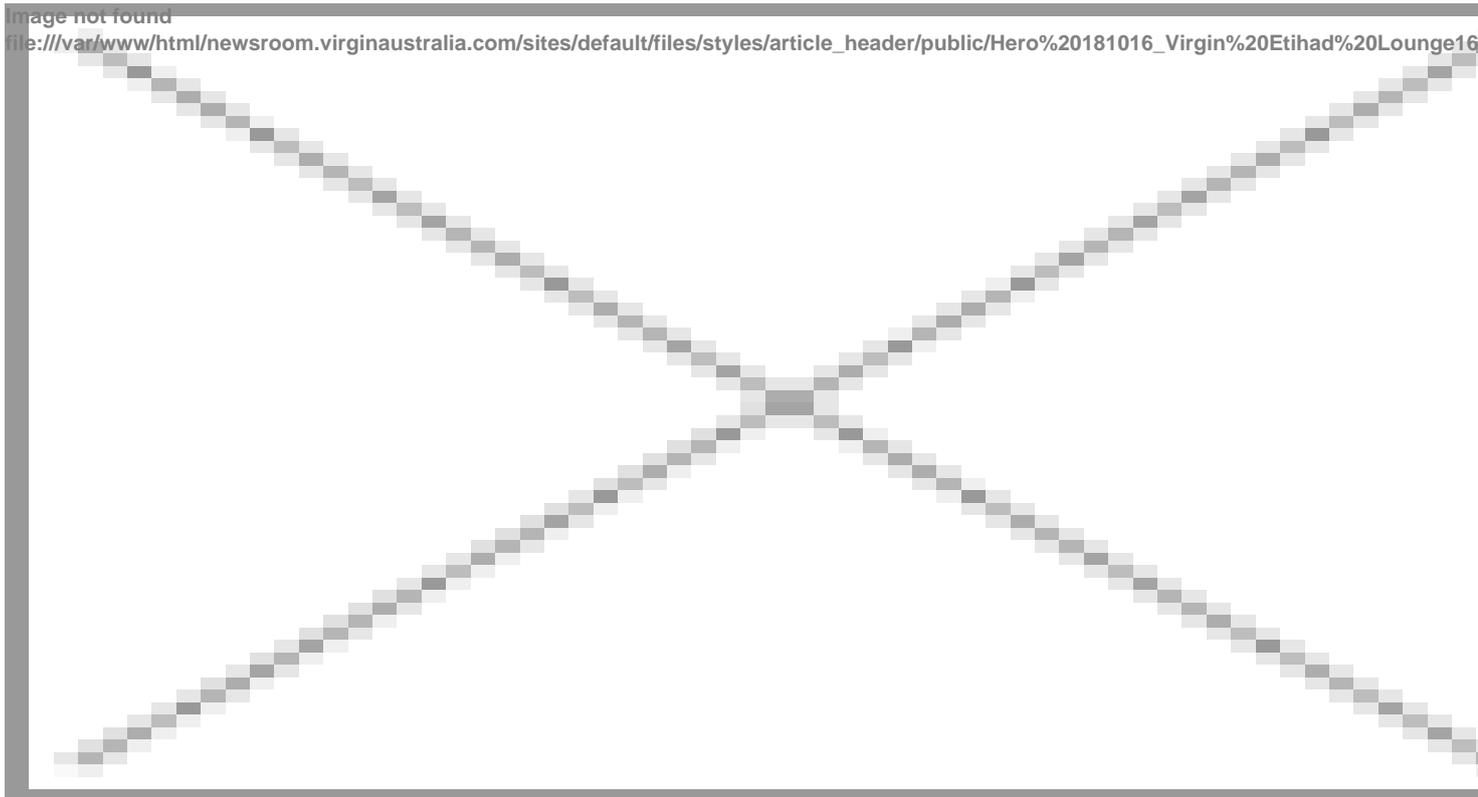




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Virgin Australia announces new international lounge network ^[2]



- Virgin Australia guests will be able to access seven new international departure lounges including:
 - o Three international lounges located in Australia, in partnership with No1 Lounges
 - o Four international lounges located in New Zealand

Today Virgin Australia announced the launch of a new international lounge network in Australia and New Zealand, with seven international lounges rolling out from the end of October . The announcement expands on the airline's already strong domestic lounge network, consisting of 12 premium lounges across the country.

The international lounges in Australia will be in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne, while in New Zealand, they will be found in Auckland, Christchurch, Queenstown and Wellington.

Virgin Australia is collaborating with award-winning British lounge specialist, No1 Lounges, on the international lounges located in Australia to create a unique experience for Virgin Australia

guests.

Virgin Australia Airlines Group Executive, Rob Sharp, said the airline was thrilled to provide an improved lounge experience for guests travelling overseas.

“Today’s announcement demonstrates our commitment to ensuring guests have the best travel experience with Virgin Australia.

“Together with our partners, we fly to more than 400 international destinations and we know our guests are going to be delighted by these lounges, which will feature stylish new design aesthetics and service enhancements.

“Our international strategy continues to grow and in recent months we’ve launched our Sydney to Hong Kong route and announced three new services into New Zealand, so guests are going to really benefit from the international lounge network which will be available in the next month,” Mr Sharp said.

Velocity Frequent Flyer CEO Karl Schuster said the news was particularly exciting for the airline’s loyalty members.

“For the first time, eligible guests will have access to international lounges with a Virgin Australia flair.

“We’re focussed on providing great benefits to our Velocity members and this is just another way we can ensure their travel overseas is even more enjoyable,” Mr Schuster said.

Founder and CEO of No1 Lounges, Phil Cameron, said: “We share Virgin Australia’s bold and innovative spirit and are excited to be partnering with them. We have worked closely with the airline to create unique branded experiences for its international passengers and look forward to welcoming them into the lounges.”

Lounge information

Australia

Brisbane

The brand new ‘My Lounge’ will be the home of Virgin Australia at Brisbane’s international terminal. Specially designed in the style of a loft apartment, ‘My Lounge’ provides social lounging spaces within a relaxed, contemporary environment, with a games room and seating for more than 100 guests. The lounge will offer a grazing menu of healthy and indulgent choices, barista coffee and a bar.

Melbourne and Sydney

The Melbourne and Sydney international lounges will be part of No1 Lounges’ new international brand, ‘The House’. ‘The House’ collection, created in collaboration with Etihad Airways, will be the home of Virgin Australia in these locations. The lounge will provide a choice of self-service and as well as a la carte dining throughout the day. The fully tended bar will offer everything from freshly prepared juices and smoothies, a range of coffee options from around the world, cocktails, champagne and a selection of great Australian wines. Over

the next year, both lounges will be refurbished and see the introduction of new reading rooms. 'The House' in Sydney will be reconfigured and expanded to create a new entrance, private room and lounge area, increasing capacity by over 50 per cent.

New Zealand

Eligible Virgin Australia guests flying to Australia from Queenstown and Christchurch will be welcome to use the Manaia Lounge, and guests flying from Auckland to Australia and the Pacific Islands can visit the award-winning Strata Lounge. The shared lounges include self-service dining with hot and cold items, a self-service bar with spirits and high-speed Wi-Fi. A Virgin Australia lounge will also be opening in Wellington in the next few months.

Velocity Platinum and Gold members and Virgin Australia Business Class guests will have access to all of the new international lounges, and Virgin Australia Lounge members will have access to the international lounges for travel between Australia and New Zealand. For more information on eligibility please click here: virginaustralia.com/intlounges [3]

About No1 Lounges

No1 Lounges is an award-winning, UK-based airport lounge operator, founded in 2006 by former Tony and Olivier Award-winning theatre producer Phil Cameron. It is the only operator of multiple lounge brands: My Lounge (aimed at the leisure markets), No1 Lounges (its core, business-class brand), the Clubrooms (its most premium UK brand) and The House – the latest addition to the collection, designed to serve major international hub airports. No1 has ten lounges in the UK, located at Gatwick, Heathrow, Birmingham and Edinburgh Airports and will expand to eighteen lounges, in the UK and internationally, over the next year. More information can be found at www.no1lounges.com [4]

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