



Tailored training camp builds-up to Australian National Swim Team success at FINA World Championships



Aspire Zone's world-class facilities continue to attract the world's elite sports teams and athletes, including the Australian National Swim Team in preparations for world championships. Widely regarded as one of world's strongest swim teams, the Australian national swim team is comprised of internationally recognised athletes including Cate Campbell, Emily Seebohm and Grant Hackett. The team established its footprint in the Olympic Games over the years winning a total of 58 swimming gold medals at the, second only to the United States, who have won 217. East Germany is in third place with 32 gold medals.

Our Venues and facilities have been the destination of choice for the elite swimming team for their past consecutive training camps throughout 2014 and 2015 with the most recent intensive camp from 19 - 29 July 2015. The camp was especially tailored to help the team prepare for the 16th FINA World Championships which took place in Kazan, Russia, from July 24th to August 9th 2015.

Outstanding Performance:

The unique training camps have proven to support the professional athletes with their performance in the following tournaments and championships: The Australian National Swim Team successfully finished their 16th FINA World Championships in Kazan, Russia with seven gold, three silver and six bronze - for a total of 16 medals.

"The feedback from the team since they have returned from Doha and Kazan has been glowing. The staging camp at Aspire was one of the most successful we have held. We received high standard services and support which ensured the camp ran very smoothly. This camp was the spring board to the success the team had in Kazan"

Gary Vandeburgt -Team Operations Manager -Swimming Australia Ltd

Elite Training Camp Facilities:

It took place at the state-of-the-art Hamad Aquatic Centre as well as a number of the other world-class facilities at the Aspire Zone. HAC is an international aquatic complex with ultra-modern extensive facilities for swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, Water polo and other aquatic activities. **The team benefited from the 3 (50m) pools which are all located within walking distance, in addition to having one of the pools tailored to their training needs and transformed into (25m) pool instead.** HAC is equipped with the latest technologies in broadcasting, audio-video systems, fire-fighting systems, HVAC facilities, pools treatment, filtration and backwash with a seating capacity to accommodate 4,500 spectators. During their visit, the team stayed at the Torch Doha Hotel, a beacon of luxury and wellbeing offering a true 5-star experience. The hotel features modern rooms and suites equipped with modern technology, signature restaurants, a state-of-the-art business center and numerous fitness and leisure facilities, therefore offering the athletes the rest they truly deserve.

“The facilities and accommodation at Aspire Zone have been wonderful and have helped us to put the final touches to our preparations for the 16th FINA World Championships in the best way possible. We were provided with world-class facilities in one convenient location. Our experience here has been excellent and we would like to thank Aspire Zone for hosting us again, and look forward to returning in the future.”

Jacco Verhaeren- Australian National Swimming Team Head Coach

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- *Dates: 17-29 July 2015*
- *Numbers: 38 persons (approx. 19 swimmers / 19 staff)*
- *Medical: Medical Services – drop in*
- *Services: Accommodation (Torch), swimming pools, gym, water, transport, ice*
- *Performance: FINA World Championship Kazan 2015 – 16 Medals: 7 Gold, 3 Silver, 6 Bronze & 16*