

## IHG ANA Hotels Group Appoints New General Managers

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Fergus Stewart has been appointed as the general manager of ANA InterContinental Tokyo, Eric Weinmann as the general manager of The Strings by InterContinental Tokyo and Kent Breeze is the general manager of ANA Crowne Plaza Narita.

Before joining ANA InterContinental Tokyo, Stewart was the general manager of the Hyatt Regency Phuket Resort and Spa and also at the Hyatt Regency Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt. He was also a manager at the Hyatt Regency La Manga Spain.

Prior to Hyatt, Stewart worked as the hotel manager of the Landmark Hotel in London, the resident manager at Shangri-la Taiwan and the executive assistant manager for Food & Beverage at Shangri-la Singapore. Stewart has also held positions in food & beverage at the Hong Kong Hotel, Shangri-la Beijing and Grosvenor House Hotel, London.

Prior to assuming his new appointment, Weinmann worked at InterContinental Jeddah, first as director of sales and marketing and executive assistant manager, and subsequently as resident manager.

He also worked at InterContinental Phoenicia Beirut, as banquet sales manager and later as director of sales. He has also worked as sales manager and customer service manager for the Asia-Pacific region for SERVVAIR, the air catering arm of Air France. Weinmann brings to The Strings by InterContinental Tokyo a wealth of experience and leadership in the areas of revenue management, sales and marketing, banquets, and food and beverage.

Before joining ANA Crowne Plaza Narita, Breeze was executive assistant manager of the Holiday Inn Atrium in Singapore. He worked in various departments including accommodation, revenue management, and profitability improvement.

Prior to the Holiday Inn Atrium, Breeze worked as executive assistant manager of the Holiday Inn Potts Point in Sydney, Australia, where he participated in various projects, including a major refurbishment of the hotel. He successfully led the hotel to win the City of Sydney Business Award for the Best 4 Star Hotel category. He also served as revenue manager and front office manager at the Crowne Plaza Auckland. He is fluent in Japanese.

ANA InterContinental Tokyo was co-branded from ANA Hotel Tokyo in April 2007 when it joined InterContinental Hotels and Resorts, the world's first global luxury hotel brand, managed by IHG (InterContinental Hotels Group PLC). Since the rebranding, the number of foreign guests at ANA InterContinental Tokyo has increased rapidly. More than 50 per cent of the hotel's total guests are now from overseas and this is attributed to InterContinental's global brand recognition as well as IHG's worldwide reservations channels and the world's largest loyalty programme, Priority Club Rewards, with more than 37 million members.

In May, The Strings by InterContinental Tokyo celebrated both the fifth anniversary of its opening and the first anniversary of its co-branding with the InterContinental Hotels & Resorts brand.

ANA Crowne Plaza is one of the co-brands under IHG ANA Hotels Group Japan and part of IHG's global network of Crowne Plaza hotels. ANA Crowne Plaza debuted in Japan in November 2007 with the re-branding of six former ANA hotels (about 2,000 rooms) in Chitose, Toyama, Kanazawa, Hiroshima, Naha and Narita. By end of this year, ANA Hotel Osaka, Hotel Niigata and ANA Hotel Hakata will also be re-branded as ANA Crowne Plaza.

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