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# Former Commercial Travellers Association Building



B4337 Commercial Travellers  
Association Hotel

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## Location

318-332 Flinders Street, MELBOURNE VIC 3000 - Property No B4337

## Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

## Level of significance

State

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0934

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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The Commercial Travellers' Association Building was constructed in 1913 to designs by the architects H W & F B Tompkins, winners of a competition which included some of Victoria's most adept designers and was judged by Percy Oakden, one of Victoria's most distinguished architects.

The building is a distinctive, early and near original example of the Edwardian Baroque style. It is one of Australia's first group of steel-framed buildings and notable for its introduction of glazed white bricks to the facade. It was the first building to be constrained to the later all-pervading "limit height" incorporated in the

Melbourne by-laws. In addition it was notable as the second Victorian (possibly Australian) headquarters built for the once powerful Commercial Travellers' Association and is now the oldest surviving, in a location intimately associated with their work. The Commercial Travellers' Association Building possesses an interior which is both notable (domed entrance hall) and innovatory (metal ducted heating and ventilation, laundry chutes) and is still expressive of the once numerous body of commercial travellers and a disappearing way of life.

Classified: 10/11/1988

Revised: 03/08/1998

See also Ball & Welch Building B4536

Other Names      Rendezvous Hotel, Duxton Hotel,

Hermes Number    64977

Property Number

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