

# A CALILE MOMENT

DEVELOPER : Calile Malouf Investments  
MAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY : Hutchinson Builders  
ARCHITECT : Richards & Spence  
STRUCTURAL ENGINEER : ADG Engineers  
CONSTRUCTION VALUE : \$63 million



The Calile is an iconic hotel resort consisting of 175 luxurious rooms and suites over 7 levels. The project includes a mix of ground floor boutiques, restaurants, cafés and a podium level ‘urban oasis’ with pool, poolside cabanas, a poolside restaurant, day spa, fitness centre, and business centre.

**Hutchinson Builders has earned an outstanding reputation as one of Australia’s finest construction companies, with over 7,000 projects to their credit with a value exceeding \$32 billion.** A recent addition to this impressive record has been the completion of The Calile, a hotel complex designed with a subtropical theme, set to become a Brisbane icon.

The Calile combines 7-storeys of luxury hotel rooms and suites, with over 2,600m<sup>2</sup> of retail and hospitality space. The hotel features curved ceilings and arches, a unique blend of contemporary materials, various mezzanine levels with suspended floors and delivers an oasis resort ambience in a city fringe location, setting a new standard in design.

A mix of ground floor boutiques, restaurants and cafés gives way to the podium level, complete with a pool, cabanas, a poolside restaurant, day spa, fitness centre and business centre. The podium level also includes a function room with capacity to host banquets for up to 300 seated guests. Basement parking accommodates 220 vehicles.

Hutchinson Builders Project Manager, Tim Ferguson said that The Calile will delight guests and visitors to the hotel and its hospitality outlets. “Hutchies is proud of the finished product which epitomises Brisbane’s relaxed, subtropical lifestyle. The \$63 million project was completed in 78 weeks and is a credit to the Hutchies team, our subcontractors and the architects and designers.”

Hutchies worked closely with the developer of The Calile, Calile Malouf Investments, to ensure that the design concepts and objectives were brought to full realisation. Tim said that the special form and structure of the hotel involved a unique combination of materials and finishes. “We laid white brickwork on all façades and there were long elevated walls with framed arched openings. The large arches were constructed using temporary structural steel form supports which streamlined replication and installation.”

There were vast areas of concrete which were Ashlar patterned to provide a seamless and

raw appearance. Reckli concrete patterning was also utilised on precast panels to highlight the exposed concrete façade. The patterning concept was carried through to ‘crazy pave’ porphyry in the ground floor lobby reception and throughout the arcade, walkways and hotel set down.

“The pattern theme was carried through to the curved bathroom walls and floors where we used 100 x 100 ashlar-patterned ceramic tiles,” said Tim. “To provide contrasting warmth, American white oak timber doors and panelling were installed in ground floor retail spaces, hotel reception and set down, as well as on ledges, bedheads, TV reveals and robe tops in the hotel rooms.”

High end finishes were used throughout the project. Hutchinson Builders provided Calile Malouf Investments with flexibility to progressively select the finishes throughout the retail and hotel room areas while construction was in progress.

This required meticulous coordination to ensure the project continued without delay to the building timetable. There were many items to select and install, including custom brass PVD finishes in the hotel rooms for door handles, tapware, shelving, tables, mirror and robe framing and fittings.

Hutchinson Builders is based in Brisbane but has operations throughout Australia, currently employing over 1,700 staff and using 10,000 subcontractors and suppliers. Their areas of activity include civil and infrastructure, commercial, community, education, health, residential and retail.

The company is moving into their second century as a vibrant, contemporary and innovative construction company, recently completing the redevelopment of the Howard Smith Wharves on the Brisbane River, which has been described as a game changer for Brisbane.

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Lamberts completed the fitout for Hellenika, The Lobby Bar, The Function Kitchen & Bar as well as numerous coldrooms & Brass items throughout the hotel. Lamberts specialise in the design and construction of food outlets and commercial kitchens and have previously worked with the owners of the Calile.

The project was extremely satisfying and we are proud of our contribution, which also included custom made Brass Bedside lamps to the 175 units, the poolside custom made daybeds, as well

as the custom lettering on the bottom of the pool which is bronze leaf.

Lamberts have the expertise to see their client's vision through to the end product. The factory has its own stainless steel manufacturing shop, joinery shop and inhouse design team.

Other recent and completed projects are E'cco Bistro, Fish factory, Tatsu, Spicers Retreats, detour, The Stores, Espresso Engine, Brisbane Convention and exhibition centre and Dominos.



**Nationwide flooring and isolation specialists Embelton provided the vibration isolation system to the swimming pool for The Calile.** The company liaised with the builder and worked closely to the pool engineer's design. Embelton provided a layout indicating the locations for different pad types and their sizes based on the engineer's drawings.

"At The Calile we used 4-Layer Embelton Supershearflex Pad Isolators with metal shims in between layers," said Project Engineer, Rajeev Nand. "Multiple pad sizes were used due to the changing shape and features of the pool, which correspond to different weights carried at different locations. These included Embelton Lateral Restraint Pads with metal backings for restraint against horizontal loads and seismic conditions, as well as 20mm Embelfoam Closed Cell Foam, which de-coupled the concrete pool shell from surrounding structures, and further assisted with concrete pool shell construction."

The project presented some challenges due to a few unique features. Examples of these included a sloping beach area, a step-up platform leading towards main pool area, steps leading towards main pool area, and skimmer boxes along one edge of the pool. These features required all parties involved to communicate regularly and efficiently

to ensure everyone was on the same page. The pool base had variable levels built into the formwork which resulted in a more complex set of calculates to ensure correct deflection was achieved with minimal deviations. Embelton's experience with pools at height allowed them to work seamlessly with the builder and other contractors to alleviate any issues that arose during installation.

Embelton's team fabricated and delivered all the required products to site within a very short time frame, allowing for the build to progress according to the building programme.

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