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Darling Harbour hotel: DA approved

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The DA has been approved on the new Darling Harbour hotel on Sussex Street.

With architecture and interiors by WMK Architecture, the new hotel will feature an all-day dining restaurant, 145 well-appointed guest rooms, fully equipped gym, rooftop pool and proposed future garden bar.

WMK won the design competition with a chic, New York inspired design. The architecture reflects its environment, referencing the forms, scale and materials of an adjacent heritage school while activating the Sussex Street and James Lane streetscapes.

Informed by a Manhattan design aesthetic, the interiors draw on the vibrancy of the surrounding neighbourhood to bring an international feel. Rooms feature an array of lifestyle amenities including curved rainfall showers and embedded window day lounges.

"Achieving DA, particularly in less than six months, is a significant accomplishment," said WMK's John Andreas, Design Director.

"We have delivered a design that has not only pleased our client and the hotel operator, but is also stirring strong interest within the hotel market – all within the City of Sydney's strict requirements."

The hotel is being developed by Icon Oceania, a Sydney-based property developer.

Now that the DA has been granted, the tender process is in final stages with construction commencing late 2017 and targeted completion in early 2019.

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About WMK Architecture

With offices in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, WMK is a multi-award-winning architecture and interior design firm serving a wide spectrum of business and lifestyle clients. WMK has gained a reputation for delivering innovative design, responsive performance and intelligent, results-driven solutions. wmkarchitecture.com