

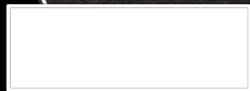
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QT WELLINGTON



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# INTRODUCTION

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Surprise yourself at QT Wellington, a fusion of expressive and luxurious art and indulgence, capturing the heart of New Zealand's creative capital.

QT Wellington is a warm invitation to explore and define one of New Zealand's most eclectic collections of art and character framed in designer opulence.

Art, design, curiosities and a dash of the absurd awaits.





# A RICH HISTORY

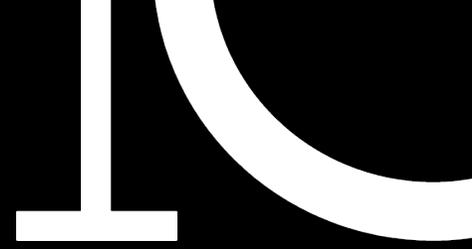
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QT Wellington is a moving story, a success story... but at one stage, it nearly fell in the drink.

The hotel's rich history begins with an infamous tale of so-crazy-it-might-just-work innovation. The year 1993 saw the then 3000-tonne, four-storey building take a 120-metre journey from where Te Papa Tongarewa now resides – 80 metres along and 40 metres across Cable Street. Audacious engineering saw the hotel riding a makeshift railway away from harbour-side sinking ground and towards its new resting space. The daring feat was a true spectacle to say the least with thousands turning out to watch what was at the time, the largest ever building to be moved in New Zealand.

Nestled amongst Wellington's varied and vivacious offerings, QT Wellington is a staple to the city's ever-evolving art, culture and food scene. Led by design, quirk and innovation, QT Wellington celebrates its past as the Museum Art Hotel coupled with unique QT flair.

Where inspired creatives come to mix – QT Wellington.



# THE ART COLLECTION

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QT Wellington's halls are home to one of New Zealand's largest private art collections, owned and curated by Chris Parkin. Brimming with both high and low-brow artworks, the hotel's spaces are continuously refreshed with new pieces to add to the wildly eclectic and eccentric aesthetic.

Taking the sleep-in-an-art-gallery concept one step further, 25 QT Gallery guest rooms feature bespoke artworks from New Zealand artists who successfully competed in creative challenge, the 'Your art our rooms' competition in 2018.

Whether it's a distinctive bedhead mural, a quirky sculpture or a custom-made wallpaper - you will be sure to delight in the artistic flair of your surrounds. With gorgeous colour palettes and plush QT luxuries included, the QT Gallery rooms are in a class of their own.



# PUBLIC SPACES

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From the moment you dive into Wellington's hippest design-driven hotel, you will feel as though the walls are made of art, with bricks and mortar serving to highlight works rather than hold up the structure. An explosion of colour and texture will greet you as you wander into an artistic playground in the world's coolest little capital.

QT Wellington has been designed as the ultimate indulgence for the creative consumer. Our public spaces are purposefully created to celebrate the city's energy around the arts within a most eclectic environment.

Inspired by the hotel's presence as a quirky and iconic landmark in Wellington, and Wellington itself, every element comes together to create the designer-chic, modernist look and feel. Rich coloured rugs and backdrop of elegant timber veneer cladding punctuated with brass display niches are an example of the harmonious mix of modern and eclectic furnishings. It is within this display of creativity that your eye for detail and passion for the nuances of life's most treasured pleasures will be set alight.

In addition to the countless works that adorn our spaces, our lobby's QTique gallery shop is an ever evolving exhibit, showcasing the works of established and independent New Zealand artists. QTique is a varied mix of curiosities putting a unique spin on the bare essentials to high quality luxury treats. Unleash your inner creative critic at QT Wellington.



# ROOMS & APARTMENTS

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Eccentric creativity meets luxury travel in our design-driven guest rooms at QT Wellington. Our rooms have touches of flair in every corner, with luxurious beds surrounded by bold embellishments, and bathrooms dripping in artistic drama.

We have brought together a mixture of pure, natural materials with bold colours and textures, creating visually intriguing and elegant surroundings with the hallmark of good design. The black-brushed slate and stone cladding bring a unique luxury to the bathing space – complete with luxury ALICE amenities.

Our QT Gallery rooms take bespoke art to the next level. Each room features a unique artwork created by some of New Zealand's most dynamic artists. Whether it's a distinctive bedhead mural, a quirky sculpture or a custom-made wallpaper - you will be sure to delight in the artistic flair of your surrounds. Throw in gorgeous colour palettes plus plush QT luxuries, and this room is ticking all the boxes.

Our apartments have been remodelled in QT's signature style with beautiful new furnishings taking pride of place. Enjoy a room styled with an eclectic mix of Gatsby-esque furnishings carried through with bold, contrasting inflections of gold, creating a totally luxe guest experience.

The art never ends at QT Wellington.



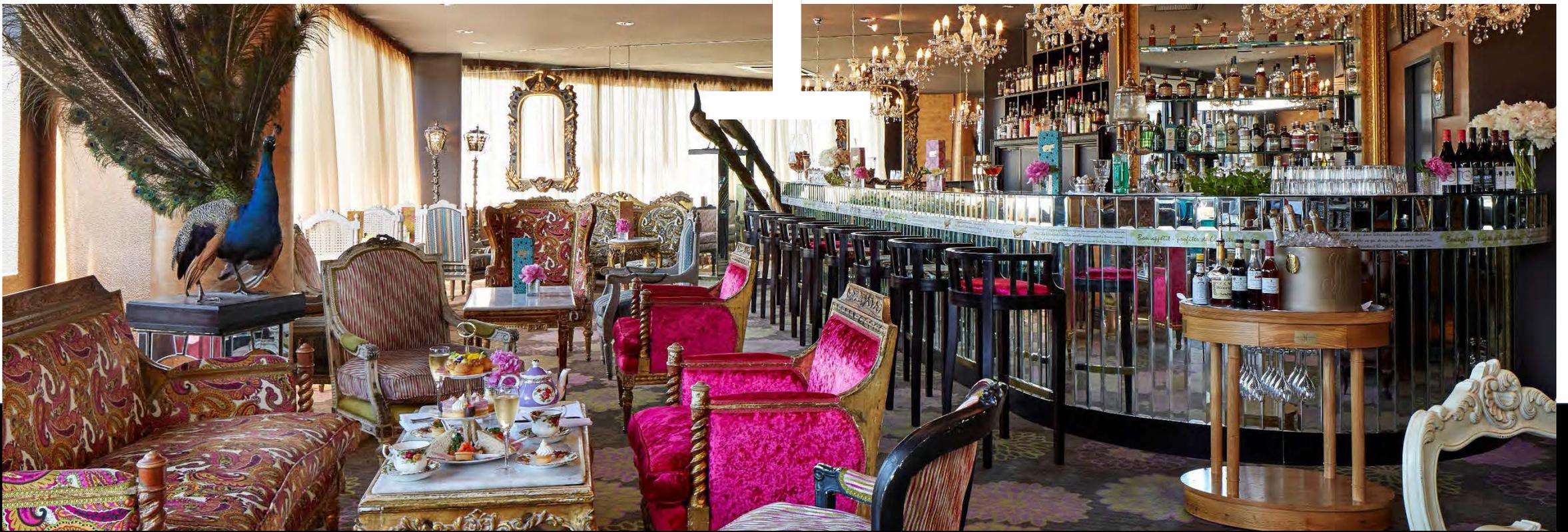


## EATING & DRINKING

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Wellington has all the ingredients that make it a fiercely enticing culinary capital. Being wined and dined at QT Wellington challenges your culinary perceptions from full sensory indulgence to a harmonious balance of modern and classic cuisine, accompanied by a wine cellar so exclusive Sam Neil would have trouble getting his hands on it.





# HIPPOPOTAMUS

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Enter the eclectic world of a fabulous French dining salon, with pops of colour, plush texture and a bevy of bedazzled chandeliers. Named after the world's giant aquatic ballet dancer, Hippopotamus has a real taste of the majestic, as French flavours pirouette with hyper local New Zealand ingredients and stunning harbour views.

The recipient of Two Hats in the 2019 Cuisine Good Food Awards, Executive Chef Jiwon Do dictates the French-inspired menu, famous for the multi-course degustation dinner, golden hour breakfasts and high tea worthy of glamour royalty. Classic cocktails and a wine list of 850 selections match the delicacies. Come raise a glass where the refined get comfy.

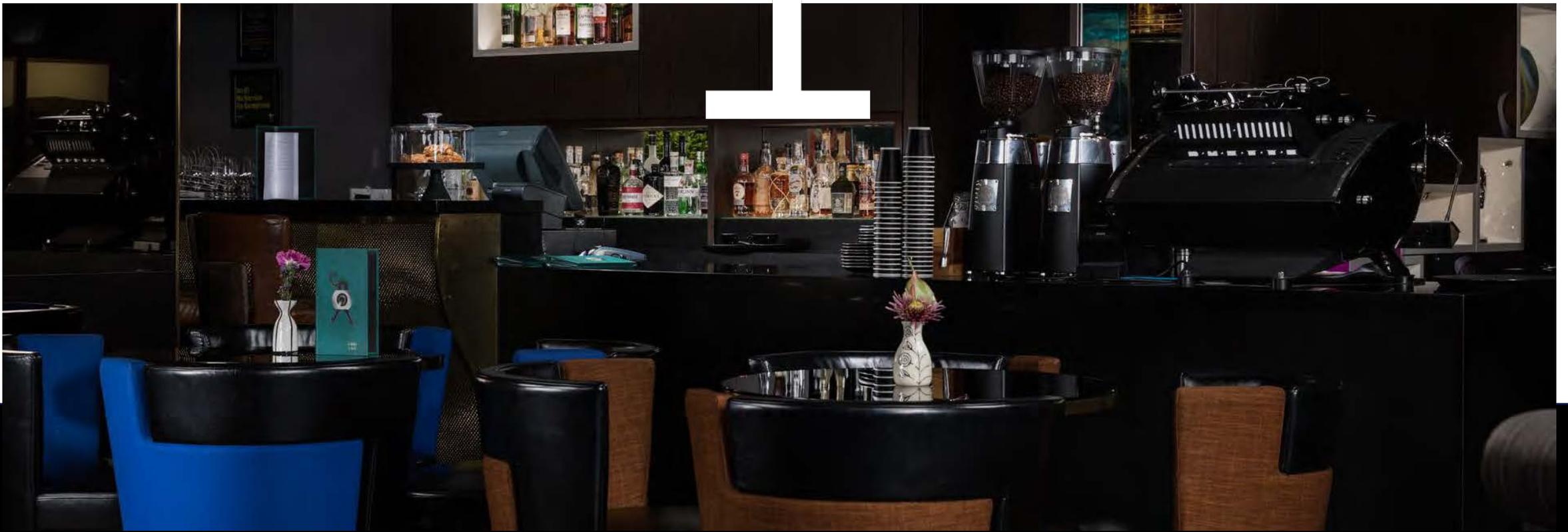


# HOT SAUCE

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QT Wellington cranks up the cool with Asian-inspired dishes and banging cocktails – an ideal spot for lazy afternoon grazing, vibrant evening dining or a cheeky nightcap... or three. From plentiful pulled pork baos to beef tataki, Hot Sauce offers traditional Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean and Malaysian flavours with a contemporary twist.

Hot Sauce nights are lit with lively energy – vibrant Bangkok bustle served with a side of quirky Wellington attitude.



# LOBBY LOUNGE

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Pour yourself into the lavish comfort of our Lobby Lounge and watch Wellington's creative crowd buzz as you unwind.

Our talented baristas brew hot drinks to kick-start your day, from a pick-me-up espresso or calming cup of tea. Stop in for lunch or weekend brunch – and the evenings bring occasional live music to the exhibition-style setting. Let's rendezvous in the Lobby Lounge.



## MEETING ROOMS + EVENT SPACES

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Whether it's all work and no play or no work and all play, QT Wellington features seven private spaces with rooms ideal for intimate affairs, business meetings, conferencing and parties.

Be inspired by QT Wellington's bespoke finishes, paired with unforgettable food and drink experiences. From popping bottles and sultry burlesque to killer coffees and stone-faced directors – our expert team is all about tailoring your event to deliver a desired experience. Innovate your art at Wellington's new creative hub – QT Wellington.

# COLLABORATORS

With a rich history in hotel design, management and community projects, the management and creative heads of QT Wellington have targeted yet varied experience

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**SHELLY INDYK**

Guest rooms designer and stylist

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Shelley Indyk has worked with communities from diverse cultural backgrounds since the 1980s and brings over 20 years experience in architecture and design.

Indyk discovered a passion for re-establishing the modern urban space from her time working in communities and is well known for the interior designs of Sydney's popular watering holes including The Green Park Hotel in Darlinghurst and Sackville Hotel in Rozelle.

She has worked with Event Hospitality for nearly a decade, developing the Event Cinemas brand and designing QT hotel rooms.



**JIWON DO**

Executive Chef

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Jiwon Do is QT Wellington's Executive Chef, leading the charge at Hippopotamus, the hotel's award-winning French fine dining restaurant.

Do has a passion for local and sustainably-sourced ingredients. He is praised for experimenting with flavour combinations to create unexpected and extravagant delights. His love of New Zealand and the foodie capital city of Wellington comes across in his dishes, packed with fresh ingredients that are ethically sourced from trusted local partners.

Under Do's direction, Hippopotamus most recently earned Two Hats in the Cuisine Good Food Awards, after securing a coveted spot on Cuisine's Top New Zealand Restaurants for 2019.



**CHRIS PARKIN**

Art owner and curator

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Chris Parkin is Wellington entrepreneur, philanthropist, property developer and art enthusiast. Among many things, he's known for his zest for life and incredible art collection at QT Wellington.

Parkin formerly owned the then-Museum Art Hotel, and still leases his impressive contemporary art collection to QT Wellington, curating the ever-changing gallery that adorns the lobby, halls and guest rooms.

A passionate supporter of the arts, Parkin funds the newly-established annual Parkin Drawing Prize, and in 2019 donated \$1 million to the national music centre in Wellington's Civic Square.

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