



**NEW LOOK FIVE-STAR**  
 Brisbane Sofitel

The hotel's old Sidewalk Cafe plus Carriage's Restaurant and Foyer Bar have been ripped apart and lavishly re-invented as a gleaming marble-glass palace of creative Oz-Asian cuisine, cocktails and wines. Millions were unleashed on this mini world of chef-encrusted open kitchens and spacious dining. Present at the official launch were 450 of southeast Queensland's major movers and decision makers, all swept up in lavish swirls of indulgence. The collective opinion: Awesome. A tired word, but in this case entirely appropriate.

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Simon George and Megan Downe



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Stefanie Maragna and John Simeone



Con and Anne Castrisos



Danielle Fisher and Prue Crosby



Bridget McMahon and Ellie Amerena