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Soaring 50-metre tall tower crane in full swing to build The Star Gold Coast's Dorsett hotel and apartments tower

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The Star Gold Coast's Dorsett hotel and apartments tower has reached another historic milestone with 13 semi-trailers shipping in a massive crane to start construction on the \$400 million tourism development.

Signalling an exciting future for the city, the tower crane is now in full swing on the site of the property's first mixed-use tower – and Broadbeach's first 53-storey high-rise – signalling the end of demolition, services infrastructure works, and piling activities.

Expected to open in 2022, the tower will herald the entry to Australia of the internationally-acclaimed Dorsett brand comprising a 4.5-star hotel with 316 hotel rooms, as well as 423 one and two-bedroom apartments under 'The Star Residences Gold Coast' brand.

The electric tower crane – chosen over a diesel tower crane for its minimal noise impacts – required an additional five semi-trailers to carry counterweights and auxiliary gear; as well as a 350-tonne mobile crane to erect it.

With a jib stretching 60 metres long and a 12-tonne lifting capacity, the soaring 50-metre tall tower crane required around 40 people to transfer and assemble it – from truck drivers to riggers and operators.

It is the first of two tower cranes that will be assembled to construct the 53-storey tower.

The crane now on site will build the tower's six-level podium, which will connect to The Star Grand and create an exciting new integrated dining precinct.

The dining 'avenue' is planned to open with a steak and seafood grill house, a designer sweet bar, and three Asian-inspired restaurants including one with live seafood and private dining facilities.

The tower is part of The Star Entertainment Group's master plan for The Star Gold Coast – a joint venture with its consortium partners, Chow Tai Fook Enterprises and Far East Consortium.

Forming Destination Gold Coast Consortium, the partners have approvals to build a further four towers and associated resort facilities as part of a proposed \$2 billion-plus investment for Broadbeach Island.

Destination Gold Coast Consortium Project Director Jaime Cali said the assembly of the tower crane signalled an exciting milestone, servicing the build of the six-level podium up until around April 2020.

"Since November last year, our appointed contractor, Hutchinson Builders, has been overseeing the demolition of existing facilities, services infrastructure works, and piling activities for the lift core and podium plus tower structures," Ms Cali said.

“This new tower crane will be used to deliver the steel bridge elements for the six-level podium and the connection of the tower to The Star Grand – it will carry a range of items such as formwork, reinforcing materials, services, and blockwork.

“It will continue to build the six-level podium up until it tops out around April next year.

“A few months prior to that, a second tower crane will be erected in the core of the tower’s jumpform, and will be used to build the remaining 47 levels in the tower.”

City of Gold Coast Mayor Cr Tom Tate said ‘cranes in the sky means jobs on the ground’.

“This is more great news for our city. Every crane that goes up across the Gold Coast is a reminder of how strong investment in our city is right now and signals how far we have come since 2012 when there wasn’t a single one in the sky,” Cr Tate said.

“Construction projects like this one not only provide jobs now, but provides jobs for Gold Coasters well into the future.”

In April, the consortium announced plans to fast-track development on a second mixed-use tower as part of its master plan.

This \$500 million development will include a five-star hotel with 210 hotel rooms, and 457 residential apartments now on sale.

The Star Gold Coast Chief Operating Officer Jessica Mellor said the first tower crane on site for the first mixed-use tower continued an exciting year of development for The Star Gold Coast.

“We’re into the last quarter of the year and it’s been a busy one for our consortium with the construction of the Dorsett hotel and apartments tower now in its next phase,” Ms Mellor said.

“There are currently 40 people working on the construction site, but we expect the tower will provide up to 1800 construction roles over the course of its development.

“It’s an exciting time for our consortium but also for the people of the Gold Coast and surrounding regions who work in the construction industry, and who will benefit through future jobs and subcontracting opportunities such as the internal fit-out of the tower, which we expect to begin around August 2020.

“Meanwhile, our consortium is continuing to sell apartments in our second 63-storey mixed use tower.

“Pending sales, we could begin construction on this second tower as early as mid-2020 – meaning The Star Gold Coast would offer four hotels on Broadbeach Island – more hotels than any other integrated resort in Australia.

“We are committed to the Gold Coast, committed to Queensland, and we look forward to driving increased tourism and greater benefits for the local and state economy.”

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