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HD HK-listed Fu Wah Acquires Park Hyatt in Melbourne

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Chinese property firm Fu Wah International <mark>Group</mark> (富華國際集團) has completed the acquisition of Park Hyatt hotel in Melbourne, Australia.

This is the **company**'s first significant foray into the Australian **property** market, according to an announcement posted on Fu Wah's website.

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Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but the **transaction** is reported to be worth A\$135 million (US\$119.78 million).

In an off-market **transaction**, Fu Wah acquired the **property** from Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC Private. The **sale** involves both the 240 room **Park** Hyatt **hotel** and an adjoining **commercial** car **park**.

Developed in 1999 by Lustig & Moar at a cost of US\$150 million, the five-star Park Hyatt is regarded as one of Melbourne's landmark hotels.

The purchase continues a wave of recent Chinese investment into the Australian property market, with much of the recent activity having centered on investment and development opportunities in Melbourne.

Established in 1988 in **Hong Kong**, Fu Wah is engaged in real **estate** development, hospitality and art & culture services. The **group**'s existing **property** portfolio includes the Regent Beijing **hotel**, the **Park** Plaza Wangfujing **hotel**, the Sandalwood Beijing Marriott Executive Apartments, Lee Garden Service Apartments as well as **China** Red Sandalwood Museum and the Chang An club in Beijing.

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