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### **Echo Entertainment attracts resort development expert Josef Seidler**

Echo Entertainment has attracted Josef Seidler, a resort development industry expert with nearly two decades' experience, as Development Director across its three Australian properties – Jupiters Hotel & Casino Gold Coast, Treasury Casino & Hotel Brisbane and The Star Sydney.

His first assignment has been to oversee Jupiters' \$345 million transformation into a world-class integrated resort redevelopment including a new poolside experience redesigned as a luxurious and relaxing oasis for resort guests and exterior painting works.

In addition, two new restaurants will open on the Lobby Level in December - Kiyomi restaurant and bar will serve a modern, yet distinctly Japanese menu created by internationally recognised Executive Head Chef Chase Kojima and Cucina Vivo will offer an Italian menu with traditional favourites and inspired interpretations of the classics.

The redevelopment will also include a new six-star luxury hotel tower and an array of contemporary restaurants and bars.

Josef has more than 18 years of development management experience around the world including in Australia, the UK and China and is a specialist in the design, planning and delivery of six-star integrated casino resorts.

Most recently Josef was the Executive Development Manager for Crown Resorts Sydney on the Barangaroo development after spending seven years with Crown Casino Melbourne overseeing numerous projects in Australia and overseas.

Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg said Josef was the ideal person to direct the redevelopment of the Gold Coast's premier entertainment destination.

"Josef's experience will help deliver on our vision for Jupiters by evolving it into a world-class destination and maintaining its iconic status. It's a significant investment in South-East Queensland that will boost local tourism and that locals can be proud of," said Geoff.

Josef is also the joint Development Director for the Echo Entertainment Queens Wharf Integrated Resort Proposal with Chow Tai Fook Enterprises Limited and Far East Consortium (Australia) Pty Limited.

Josef's experience also extends to major building infrastructure, prestige integrated medium density housing, retirement living and land estates, and he has earned a reputation for fast-tracking complex projects.

He has worked on a variety of projects throughout his career including night clubs, VIP gaming and hospitality venues and ecologically sustainable resorts and holds a Bachelor of Arts (Town Planning) and a Bachelor of Economics from Victoria University.

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