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HOTELS IN LINE FOR TAKE OFF

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THE growing wave of tourists expected to hit Brisbane over the next few years has led to two new hotels filling the airport accommodation gap.

The Ibis and Pullman hotels at the Brisbane Airport will become an integral part of tourism infrastructure, catering to a growing band of travellers arriving and leaving the Queensland capital.

A \$150 million joint venture between brothers Scott and Anthony Flynn, under their companies Scott Flynn Properties and the Flynn Property Group, it is near the domestic terminal and is scheduled to open in October.

It is the 360-degree views from the Ibis rooftop bar and outlook from every room that will help make the hotels a destination in themselves.

“Everyone, no matter where you are, you can have a different view. The outlook is quite sensational,” Scott Flynn said.

The AccorHotels-branded Ibis and Pullman are the second and third Brisbane Airport hotels the brothers have developed after opening the Novotel in 2009.

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SOARING TOWERS: Scott and Anthony Flynn at the new Ibis Hotel at the airport.

Airport hotels get ready for take off

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“With the Novotel we received a general view from the market that we needed to appeal to a broader market,” Anthony Flynn said.

“So by bringing a five-star Pullman Hotel and a 3.5-star Ibis Hotel, along with the four-star Novotel, we could appeal to all market segments: corporate, leisure, travel groups and independent travellers.”

With international passen-

ger numbers expected to grow by 7 per cent in 2016-17, and a new runway opening in 2020 that will double the airport’s capacity, Pullman and Ibis Brisbane Airport hotels are well equipped to satisfy de-

mand. Designed by NRA Collaborative, the 132-room Pullman includes two presidential suites, six junior suites and 45 executive rooms and a free-form leisure pool with a 20m lap pool. It also has a

lobby lounge bar, a restaurant and a private dining room.

The 243-room Ibis has an alfresco restaurant, a ground floor indoor/outdoor bar and cafe, a rooftop bar and lounge, plus a pool. In between the hotels is the 1735sq m Brisbane Airport Conference & Meeting Centre, which can accommodate up to 600 people.

The Flynn brothers will retain ownership of the Pullman and Ibis hotels and, having

owned the Novotel for eight years, they know that when the buildings are completed their job is not.

“When you’re a hotel developer and owner the hard work starts when the hotel opens,” Anthony said.

“When you get to settlement, or a completion of an apartment building, you can usually breathe a sigh of relief, whereas, in the hotel industry, it’s when the game starts.”



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MASS APPEAL: The airport's Ibis and Pullman hotels.