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**Brand new content featuring Phil Spencer, Richard E Grant, Nigel Slater and Rachel Allen licensed to Foxtel's LifeStyle Channels Group****Thursday April 11, 2013**

In a recently completed deal, BBC Worldwide Australasia has licensed a package of over 220 hours of premiere content to Foxtel's LifeStyle Channels Group, for transmission on the The LifeStyle Channel, LifeStyle YOU, LifeStyle HOME and LifeStyle FOOD channels.

Premiering on The LifeStyle Channel, **Phil Spencer: Double Agent Down Under** follows property prodigy Phil Spencer as he heads down under to help Brits make the permanent move to Australia. In each episode, double agent Phil turns detective in the UK to sniff out what life is like now for his families, and what they want from their new life and dream home. Then he goes undercover down under to search out properties and surprise his families-in-need, revealing that he's been gathering intel that will make this major move as smooth as his head. **Hotel Secrets with Richard E Grant** - also premiering on The LifeStyle Channel - gives viewers a taste of the incredible luxury and scandalous history of some of the world's best hotels including the George V in Paris, the Chateau Marmont in Los Angeles and the Savoy in London. Presented by award-winning actor Richard E Grant, and featuring insights from famous hoteliers Donald Trump, Ian Schrager and André Balazs, this series reveals the stories behind the glamorous facades.

LifeStyle FOOD will premiere **Rachel Allen's Easy Meals**, where the much loved chef returns to her roots and shares her secrets to relaxed cooking in her seaside home in Ireland, and **Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day**, a series which shows us how to make the best of the ingredients in the cupboard, fridge or freezer. Using a little imagination Nigel explains how we can use every last bit of food to create dishes that are a treat to eat as well as being easy to cook.

On LifeStyle YOU, **Big Brooklyn Style** sees husband and wife business owners Lisa and Jim Dolan revise and revolutionise the norms of plus-size shopping experiences in their clothing store. **Slave to Food** enlists serial dieter Claire Richards to investigate the real reasons behind her unhealthy attitude to food and the effect that years of yo-yo dieting has had on her body.

LifeStyle HOME will premiere **Marbella Mansions**, an insider's view of the extravagant multimillion dollar mansions on the southern Spanish coast. For those who have enough cash to buy into a luxurious Mediterranean lifestyle, Marbella is the place to be.

'We are delighted to offer Foxtel subscribers the territory premiere of these new and exciting lifestyle programs, which boast an array of well known talent and personalities,' said Annette Kollek, BBC Worldwide Australasia's Sales Manager, Subscription Television.

Said Carla Ferry, Acquisitions Manager: 'We are thrilled to have secured such high quality first run content from the BBC and look forward to their successful launch on the LifeStyle channels.'

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**NOTES TO EDITORS****About BBC Worldwide Australasia**

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