

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## THE \$3.6B ENTERTAINMENT AND LEISURE DESTINATION TRANSFORMING QUEENSLAND'S CAPITAL

Queensland's newest entertainment and leisure destination is taking shape on Brisbane's river edge, transforming an underutilised part of the city into a breathtaking and vibrant oasis that embraces the region's enviable outdoor lifestyle.

Set for a staged opening from 29 August 2024, the \$3.6 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane precinct will change the face of Brisbane with an iconic design that reflects the region's subtropical climate and celebrates the precinct's Indigenous and European heritage.

The Star Brisbane - the entertainment hub at the heart of the 12-hectare precinct - will deliver an array of new dining, bars and entertainment options, five-star luxury hotel The Star Grand and a state-of-the-art Event Centre from August, boosting the city's destination offering ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Celebrity chef **Luke Nguyen** is amongst The Star Brisbane's culinary headliners, delivering delectable and dynamic Asian street food favourite **Fat Noodle**, whilst **Australia's Sashimi Florist, Chef Alex Yu**, makes a poetic return to The Star at the helm of **Sokyo** Brisbane. A showstopping **Sports Bar** equipped with 100sqm of LED screens, dedicated live entertainment venue **LiveWire** and cheeky cocktail bar **Cherry** will all open from day one. Meanwhile authentic Italian family dining **Cucina Regina**, **Black Hide Steak & Seafood** (by Gambaro), flavourful Latin-American **Azteca** (by Potentia Solutions Leisure), vibrant and lush **Lúc Lắc** (by Ghanem Group), lamb-focused Mediterranean **Dark Shepherd** and French-inspired restaurant **Pompette** (both by Tassis Group) on **The Terrace** will join a steady stream of new restaurants, bars and destinations opening into September and throughout the remainder of 2024.

The resort's seemingly suspended **Sky Deck** proudly soars 100 metres above the Brisbane River, inviting locals and visitors to experience Queensland's capital from a brand-new perspective while having the added allure of dining under the open sky. Taking centre stage on Sky Deck, **Cicada Blu** is the captivating day-to-night destination that moves to the rhythm of the city, whilst on the eastern end, **Babblers** brings together thoughtful handcrafted food with brave flavours to deliver a bustling all-day dining experience.

The Star Brisbane's much-anticipated signature restaurant **Aloria** is the hero of the Sky Deck trio; an elegant dining venue where dry-aged beef and Queensland's world-class seafood are the stars of the show. Aloria's beverage offering will set a new standard for Brisbane as the official 'cellar in the sky', showcasing the city's best and brightest cellar of wine, and a dedicated Martini menu that celebrates the cocktail in its simplest and truest form to the Marguerite, Martine, Martigny, Martina, Martineau and the Bradford à la Martini.

The Sky Deck complements the resort's **Leisure Deck** - a 12,000sqm open-air oasis - which will deliver two football fields of public space to provide a vast range of unique and exciting experiences, open free to the public throughout the year.

Those looking to indulge in a world of discovery will be spoilt for choice with **four future luxury hotels** including **The Star Grand**, comprising 340 luxury rooms and suites and four penthouses. **The Star's signature 5-star hotel is now open for bookings for stays from 29 August** and provides a glimpse of what's to come for the transformational Brisbane project which will welcome a contemporary 4.5-star **Dorsett hotel** and Australia's only ultra-luxury **Rosewood hotel** in future phases, alongside the grandeur of one of city's most iconic heritage hotels, **Treasury Brisbane**.

Anchored by Brisbane's largest hotel ballroom, The Star's expansive state-of-the-art **Event Centre** is ready to host a full calendar of events and conferences from early September and will offer an industry leading, best-in-class facility with a 20-metre-long bar leading to an outdoor terrace. From sit-down gala dinners, cocktail soirées or rooftop product launches to large-scale exhibitions or trade shows, the highly anticipated destination has been purposely designed to cater for events of every scale and signals a thrilling new era for events in Brisbane.

Once fully operational, **Queen's Wharf Brisbane** is expected to attract approximately 1.4 million additional visitors each year, delivering an estimated 1,000 premium hotel rooms, a mouth-watering array of restaurants and bars,

world-class entertainment, luxury retail, stunning public artworks, one of Australia's greatest collections of heritage treasures and 12 football fields of public space at the centre of Brisbane's CBD.

The development will also provide a pedestrian link between two of Brisbane's largest cultural and lifestyle precincts, connecting Queen's Wharf to South Bank and Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC) via the **Neville Bonner Bridge**, named in honour of Australia's first indigenous parliamentarian.

Queen's Wharf Brisbane is being delivered by Destination Brisbane Consortium – a joint venture led by The Star Entertainment Group alongside its Hong Kong-based partners, Chow Tai Fook Enterprises and Far East Consortium.

For more information, visit the [star.com.au/brisbane](http://star.com.au/brisbane)

## ENDS

**Areas to open progressively from 29 August\* into September and throughout the remainder of 2024 as part of the first phase of a multi-staged opening.**

- **The Star Grand hotel:** 340 5-star hotel rooms now open for bookings for stays from 29 August, with three infinity-edge pools, pool bar, steam room, sauna and hotel gym expected to open in time for summer
- **Event Centre:** 1,440 seat ballroom with pre-function bar, outdoor terrace and views to the Story Bridge
- **Dining and Bars:** Sokyo (Japanese, Level 2), Fat Noodle (South-East Asian, Level 5) LiveWire (live entertainment venue, Level 5), Sports Bar (Level 5), Cherry (Level 5) and Food Quarter (Level 5) will open from 29 August
- **The Terrace dining, Level 4:** Cucina Regina (Italian), Black Hide (Steak & Seafood) by Gambaro, Azteca (Latin American) by Potentia Solutions Leisure, LúC LắC (South-East Asian) by Ghanem Group, Dark Shepherd (Mediterranean) and Pompette (French) by Tassis Group) will progressively open during first phase
- **Sky Deck dining, Level 23:** Aloria (signature dining), Babblers (all day dining) and Cicada Blu (hero bar) will progressively open during first phase
- **Public Areas:** 7.5 hectares of public space including Neville Bonner Bridge (Level 4), Leisure Deck (Level 7), Sky Deck viewing platform (Level 23), upgraded Bicentennial Bikeway and Miller Park
- Newly created green space The Landing to open after Riverfire

**\*Not all will open on Thursday 29 August 2024**

**Areas to open as progressively as part of the next phase of a multi-staged opening.**

- **Leisure Deck:** Additional food & beverage outlets
- **The Terrace dining:** Ice-creamery, Asian dining and more geographical themed dining
- Dorsett and Rosewood hotel tower
- Velo Café end of trip facility
- Luxury retail destinations
- **Heritage buildings:** Activated with experiences, retail and food & beverage

## The Star Brisbane (Resort)

Positioned at the heart of the Queen's Wharf Brisbane precinct, The Star Brisbane will deliver four future world-class hotels, a myriad of new restaurants, bars and entertainment experiences, luxury retail, and a thrilling new era of events to Brisbane's CBD. Not to mention The Star Brisbane's striking Sky Deck showpiece, a 250m rooftop runway of restaurants and bars floating 100m above the Brisbane River and the resort's Leisure Deck, a 12,000sqm open-air oasis which delivers two football fields of public space. From a selection of Brisbane's grandest hotels to delectable dining, spectacular sky-high views and unique experiences for locals and tourists alike, The Star Brisbane promises to celebrate the best of our river city.

## Queen's Wharf Brisbane (Precinct)

Set to commence a staged opening from August 2024, the \$3.6 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane development blends stunning contemporary architecture with thoughtfully restored heritage buildings and beautifully curated landscaped riverside parklands across more than 12 hectares on Brisbane's river edge. It is expected to attract an estimated 1.4 million additional visitors each year once open and will provide a pedestrian link between two of Brisbane's largest cultural and lifestyle precincts, connecting South Bank to Queen's Wharf and The Star Brisbane via the Neville Bonner Bridge. Queen's Wharf Brisbane is being delivered by Destination Brisbane Consortium – a joint venture led by The Star Entertainment Group alongside its Hong Kong-based partners, Chow Tai Fook Enterprises and Far East Consortium.

# QUICK FACTS

The most significant development in Brisbane's recent history, delivering a brand-new entertainment and leisure destination for Brisbane and broader Australia including:

- A variety of luxury hotels: The Star Brisbane will feature The Star's own 5-star hotel offering (The Star Grand), a contemporary 4.5-star hotel for business and leisure travellers (Dorsett Brisbane) and Australia's first 6-star Rosewood hotel and the grandeur of one of city's most iconic heritage hotels (Treasury Hotel).
- New attractions for the CBD:
  - **Sky Deck:** Sky Deck's 250-metre seemingly-suspended rooftop runway will showcase the best of Brisbane and Queensland's inimitable outdoor lifestyle and be home to three highly distinct venues, Aloria, Babblers and Cicada Blu. Sky Deck will be open to the public 24/7 throughout the year.
  - **Leisure Deck:** An open-air oasis in the heart of Brisbane's CBD, the Leisure Deck will deliver an impressive mixed-use space which covers an area of 12,000sqm - equivalent to more than two football fields of space.
  - **Event Centre:** Anchored by one of the largest ballrooms in the city, The Star's state-of-the-art Event Centre has been purposely designed to cater for events of every scale. This world-class destination will offer the flexibility to create bespoke events like never before and will be a welcoming addition to Brisbane's burgeoning meeting and events scene.
- A spectacular line-up of restaurants, bars and cafes: Locals and visitors will be spoilt for choice with a variety of day and night venues across the resort, catering to all ages and appetites. The Star's growing list of food and beverage unveilings includes Sokyo, Fat Noodle by celebrity chef Luke Nguyen; Aloria, Babblers and Cicada Blu on Sky Deck; Cucina Regina, Black Hide Steak & Seafood, Azteca and LúC LắC on The Terrace; and LiveWire, Sports Bar and Cherry.
- Luxury retail: With 40,000 sqm of shopping, dining and entertainment woven through iconic heritage and architecturally designed resort spaces, Queen's Wharf will blend the best of Brisbane and the world.
- Heritage treasures: Queen's Wharf Brisbane features one of the greatest collections of culturally significant heritage buildings and places in Australia, brought to life through careful restoration work and repurposing.
- Connecting the Brisbane CBD to its cultural centre: The Neville Bonner pedestrian bridge will connect Queen's Wharf Brisbane to South Bank's cultural precinct, providing access to Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC), Queensland Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) and Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC).
- Art at its heart: In one of the biggest art procurement processes undertaken by a corporate entity in Queensland, a selection of Australia's most innovative contemporary artists will transform Queen's Wharf into an urban canvas. An eight-metre high, eight tonne bronze sculpture by Brisbane-born, internationally renowned artist Lindy Lee is one of the many showstopping public art installations earmarked for the precinct.
- Sustainability practices that reach for the stars: Queen's Wharf is the first development in Brisbane to be awarded the coveted 6-Star Green Star Communities rating in recognition of its social, environmental, and economic sustainability designs.

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