

## MEDIA RELEASE

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# GRAND POSSIBILITIES AWAIT AS THE STAR BRISBANE OPENS HOTEL BOOKINGS

One of Australia's most anticipated resorts has officially opened hotel bookings for stays from 29 August 2024, inviting guests to check-in to check-out five-star luxury and soak up Brisbane's most spectacular views.

Locals and tourists can be among the first to book a stay in one of the 340 luxurious new rooms within **The Star Brisbane's signature five-star hotel, The Star Grand**, at the heart of the transformational \$3.6 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane precinct.

Designed to reflect the spirit and energy of the river city, The Star Grand hotel will offer every guest a slice of luxury with rooms ranging from the contemporary River King and City King Rooms, to the sophisticated open-plan River and City Suites, opulent Skyline City Suites and four exquisite Skyline Penthouse Suites.

The Star Brisbane Chief Executive Officer, Daniel Finch, said the launch of hotel bookings marked a pivotal milestone in the resort's multi-staged opening, with The Star Grand part of a collection of dining and leisure experiences to open from 29 August.

"As the team prepare to unveil a destination almost a decade in the making, we are thrilled to invite guests of The Star Grand hotel to be among the first to experience the grand possibilities that await," Mr Finch said.

"The Star Grand's floor-to-ceiling windows will serve as a spectacular vantage point to capture the electrifying displays of Brisbane Festival, before we kick into Footy Finals, Melbourne Cup and all the festivities of Christmas and New Year's Eve.

"With venue openings rolling out over the coming months, our returning guests will have the opportunity to enjoy new experiences each time they visit including a wide-range of culinary delights and the unveiling of our hotel pools, steam room, sauna and gym in time for summer.

"The Star Grand's place within The Star Brisbane and wider Queen's Wharf precinct will add a new dimension to the city, strengthening Brisbane's competitive advantage and providing domestic and international visitors even more compelling reasons to visit Queensland ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games."

Nestled amongst a world of discovery, **The Star Grand** will become the gateway to a vast range of experiences throughout the new 12-hectare riverside precinct, inviting locals and visitors to explore the best Brisbane has on offer.

Guests will be treated to a stay unlike any other from the moment they arrive; a breathtaking 21-metre glass oculus welcoming Brisbane's warmth and light into the resort's grand entrance where First Nations artist Tony Albert's enormous 15-metre floating botanical sculpture *Inhabitant* takes pride of place.

A bespoke hand-made glass Lasvit lighting installation greets guests on entry to the Lobby, as their senses are tantalised by the sights, sounds and smells of The Star's award-winning Japanese restaurant, **Sokyo**. On checking in, they ascend through the resort where the hotel occupies Levels 8 to 17 across two river-facing towers.

Leading international design studio Hassell drew inspiration from the resort's subtropical landscape, mimicking the ripples of the Brisbane River through extraordinary Calacatta Viola and the curves of the Kangaroo Point Cliffs throughout the design of each room. A collective of Australian art highlights the region in its many forms, showcasing bespoke pieces by Brisbane-based artist Anita West, Noosa's Michael Whitehead, Northern River's Jane Hoggard and proud Gumbaynggir and Bundjalung artist, Charmaine Davis.

The 340 rooms within The Star Grand Brisbane begin with 276 standard rooms encompassing the **City King**, **City Twin** and **River King** rooms. With the ability to opt for river or city views, each elegantly designed room features The Star's

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signature range of bedding, dual rain showerhead and integrated in-room technology that allows hotel guests to customise lighting, drapery and temperature at the touch of a button.

No comfort has been spared in the creation of the hotel's 60 lavish suites which include 28 **River Suites**, 28 **City Suites** and four **Skyline City Suites**. Ranging between 75 – 113sqm in size, each suite offers a spacious open-plan living area, king bed and a stunning bathroom with a luxurious freestanding bathtub.

Spanning across the top two levels, four exquisite 217sqm **Skyline Penthouse Suites** complete the five-star offering.

Designed for those seeking unparalleled grandeur at every turn, The Star Grand Skyline Penthouse Suites feature a spacious open-plan lounge and dining area accentuated by the finest finishes, two private guest retreats each with their own ensuite, and an oversized bathtub where guests can soak in sunset skies. A kitchenette complete with a well-equipped butler's pantry and separate staff entrance are welcome additions that make sky-high entertaining a breeze.

The Star Grand will feature alongside an array of culinary experiences, dynamic entertainment and event destinations, striking Sky Deck, riverfront parklands and public art trails set to progressively launch from 29 August into late 2024 and beyond as part of The Star Brisbane and Queen's Wharf's multi-staged opening.

Additional venues destined for The Star Brisbane Cucina Regina, Black Hide Steak & Seafood by Gambaro and Azteca (by Potentia Solutions Leisure) announced for The Terrace; Celebrity Chef Luke Nguyen's dynamic Asian street food favourite Fat Noodle, live entertainment venue LiveWire and a sprawling Sports Bar on the Casino floor; and Sky Deck's Aloria, Babblers and Cicada Blu.

For more information, visit [thestarbrisbane.com.au](https://thestarbrisbane.com.au)

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## FAST FACTS

- The Star Grand features 340 luxuriously appointed hotel rooms at the heart of Brisbane's newest entertainment and leisure destination, including:
  - 276 City King / Twin and River King rooms
  - 60 suites including the City Suites, River Suites, and Skyline City Suites
  - 4 Skyline Penthouse Suites across the top two levels
  - 24-hour reception
  - Three infinity-edge pools, pool bar, steam room and sauna (expected to open early October\*)
  - Hotel gym (expected to open late October\*)
- A curved illuminated ceiling over the William Street porte-cochere indicates the scale of the resort on arrival, stretching the equivalent size to 13 full-sized tennis courts.
- The Star Grand incorporates 340 keys, 412 beds, 408 televisions, 378 toilets, 2540 pieces of individual furniture, 5400 individual lights, and 6300 power points.
- Over 12,000sqm of carpet and 16,200sqm of wallpaper was used in the hotel's creation.
- Accessibility has been paramount in The Star Grand's design, with hotel rooms catering to guests of all abilities and dedicated Accessible River and City King Rooms.
- The Star Grand Brisbane is one of four future luxury hotel offerings as part of the \$3.6 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane development which is set to commence a staged opening from 29 August 2024.
- A contemporary 4.5-star **Dorsett hotel** and Australia's only ultra-luxury **Rosewood hotel** will open in future phases, alongside the grandeur of one of city's most iconic heritage hotels, **Treasury Brisbane**.

## The Star Brisbane

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**

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.

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