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## **New Landlord Sought for Australia Hostel Chain**

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Oaktower Partnership has been appointed by Australian private equity firm Ironbridge to sell backpacker hostel owner Recreational Tourism Group, people familiar with the matter told MoneyBeat.

The group's flagship brand is Base Backpackers, which owns and operates 27 hostels across Australia and New Zealand, according to its website.

Recreational Tourism Group's forecast earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization, or ebitda, for the 2014 fiscal year is more 6 million Australian dollars (US\$5.6 million), the people said.

An information memorandum was sent to potential buyers during the past week, with indicative offers due early October, the people said, adding that a deal is expected to be struck by the end of the year.

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