

Media Release

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Baillie Lodges Announces Two New Lodge General Managers

Baillie Lodges has announced two key appointments at its newest properties, with new General Managers set for The Louise in the Barossa Valley and Silky Oaks Lodge in Tropical North Queensland's Daintree rainforest.

Sonya Boaden who has spent the past four years leading the award-winning Silky Oaks Lodge through its recent \$20million refurbishment and reopening in late 2021 will take up the General Manager's role at The Louise in February 2023.

Meanwhile Drew Bernhardt will be joining the Baillie Lodges team as General Manager of Silky Oaks Lodge. Drew is well known in the industry for his long tenure at Cape Lodge in Margaret River - also a member of the Luxury Lodges of Australia (LLOA) collection. Drew is no stranger to Queensland's The Tropical North, having led resorts in Cape Tribulation earlier in his career in luxury tourism.

Baillie Lodges Chief Operating Officer Craig Bradbery said the company was privileged to have attracted two outstanding hospitality leaders for these key lodge management roles.

"Sonya has guided the rebirth of Silky Oaks Lodge and its team through some very challenging circumstances - from renovations and inclement weather to the pandemic and staff shortages - to become the widely lauded, award-winning luxury lodge it is today," Mr Bradbery said.

"As a fellow member of the LLOA community, Drew is a good friend and is already well known by many of the team at Baillie Lodges and we are all very excited that he'll be working side by side with us in 2023," he said.

Editors' Notes: Baillie Lodges is a growing portfolio of luxury lodges renowned for setting benchmarks in premium experiential travel. Set in exclusive locations of unique natural or cultural significance, the boutique properties appeal to the discerning global traveller seeking a remarkable experience. The Australia-based collection was founded in 2003 by James and Hayley Baillie and includes Longitude 131° at Uluru-Kata Tjuta, Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island, Silky Oaks Lodge at the Daintree Rainforest, and The Louise in the Barossa Valley. Flagship property Southern Ocean Lodge on Kangaroo Island was razed in the 2020 bushfires and its rebuild is in progress, with reopening slated for November 2023. In 2019, an affiliate of KSL Capital Partners acquired Baillie Lodges with the aim to further expand the unique collection of luxury lodges. The 2022 addition of Chile's esteemed Tierra Hotels group marks a continuation of the collection's foray into international waters, joining the Clayoquot Wilderness Lodge on Canada's Vancouver Island and New Zealand's Huka Lodge. Baillie Lodges' Australian properties are honoured as members of [Luxury Lodges of Australia](https://www.baillielodges.com.au). For more information, please visit [baillielodges.com.au](https://www.baillielodges.com.au).

