



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department

Financial Action Task Force



2015 Plenary Meeting

Sunday 21 June — Friday 26 June 2015

Brisbane, Australia

INFORMATION PACKAGE

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Government welcomes delegates to the June 2015 Financial Action Task Force (FATF) meeting, to be held in Brisbane, Australia.

The meeting will take place from Sunday, 21 June to Friday, 26 June 2015 and is being coordinated by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department (AGD).

For information about delegate registration, please contact the FATF Secretariat at FATFRegistration@fatf-gafi.org

All other enquiries relating to logistical matters may be directed to AGD at 2015Plenary@ag.gov.au

This information pack provides logistical and other general information for delegates. Any amendments to this information will be issued to delegates via email.

DATES AND PROGRAM

S	M	T	W	T	F
21	22	23	24	25	26
Working group meetings			Plenary meeting		
		Heads of Delegation Dinner	Welcome drinks	Detailed agendas are available on FATF Net	

Welcome Reception

All delegates are invited to attend a welcome reception at Cloudland on the opening night of the Plenary. Drinks and canapés will be provided, and delegates will have a chance to interact with a variety of unique Australian animals. Delegates may walk or be transported via coach to the venue, a short 5 minute (1.6km) drive from the Sofitel.

Date Wednesday 24 June 2015

Time 19:30 to 22:30

Meet Please meet at the Sofitel Brisbane Central Reception at 19:15 to take advantage of the scheduled coach transport service to Cloudland

Venue Cloudland
641 Ann Street, Fortitude Valley

Dress Smart casual

RSVP RSVP through your Head of Delegation or delegation point of contact, who will confirm your attendance on your delegation's collective registration form.

Please also include any dietary requirements.

AT THE MEETING



Venue

Sofitel Brisbane Central
249 Turbot Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
Australia

Tel +61 7 3835 3535

Fax +61 7 3832 1964

Web www.sofitel.com

Located amongst tree-lined streets and near to the winding Brisbane River, the five-star Sofitel Brisbane Central is conveniently located above Central Station and features several bars and restaurants.

Facilities

Access to computers as well as a printer, copier, and fax will be provided for delegates in the conference areas throughout the course of the meetings.

Wireless internet access will be available to all registered delegates in FATF meeting rooms, free of charge. Delegates are requested to bring hard copies of any documents that they require. Documents published after 17 June will be printed on site.

Language and interpretation

All Working Group meetings will be conducted in English. Simultaneous interpretation for the Plenary only will be provided in English and French.

Catering

All meetings will be fully catered for, with arrival tea and coffee, morning and afternoon tea and working lunches. A number of restaurants and lounges are conveniently located at the Sofitel, however, for those who wish to explore the culinary delights Brisbane has to offer, the Good Food Guide app can be downloaded for free at:

www.goodfood.com.au/good-food/good-food-guide-australia-app-20140702-3b7x1.html

Help and information during the meeting

A registration desk (Ann St Lobby, Level 2) will be in operation throughout the week to assist delegates with any enquiries. For further information, please see page 5.

ACCOMMODATION

Venue accommodation

An exclusive accommodation rate of \$260.00 AUD per night (Superior room, room only) has been negotiated for FATF delegates choosing to stay at the Sofitel Brisbane Central from Sunday 21 June to Friday 26 June 2015.

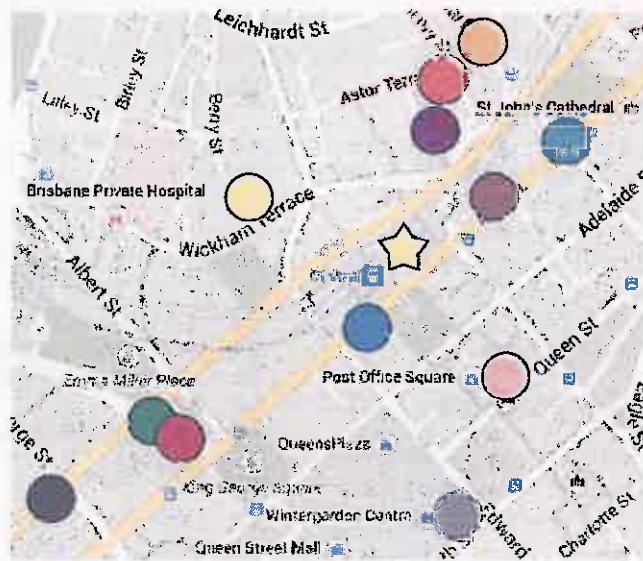
Accommodation reservations will be facilitated by the hotel. To make your reservation, please email the Sofitel Brisbane Central at H5992@accor.com or call **+61 7 3835 3535**, and state the code "FATF210615".

Partner accommodation

The Sofitel has a range of partner hotels located in Brisbane. To view hotels and rates, and to book, visit: <http://accorasiapacificpartners.com/FATFJUNE2015>

Other nearby accommodation

A number of other options are listed below. Delegates are encouraged to reserve their rooms as soon as possible, to avoid missing out on their desired accommodation.



- ☆ Hotel Sofitel Brisbane Central ★★★★★

- Hilton Brisbane ★★★★★
- Hotel Pullman Brisbane King George Square ★★★★★
- Rendezvous Hotel Brisbane Anzac Square ★★★★★
- The New Inchcolm Hotel & Suites ★★★★★
- Hotel Novotel Brisbane ★★★★★
- Quattro on Astor Apartments ★★★★★
- Rothbury Hotel ★★★★★
- Best Western Astor Metropole Hotel ★★★★★
- Manor Apartment Hotel ★★★★★
- Oaks Lexico Apartments ★★★★★
- Hotel Ibis Brisbane ★★★
- Mercure Brisbane King George Square ★★★★★

ACCREDITATION

Delegate accreditation

To support the security arrangements, access to all meeting venues will be controlled by passes issued by AGD to official delegates

Registration is only open to official FATF delegates
Registration is not open to the general public.

Registration

Delegates are required to present photo ID in order to receive their security pass. It is requested that delegates wear these passes at all times whilst within the meeting venue and during social events. In order to facilitate a smooth registration process, it is recommended that delegates arrive at least 60 minutes before their first meeting on the day they register.

Registration desk (Ann St Lobby, Level 2) opening hours:

DATE	HOURS
Sunday 21 June	08:00 to 17:30
Monday 22 June	07:30 to 17:30
Tuesday 23 June	08:00 to 17:30
Wednesday 24 June	07:30 to 17:30
Thursday 25 June	08:00 to 17:30
Friday 26 June	08:00 to 17:30

Use of delegates' personal information

AGD is committed to protecting the privacy of individuals. Information provided during the registration process will be used by AGD and its contractors, various Australian Government agencies and state/territory police for logistical, administrative purposes related to the running of the event only. This is in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles set out in the *Privacy Act 1988* www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/C2015C00089 which manages the collection, use, storage and disclosure of all personal information. AGD will not share, disclose or sell personal information to any other third parties without the consent of the individual.

TRAVELLING TO AUSTRALIA

Visa requirements

All FATF delegates must hold a valid visa to travel to and enter Australia. Delegates should first register for attendance at the meeting and then follow the appropriate link below to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website for further information and to identify the relevant and correct visa application process. Delegates are encouraged to apply for visas as early as possible, as some visa types may take up to 4 weeks to process.

The following visa types are available for delegates:

- eVisitor (Subclass 651): available to passport holders from the European Union and a number of other European countries. Applications can be made at: www.immi.gov.au/e_visas/evisitor.htm
- Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) (Subclass 601): available to passport holders from countries including Canada, Japan, South Korea and the United States. Applications can be made at: www.immi.gov.au/visas/visitor/601.aspx
- Visitor visa (Subclass 600): available to passport holders who are not eligible to apply for an eVisitor or ETA. Delegates applying for this visa should request a letter of invitation from the FATF on their registration form. Applications can be downloaded from: www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/600.aspx
- Any queries relating to delegate visas may be directed to AGD at: 2015Plenary@dag.gov.au

Aviation security screening

All delegates travelling on regular commercial airline services, both international and domestic, are required to submit themselves and their carry-on baggage for security screening.

The screening of passengers and carry-on baggage is a process designed to detect weapons and prohibited items and prevent their entry into sterile areas at security controlled airports and on board aircraft operating as screened air services.

In addition to passenger screening, aviation security regulations require checked baggage to be screened. This process, whereby checked baggage is x-rayed, occurs behind the scenes and should not impact upon passengers in most circumstances.

Enhanced security measures to limit the amount of liquids, aerosols and gels that can be taken through the screening point for travellers to and from Australia are in effect in all Australian international and domestic airports. For further information, please see: <http://travelsecure.infrastructure.gov.au/international/iags/>

Customs

For visitors to Australia, most personal items such as clothing, footwear and articles for personal hygiene and grooming may be brought into Australia in accompanied baggage free from duty and tax.

For other goods, limits apply, and you must declare them on arrival into Australia. These include goods that are purchased overseas and goods that are purchased in Australia duty or tax free (that have been previously exported), or from an inwards duty free shop on arrival into Australia.

A limited quantity of alcoholic beverages (wine and/or spirits not exceeding 2.25 litres) and tobacco products (50 cigarettes or 50 grams of cigars or tobacco products) are allowed duty and tax free entry into Australia for personal use. In addition, up to \$900.00 AUD worth of general goods (gifts, souvenirs, electronic equipment, leather goods, perfume concentrates, jewellery and sporting equipment) can be brought in duty and tax free.

For more detailed information on passenger concessions and import prohibitions and restrictions, please refer to the 'know before you go' guide on the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service website at: www.customs.gov.au/knowbeforeyougo/

Please be aware that if you exceed Australia's duty-free concession limits you will be charged duty and tax on all items of that type (alcohol, tobacco or general goods), not just the items which exceed the limits.

Quarantine

Australia has very strict quarantine laws. All delegates must declare items of quarantine concern on their Incoming Passenger Card and be ready to present these items for inspection if required.

Items that must be declared on arrival into Australia include:

- meat, poultry, fish, seafood, eggs, dairy, fruit and vegetables
- wooden articles, plants, parts of plants, traditional medicines or herbs, seeds, bulbs, straw and nuts
- animals and animal products including equipment, eggs, biologicals, specimens, birds, fish, insects, shells, bee products and pet food, and
- soil or items with soil attached including sporting equipment, shoes, etc.

Please refer to the Department of Agriculture website for more information at www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity.

Yellow Fever

Travellers to Australia must declare if they have been in Africa, South/Central America or the Caribbean in the past six days. Furthermore, travellers who have visited or reside in a yellow fever region are asked to provide a valid Yellow Fever Certificate. More information can be found at www.health.gov.au/yellowfever#12

Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)

The Australian Government has introduced a 'travel history card' which all incoming passengers must complete and hand to Customs and Border Protection officers on arrival in Australia, along with the existing incoming passenger card. This card will require you to make a declaration if you have been in an EVD-affected country within the last 21 days. More information can be found here: www.immi.gov.au/allforms/health-requirements/threats-public-health.htm

Delegates to whom this may apply can request further information by contacting AGD at: 2015Plenary@ag.gov.au

Transport

Brisbane International Airport is the closest airport to the city of Brisbane. All delegates will need to arrange their own transport between the airport and the Sofitel Brisbane Central or alternative accommodation option. Brisbane airport is located approximately 14 km north-east of the Brisbane Central Business District (CBD).

A list of taxi companies and rental car services can be found on page 12. Taxi stands are located at both the domestic and international terminals at Brisbane airport. A taxi ride from the airport to the Brisbane CBD will cost approximately \$30.00-\$40.00 AUD.

Alternatively, Brisbane's Airtrain runs from 05.00 to 22.00 daily from both international and domestic terminals to the city. The journey takes approximately 25 minutes, and the Sofitel is located directly above Central Station. An exclusive offer of only \$27.00 return from Brisbane Airport into Brisbane City, or \$15.30 one way to the city has been negotiated for FATF delegates. Simply present the discount letter (attached) at the Airtrain station to claim your discounted tickets. For more information, go to www.airtrain.com.au/

Bus services to Brisbane are also available. Con-x-ion Airport Transfers offer one way or return 'door to door' coach services from the airport to the city, the Gold Coast, and the Sunshine Coast. For more information, go to www.con-x-ion.com/

Please note that in Australia, it is compulsory to wear seat belts in all vehicles. In addition, smoking is not permitted in rental cars and in private cars where children aged 16 and under are present.



A tourist information desk will be available during the Plenary and Working Group meetings from Monday 27 June to Friday 26 June between 10:30 and 14:30 each day. Further tourist information can be found at www.visitbrisbane.com.au, www.queensland.com, and www.australia.com/en.

TOURIST INFORMATION

Queensland is one of Australia's most popular tourist destinations. With an area 7 times greater than the United Kingdom, 5 times greater than Germany, and almost three times greater than France, it offers a wide range of things to see and do. Queensland is home to five of Australia's World Heritage listed sites, including Fraser Island, the Daintree rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef—one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

Other attractions include:

- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary (Brisbane)
- Whitsunday Islands (12 hours north of Brisbane)
- Australia Zoo (1 hour north of Brisbane)
- Surfer's Paradise and the Gold Coast (1 hour southeast of Brisbane)
- Sunshine Coast (1 hour 20 mins north of Brisbane)



DISTANCES

Brisbane to capital cities

Sydney:	920 km
Canberra:	1,197 km
Melbourne:	1,679 km
Adelaide:	2,017 km
Darwin:	3,423 km
Hobart:	2,413 km
Perth:	4,339 km

GENERAL INFORMATION

Brisbane

Located a mere 16,500 kilometres from the FATF's home base in Paris, Brisbane is a modern metropolitan city, centred on the winding Brisbane River. Home to nearly two million culturally-diverse residents, it boasts an extensive sporting calendar, as well as a range of cultural precincts made up of theatres, museums, and contemporary Australian as well as international cuisine.

Brisbane in June



International Dialing codes

The country code for Australia is 61. The area code for Brisbane is 07.

For calls to Brisbane from overseas, use the appropriate international access number + 61 + 7 + local number.

To make an international phone call from Australia, dial the appropriate international access number + country code + phone number.

Drinking water

Brisbane tap water is safe for consumption.

Electricity supply

The power supply in Australia is 220-240V, 50HZ. A step down transformer is needed to convert the current to 110-120V. Australian plug adaptors have two flat prongs in an inverted "V" shape, and some also have an earth connector. Delegates are advised to bring their own electrical adaptors.



Shopping hours

Shops in the Brisbane CBD are generally open:

- Monday to Thursday — 09:00 to 17:30
- Friday — 09:00 to 21:00
- Saturday — 09:00 to 17:30
- Sunday — 10:30 to 16:00

Emergency number

Emergency (ambulance, police and fire): dial 000

Currency, banking, credit cards and ATMs

The currency in Australia is the Australian dollar (AUD). It comprises 5, 10, 20 and 50 cent and one and two dollar coins; and notes of 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 dollar denominations. Current exchange rates are as listed by the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Banking hours are generally:

- Monday to Thursday — 09:30 to 16:00
- Friday — 09:00 to 17:00

Selected banks in Brisbane also operate on weekends. The largest banks in Brisbane are National Australia Bank, Suncorp Bank, Commonwealth Bank, Bank of Queensland and Bendigo Bank. Brisbane also has international banks including Citigroup and HSBC.

Automatic teller machines (ATMs) are located throughout Brisbane's CBD and major credit and debit cards are widely accepted. Most internationally recognised currencies and travellers cheques can be exchanged at commercial banks, bureaux de change and at Brisbane airport.

Postal services

The nearest post office to the Sofitel Brisbane Central is located at 300 Adelaide Street and is open from 09:00 to 17:00 on weekdays.

Driving

Visitors to Brisbane are allowed to drive on their overseas licence as long as it remains current and they have not been disqualified from driving in Australia or elsewhere. The overseas driver's licence must be carried when driving. If the licence is not in English, an English translation or an International Driving Permit must also be carried.

Please note that Australians drive on the left-hand side of the road. Further information on licensing and road rules can be found at <http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/licensing/driver-licensing/overseas/driving/>

Health services

During the Working Group and Plenary meetings, delegates are welcome to enquire about medical assistance through the Sofitel's main reception desk.

The following health facilities are located near the Sofitel Brisbane Central. Delegates should consider arranging travel and medical insurance before arriving in Australia.

Healthdirect 24 hour hotline

Freecall 1800 022 222

Callers may speak to a registered nurse and receive medical information over the phone.

Closest pharmacy:

Ladhope Compounding Pharmacy
131 Wickham Terrace
Brisbane QLD 4000
Open 07:30 to 17:30 (Mon-Fri)

Closest medical centre:

CBD 7 Day Medical Centre
245 Albert Street Mall
Brisbane QLD 4000
Open Monday-Sunday 07:30 to 19:00

Closest hospital:

St Vincent's Hospital
411 Main Street
Kangaroo Point QLD 4169

Closest dentist:

Wickham Terrace Dentist
Level 9 Morris Towers
149 Wickham Terrace
Brisbane QLD 4000

Open: 09:00 to 17:00 (Mon, Wed, Fri) and
09:00 to 19:00 (Tues, Thurs)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Taxis and rental cars

Taxi companies

COMPANY	PHONE	WEBSITE
Silver Service	133 100	www.silverservice.com.au
Black and White Cabs	131 008	www.blackandwhitecabs.com.au
Yellow Cabs	131 924	www.yellowcab.com.au

Rental car companies

COMPANY	PHONE	WEBSITE
Avis	136 333	www.avis.com.au
Budget	1300 362 848	www.budget.com.au
Europcar	1300 13 13 90	www.europcar.com.au
Hertz	133 039	www.hertz.com.au
Thrifty	1300 367 227	www.thrifty.com.au

Rental car customer service desks are located on Level 2 inside the International Terminal, and on Level 1 inside the Domestic Terminal at Brisbane Airport. Sofitel Brisbane Central can also assist delegates with taxis and rental cars.

Smoking

Australian law prohibits smoking in enclosed public places including workplaces, shopping centres, hotels, restaurants and airports. Smoking is also prohibited in Australian Government vehicles. If you wish to smoke, please make yourself aware of designated smoking areas. Delegates may incur a fine if they are found to be smoking in a non-smoking environment.

Tipping

Tipping is not standard practice in Australia but is generally considered an appropriate gesture of appreciation in hotels and restaurants when the level of service has exceeded expectations.

Employees of the Commonwealth Government and drivers are not permitted to accept tips.

Places of worship

Information about places of worship in the Brisbane CBD can be obtained from Sofitel Brisbane Central or via the following website: www.brisbane-australia.com/brisbane-religion.html.

A prayer room will also be available for delegates at the Sofitel.

NOTES

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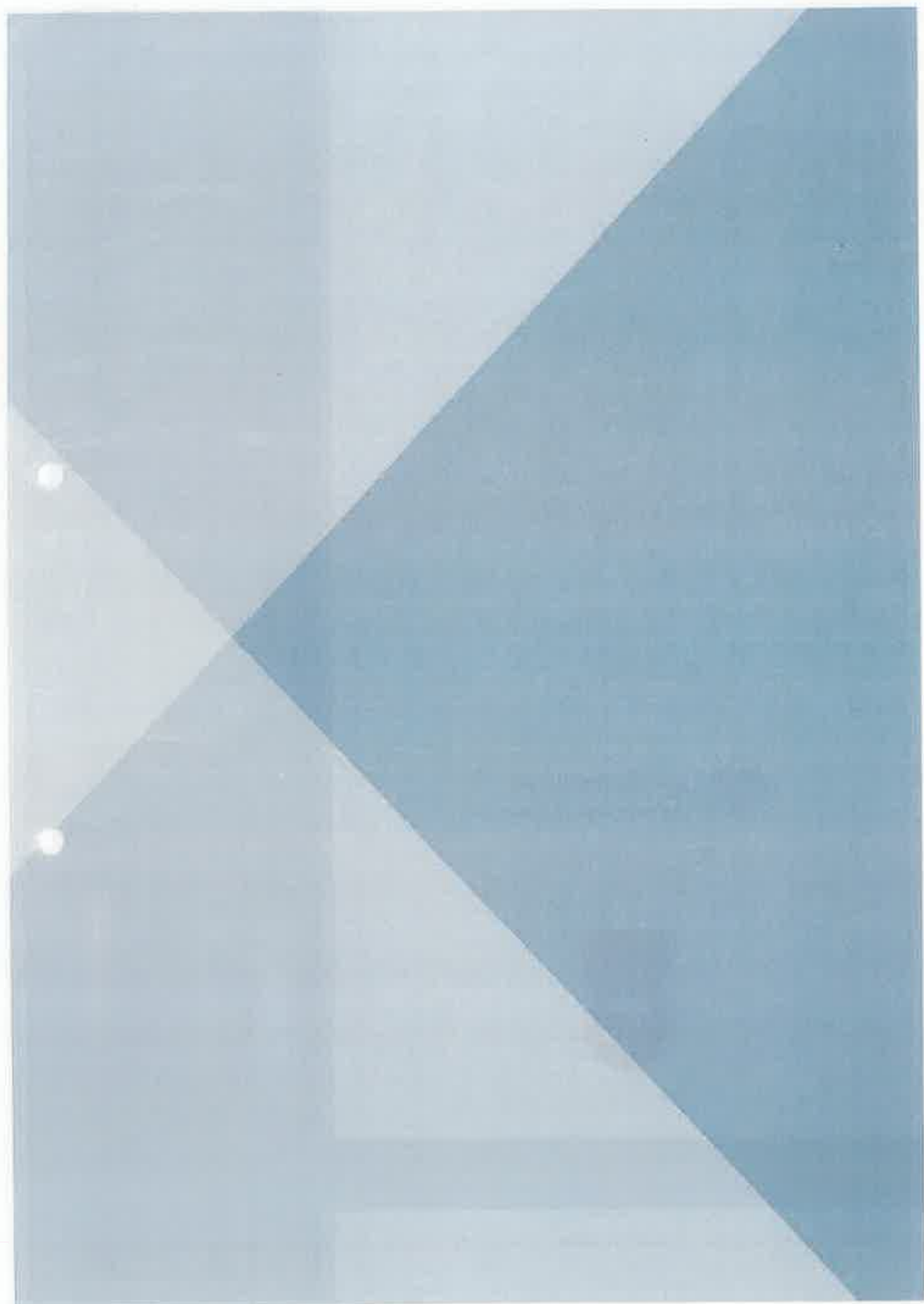
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Contact us

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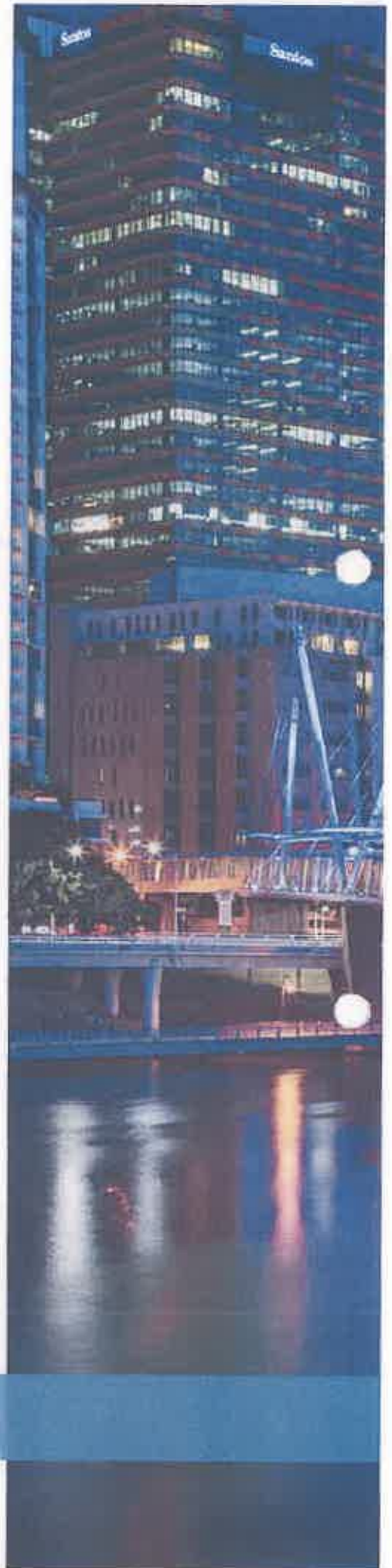
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Brisbane's Airtrain

Airport. City. Gold Coast.

Date: 1/04/2015

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Dear Delegate,

Brisbane's Airtrain would like to warmly welcome you to Brisbane with this special offer.

Simply present this letter at the Airtrain station for your special discounted fare of only \$27.00 return from Brisbane Airport into Brisbane City, or \$15.30 one way to the city.

Useful Tips:

- The Domestic Airtrain station is located outside the Domestic Terminal doors over the Skywalk.
- The International Airtrain station is on the 3rd floor of the International Terminal Building.
- The first train service on weekdays from Brisbane Airport departs at 5:04am and the last service of the day is at 10.04pm.
- Weekend timetables differ slightly and are available online. For the full train timetable, please refer to our website www.airtrain.com.au
- Alternatively, you can collect a timetable at our Airport Stations or speak to one of our friendly customer advisors who will be happy to assist.

We wish you a very successful conference and look forward to welcoming you on-board Brisbane's Airtrain.

Kind Regards,

Gunjan Allen
Marketing Manager

-Offer only valid from 19/06/15 to 29/06/15

-Valid only for travel from Brisbane Airport stations into Brisbane City Stations between Fortitude Valley, Central Station, Roma Street Station, and South Brisbane on presentation of this letter.

-This letter must be exchanged for an Airtrain ticket at the Airport Stations; this letter does not constitute an official ticket.

