

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Sydney's Newest Design Hotel to feature European-Style Brasserie

The latest Sydney hotel, QT Sydney opens with a chic dining destination: Gowings Bar & Grill

Set on the first floor of Sydney's newest hip design hotel – <u>QT Sydney</u>, Gowings Bar & Grill boasts stunning design and a bold European style brasserie menu, with a strong seafood focus. Acclaimed restaurateur and QT Sydney Creative Food Director, Robert Marchetti has created a menu of future favourites for breakfast, lunch and dinner to complement the stunning historical backdrop reimagined by cutting edge designer Nic Graham.

<u>Gowings Bar & Grill</u> will be the ultimate CBD destination for a power breakfast, CBD working lunch, or a stylish night out. The 120 seat brasserie style restaurant is the perfect addition to QT Sydney and is set to entertain both Sydneysiders and international guests alike. QT Sydney is positioned on the corner of Market and George Streets, intersecting two of the cities major roads.

Marchetti, of North Bondi Italian fame, and his team will hand select sustainable fish, crustaceans and shellfish to create an seafood offering traverscing thre traditional with the innovative.. From the Stockbroker Omlette to the Beech wood rotisserie, Gowings Bar & Grill will be running hot. The Beech wood fired oven comes into its own on a Friday, serving Whole roasted quails and Suckling pig,

Breakfast at Gowings Bar & Grill is set to redefine the meal and become a Sydney CBD morning staple. The menu focuses on super foods with a strong emphasis on energy boosting grains, including steelcut oats and Marchetti's Detox smoothie.

Teaming up with Marchetti is former executive chef of Rockpool Bar & Grill Melbourne, and new QT Sydney Executive Chef, Paul Easson, taking charge of the kitchen brigade. Wine industry stalwart, Ian Cook has hand selected a small batch, limited release wine list of fine Australian and international wines creating a punchy wine list set to impress and delight.

Guests enter Gowings Bar & Grill via the bold QT lobby on Market Street which boasts a collection of original art work, quirky designer furniture and cutting edge digital graphic displays. A staircase connects the historic State Theatre to the Gowings Building, transporting guests to Gowings Bar & Grill.

Upon entry, guests are greeted by an energetic and vibrant central sydney CBD restaurant space punctuated by a bustling open pass. The setting is sophisticated but not stuffy, service attentive yet fast paced. A modern staircase encasing a dramatic wine wall will take guests up to an airy mezzanine level, home to an intimate cocktail bar serving only the best classics and a series of lush private dining rooms perfect for intimate boardroom lunches or a Sydney CBD event location for up to 200 guests.

## About QT Sydney

The culmination of some hefty restoration work, the historic Gowings and <u>State Theatre</u> buildings in Sydney's CBD have been artfully revamped to see the introduction of Sydney's newest hip designer hotel, QT Sydney.

An eagerly awaited development, with the gothic façades and features of the buildings carefully returned to their former glory, whilst inside the hotel possess cutting edge art and design featuring LED digital art, bespoke furniture and a strong use of bold colours makes clever interior design central to the hotel experience. And you can't beat the location – it couldn't be more in the heart of the city of it tried. The bowler hat lights are a favourite cheeky touch, but there's a huge focus on art and design here. QT isn't just about a place to lay your head.

QT Sydney is scheduled to open in September this year and is the only Sydney hotel to be a member of the exclusive Design Hotels.

Creative Food Director Executive Chef Wine Consultant	Robert Marchetti Paul Easson Ian Cook
Parlour Lane Roasters	6am – 9pm 7 days a week
Gowings Bar & Grill	Breakfast – 6am – 10.30am 7 days a week
	Lunch – 12pm – 2.30pm 7 days a week
	Dinner – 6pm – 10.30pm 7 days a week

QT Sydney

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