



Les Clefs d'Or members at Ted Baker in Little Collins Street.

Les Clefs d'Or

by Peter McBrearty Victorian State Delegate

Members and associates of the Melbourne Chapter of Les Clefs d'Or have been busy recently with outings to Taxi at Federation Square, Mama Ganoush in Chapel Street, and Ted Baker in Little Collins Street. Both restaurants (Taxi and Mama Ganoush) were excellent and expanded our exposure to the use of interesting spices and flavours, while the visit to Ted Baker taught us that it is definitely possible to dress well without necessarily having to take out a personal loan to do so. Rumours persist that Ben Davies from the Sofitel Melbourne has been seen back at the Ted Baker store looking longingly at a certain dark blue suit.

The annual Les Clefs d'Or AGM is swiftly approaching. In early July members will gather in Melbourne and conduct a concierge workshop to discuss developments in guest service and related matters (both nationally and internationally) and also to welcome new members into the association in conjunction with our honorary members and industry associates. The event will again be held with the valued assistance of many of our industry

partners including The Langham Melbourne, APT Day Tours, WHERE Magazine, The Deck Restaurant Southgate, Gray Line Day Tours, Eureka 89, Chateau Yering, and the Melbourne Cricket Club and National Sports Museum.

As always the members of the host city will take the opportunity to show off its attractions, and this year is no different as we all look forward to welcoming our interstate associates and showing them the best Melbourne has to offer.

Finally, the annual Les Clefs d'Or Concierge Ball is right on track with the Victorian Minister For Tourism the Honourable Tim Holding, having already confirmed his attendance. This year the Concierge Ball will be held on Sunday 8 November at the Hilton on The Park, and will allow those in the hotel and tourism industries to get together and enjoy an opportunity to relax after the busy Spring Racing season. The 'Casino Royale' theme will allow men to embrace their inner Bond, while ladies may choose to put their hair up, before letting it down again on the dance floor. Nominations for the Alfred Jasinski Award For Excellence in Service will soon be sought, and the award itself will be

announced on the night, with previous winners including Anthony Szostak of The Marriott, and Matt Wall of The Westin Melbourne. We hope to see you all there!

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