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**NEW HEAD CHEF BRINGS MODERN FLAIR TO MARQUE
BRISBANE**

The 103 Marque Restaurant & Bar at The Marque Hotel in Brisbane has employed new head chef Paul Wackrow to create innovative fresh dishes, fitting with Marque's contemporary and modern style.

New Zealand born Chef Wackrow is a perfect match for the Marque Brisbane. With his vegetable garden taking pride of place at home and a passion for fresh produce and clean flavours, he intends to make his own mark on the restaurant.

"I absolutely love to cook and the philosophy behind my dishes is to keep it fresh and innovative without getting too complicated. I am thrilled to take all my previous experience and implement it at a youthful and modern hotel like the Marque Brisbane," said Mr Wackrow.

Chef Wackrow has had an impressive career, working over the last 12 years for a variety of hotels and resorts around Australia. He started his career at Kooralbyn Hotel Resort in Queensland and has since worked on the Murray Princess paddle steamer in South Australia, at The Duxton Hotel in Perth and the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Brisbane.

Prior to taking the position at 103 Marque Restaurant & Bar, Chef Wackrow spent the past two years at the Virginia Palms International in Brisbane working as its sous chef and charged with the responsibility of a 50 seat boutique restaurant and the Hotel's function and banquet catering.

Wackrow's extensive career has given him the essential skills and passion to develop his own style of cooking which can be seen and experienced in 103 Marque Restaurant & Bar's fresh, mouth-watering, modern Australian menu including dishes like Sautéed Banana Prawns.

Wackrow's previous hotel and resort experience also means he is qualified to manage the Hotel's function and event catering which can accommodate up to 120 people.

Area general manager Matthew Horvat said, "We are thrilled to have found a chef who is such a perfect fit with the Marque brand and is consistent with the youthful and contemporary style of the Hotel."

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103 Marque Restaurant & Bar offers a modern and casual atmosphere, creating the perfect setting for a relaxed and enjoyable meal. The dining area has a communal lounge and outdoor area so visitors can take pleasure in the Queensland sunshine.

103 Marque Restaurant is in The Marque Hotel, 103 George St, Brisbane.

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