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# Developer brothers bank on more direct flights from Brisbane to bring guests to new airport hotels

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BRISBANE Airport Hotel Group hopes additional direct flights from the Queensland capital to major global markets will be one of the keys to the success of its two new hotels.

Next week the group's five-star Pullman Hotel and 3.5-star Ibis Hotel will open their doors after more than a year of construction. Almost 150,000 guests are expected to stay across the two sites in the first 12 months.

On the twin site the group has also built the Brisbane Airport Conference Centre, which is expected to welcome more than 42,000 delegates in its first year.

Brothers Scott and Anthony Flynn, of the Brisbane Airport Hotel Group, also own Novotel Brisbane hotel, but said they believed there was a strong enough demand to

justify the \$150 million development of the new site, which is within walking distance of the terminal.

“We are on track to welcome our first guests on October 11, and we’re excited to see all three properties come to life in their own individual ways,” Mr Flynn said.

“The guest mix will be quite diverse due to the uniqueness of our location with short-stay guests in transit, airline staff, guests from interstate using the BACC as well as a good percentage of leisure guests.”