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Cyprus office LJ Hooker has taken up an interest in Cyprus to open up the Mediterranean **island's** **property** listings to Australian buyers.

The **company** this week announced its new agreement with Cyprus real **estate group** Fox Smart Realty.

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Russian, **Chinese** and English investors have already been drawn to the **island**, LJ Hooker says, and Australian investors are being enticed by its similar banking system and proximity to Europe, Africa and Asia.

LJ Hooker's Bill Russell said the referral agreement was a "strategic alliance" for the brand. It adds to other international agreements with Siam Real **Estate** in Thailand and Hamptons in England.

"Cyprus' banking and legal system is modelled on the British system, which has increased the appeal of **property** for investors," Mr Russell said.

"**Property** prices are still down in the wake of 2012-13, offering exceptional opportunities for Australian investors." Agent ranking THE top 100 agents list has been released by industry portal Real **Estate** Business, produced by Sterling Publishing.

According to Sterling director Phillip Tarrant, Australia's Top 100 Agents **sold** more than \$9.3 billion in **residential property** in 2013-2014, an increase of \$3.6 billion on the previous financial year. Nine WA agents made it onto the list, with Acton Dalkeith's Vivien Yap leading the charge at number 5 (\$145,868,800). She was followed by Bev Heymans, Acton Cottesloe (rank 33, \$101,632,050), Michael Keil, michaelkeil.com, Belmont (43, \$90,158,359), Scott Swingler, Space Real **Estate** City Beach (68, \$98,602,333), Tonia McNeilly, TM **Residential** Dalkeith (69, \$84,929,000), Justin Davies, Space Real **Estate** Cottesloe (74, \$91,892,500), Brendon Habak, Realestate88 East Perth (76, \$60,635,228), Michael Forzatti, One **Residential** Palmyra (92, \$56,651,000) and Susan James, Space Real **Estate** Claremont (95, \$66,599,000).

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