



LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT



CAPITAL HOTEL GROUP

Girbau designs & builds central laundry for Capital Hotel Group Canberra Australia

The centralised laundry of the Capital Hotel Group in Australia is a demonstration of this philosophy. Girbau Australia designed and implemented a laundry with all the Girbau equipment, providing a greater degree of synchronisation and the responsiveness that comes with working with a single equipment provider.

The Capital Hotel Group consists of 3 x hotels in Canberra – The Clifton Suites, The Aria and the Pavilion. With 430 rooms in total, the Group's hotels offer exquisite rooms with elegant spa suits to one and two bedroom apartments, catering to a wide range of clientele. Underlying all of this is the Group's commitment to quality no matter the style of room the guest chooses.

With occupancy at nearly 100% and a fourth hotel opening in late 2014, the hotel group asked Girbau for a laundry to process the linen from 640 rooms. The challenge they posed was: a laundry with a capacity to incorporate the new hotel while reducing overall costs and working hours; improving the working conditions of the laundry workers (before the new Girbau laundry, they

worked 16 hours a day 7 days a week).

Girbau Australia team approached the managers with a proposal to build a new laundry into which a Girbau tunnel washer and full ironing line would be installed.

Given that Capital Hotel Group would be the first clients in Australia to purchase a Girbau tunnel line, it was recommended by Girbau Australia that Mr Jason Krizaic, the owner of the hotel, should go to Thailand with Mr.

David Gillman the General Manager of Girbau Australia to see a recent installation of a tunnel washer in Asia Pacific Region.

After viewing the laundry in Thailand, Mr. Krizaic felt that the Girbau equipment was the brand that would meet all requirements laid down by his Hotel Group.

With the decision made, Girbau gave complete assistance in the design of the new laundry including

detailed plans for local councils and builders as well as details for necessary inputs such as power, water, gas, steam etc.

*CAPITAL HOTEL GROUP
SAVES 50% ENERGY
AND 75% LABOUR
WITH GIRBAU*





CANBERRA INSTALLATION: Pictured at the Capital Hotel Group installation in Canberra, Australia are (from left) Matthew Clark, business development manager Girbau Australia; Dale Curran, sales manager Girbau Australia; David Gillman, general manager Girbau Australia; Robert Batkovic, manager of the laundry; Toni Rubiés, Girbau Group's sales, marketing and service vice president and Ed Work, Girbau's dealer in Fiji.

With the installation of laundry completed, training commenced shortly after over a period of 1 month, and was conducted by specialist technicians from Girbau Spain & Australia.

The training comprised of:

- **Proper start-up and shut-down procedures**
- **Correct procedures in the operation of the equipment**
- **Correct safety procedures**
- **Fault finding**
- **Daily, Weekly and Monthly maintenance**
- **Correct work flow procedures**
- **How to meet all Australian Laundry Standards**
- **Basic repair work.**

Site specific manuals were developed for ongoing support as well as an on-going maintenance contract by Girbau Australia to ensure the smooth operation of laundry.

50% energy and 75% labour savings

In 8 months the results speak for themselves:

- Working hours of laundry would be cut by 75%.
- The supply costs (electricity, water and gas) have been reduced by 50%.
- The client acknowledges that there has been increased satisfaction in terms of the quality of the finished garment both from the laundry supervisors and from the customers. They are also satisfied about having Girbau available to provide maintenance and constant accompaniment, providing peace of mind to them.

The managers of the Capital Hotel Group, Mr. Robert Batkovic and Mr. Jason Krizaic, say *"the production we were achieving at the old laundry is now being achieved with the Girbau machinery in 1/3 of the time. We would certainly recommend Girbau to any laundry operator who is looking to increase production of their operation and reduce costs (both labour and input) at the same time"*.

The Girbau Group's 4th Asian Convention will be held in March 2015 in this laundry as an example of a Girbau success story.

The Girbau Saver "Team"

-1 Girbau **TBS-50** Ecotunnel batch washer with 8 modules: incorporating the latest technologies in control and recovery systems in order to achieve the maximum savings in energy, water and chemical products. The Drain Intercooler system, for example, makes it possible to save 30% on energy.

-1 **SPR-50** press: the powerful mechanical extraction of water by pressing adjustable up to 40 bars makes it possible to work with shorter drying cycles, thereby saving energy.

- 4 **ST1300** dryers (63kg capacity) saving up to 30% on energy with 15 minute cycles; the gas version has a consumption of only 1kWh per litre evaporated, making it one of the most efficient and environmentally-friendly dryers on the market.

- 1 **DRF** feeder: the automatic linen feeding makes it possible to increase productivity, quality and ergonomics for the operators, with a production of up to 1,200 items per hour.

-1 **PC120** gas flatwork ironer: the gas version saves up to 25% on energy compared to other heating systems. The energy performance is 93%. The design of the ironer aids the circulation of fluids by distributing heat evenly over the rigid tray as a whole. There are no temperature variations on the useful ironing surfaces.

- 1 **FL-King** folder: a folder with a high quality finish that can work automatically on 1 or 2 lanes.

1 **FT-Maxi** towel folder: with a production of up to 1,200 items/hour.

