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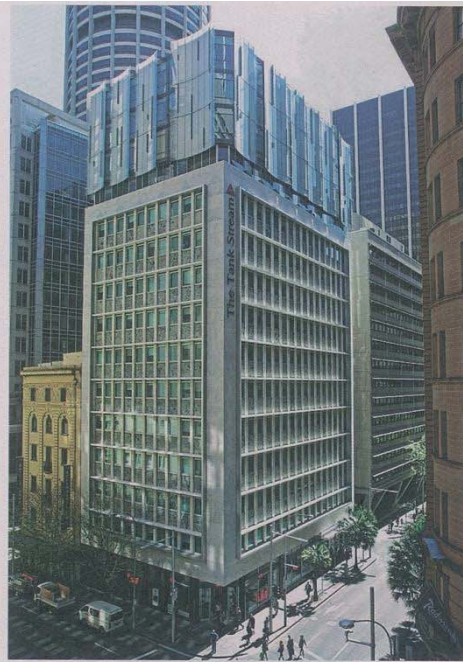
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The Tank Stream Hotel is within Sydney's central business district.

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IGB expands hospitality footprint with new Sydney hotel

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SYDNEY: IGB Corp Bhd expanded its hospitality operations to Australia with the official opening of The Tank Stream Hotel in Sydney on Nov 4 at an event officiated by Carol Giuseppi, the CEO of Tourism Accommodation Australia.

"We are excited to be opening The Tank Stream Hotel here in Sydney and believe that with our central location, personal approach, and unique all-in room experience, our guests will not only enjoy the convenience and comforts of a hotel, but find a home away from home that they can come back to time and time again whether they are here on holiday or business," said Tan Boon Lee, the managing director of Tank Stream Holdings Pty Ltd — a member of the IGB group — at the event.

The hotel is the latest in the group's growing chain of international hotels under the St Giles brand, and aims to provide business and leisure travellers with unparalleled access to Sydney's central business district as well as to some of its finest shopping, eating and tourist destinations.

The hotel has 280 twin, queen, and king rooms that come with complimentary in-room movies, coffee machine, beverages, high-speed Wi-Fi, and toiletries infused with Australian essential oils.

The hotel is a 20 minutes' drive from Sydney airport, while nearby are other landmarks such as Darling Harbour, Sydney Opera

House, Martin Place, Queen Victoria Building, and Sydney Harbour Bridge.

"Sydney is a key destination in Australia and we believe that it will continue to enjoy growth in business and tourism. With the opening of The Tank Stream Hotel, we hope to be a part of Sydney's vibrant cityscape and share with the world the rich culture and history that the city has to offer," Tan noted.

Giuseppi cited Tourism Australia's forecast of a sustained 6% annual growth in international visitors over the next 10 years, from 7.2 million to 10 million.

"Sydney is a must-see destination and in fact, the most visited city in Australia... The Tank Stream Hotel is a very important addition to the vibrant city. It is providing a high-quality product in the heart of Sydney," said Giuseppi.

The diversified IGB — which has interests in malls, offices and residential property development — also has hotels and resorts in major cities and tourist hotspots in Malaysia, the Philippines and Myanmar, that total 6,000 keys.

Currently, IGB's hotel operations manage a varied selection of accommodations ranging from three- to five- star hotels which comprise brands such as St Giles, Cititel, Cititel Express and MiCasa.

The group continues to grow its hotel portfolio, and has added several properties this year including The Wembley — a St Giles Premier Hotel in Penang; Cititel Express Ipoh; and Cititel Express Penang.