



## Dr Jerry Schwartz & the Schwartz Family Company – a profile

*“An Entrepreneur, a Humanitarian, a Philanthropist and a Gentleman”*

Dr Jerry Schwartz took over the family business from his parents, Dr Bela and Eve Schwartz, who created a substantial property business after emigrating from Hungary following the War. His father, Dr Bela Schwartz, was a trained dentist, and Jerry’s mother, Eve, was a dental assistant.

Jerry followed in his parents’ medical footsteps, graduating as a doctor, while also becoming fully involved in the property side of the family business.

Today, Schwartz Family Company is the largest privately owned hotel group in Australia with 15 hotels and over 4000 rooms, comprising Rydges World Square, Rydges Central Sydney, Hotel Ibis World Square, Hotel Ibis King Street Wharf, Fairmont Resort Blue Mountains, Mercure Hotel Sydney, Sofitel Sydney Darling Harbour, Four Points by Sheraton at Central Park, Rydges Newcastle, Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, Novotel Newcastle, Mercure Hotel Canberra, The Victoria Hotel Melbourne, Hilton Surfers Paradise and Paradise Resort Gold Coast .

In addition, Dr Schwartz owns Sydney Brewery, the Hunter Valley Conference & Events Centre (the largest purpose-built meetings and functions venue in NSW outside Sydney) and Blue Sky Airlines, which operates charter services between Sydney, Newcastle and Hunter Valley.

The Schwartz Family Company employs over 2200 people.

Dr Schwartz continues to practice as a surgeon in his Medical Centre at Matraville, Sydney, and is active in a wide variety of charitable causes.

### Schwartz Family Company - Philanthropy



The **Schwartz Foundation** was established in 2001 by Dr Jerry Schwartz and his mother Eve, after the death of her husband, as a perpetual ‘memorial’ to Bela’s community and professional work. The Foundation is a registered charity supporting charities and selected projects in Australia and overseas, as well as providing assistance to individuals and small groups in need.

The Schwartz Foundation was set up for more than just raising money for charity, its aim is to make **a real contribution, to change lives, educate people and better the community.**

To date, the Foundation has donated over two million dollars to many worthy projects, charities and individuals.

Reflecting his own background, many of the programs are directed towards medicine, science, education and training. For instance, the Schwartz Foundation paid for the printing of 60,000 textbooks for the GlobalKidz charity that were used in teaching children to become socially responsible global citizens.

The Schwartz Foundation has enabled the establishment of the Anatomy museum and Surgical Skills laboratory at the Medical School of the Notre Dame University, as well as establishing two grants in Research/Lecturing at the University of Sydney Dental Faculty.

A major project of the Schwartz Foundation and one of the charity's most noteworthy achievements has been the "Room for Hope" program, with SFC hotels adding a \$1 donation to the hotel bill of each guest, with 100% of the donation going to supporting charities like Mission Australia and the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute.

Other charities supported include Matthew Talbot Homeless Services (a division of St Vincent de Paul), Mission Australia, Youth off the Streets, the Big Kitchen, the Royal Far West and the Australian Children's Music Foundation (ACMF).

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