

Jewel units shine on **Gold Coast**

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Seven one-bedroom apartments in the Jewel private residences on Queensland's Gold Coast have been released to the market years after completion of the tower, which is controlled by Chinese interests.

The apartments with multipurpose rooms fronting the southeast Queensland beachfront are priced from \$1,195,920.

Jewel marketing agent Total Property Group managing director Adrian Parsons said "considering the strength of the Gold Coast market, we don't expect this limited collection of the final seven one-bedroom plus multi-purpose apartments to remain on the market for very long".

"This collection of beachfront apartments is an incredible find in today's undersupplied market." Mr Parsons added.

He said recent releases have already sold out and the Gold Coast had an undersupply of completed luxury property while the region continued to boom.

The apartments in the Sapphire Tower Collection of Jewel Private Residences have access to five-star amenities in the adjoining Langham, Gold Coast hotel, including a lagoon pool with swim-up bar, cafe, restaurants and

Two and three-bedroom apartments are also available in the Sapphire Collection, and the premier Diamond Tower Collection also has one, two and threebedroom plus multi-purpose room apartments available.

AW Jewel general manager Yutao Li said he was pleased with how the apartment release strategy had been implemented and said each stage was carefully planned to meet market

Magnetic attraction: Waterfront apartments to rise in Townsville

Marina Residences have already lured plenty of buyers

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The first luxury waterfront apartments to be developed in almost a decade in north Queensland have been unveiled by Townsville's Maidment Group, which is planning a \$65m tower overlooking Magnetic

Prices start at \$2.7m for the Marina Residences, comprising 18 luxury apartments on the last remaining site at the end of the Mariners Peninsula off The Strand, in the North Queensland city.

Seven of the 18 units in the 10-storey block had sold to a mix of locals developer Glen Maidment said, adding that there was chronic pent-up demand for luxury apartments in the bustling Queensland city, 1350km north of Brisbane, given there was \$3.5bn worth of infrastructure development under way in a range of projects including road, rail, military and

Despite its well-documented youth crime problems, Townsville is among celebrity real estate agent John McGrath's top regional areas in Queensland for property investment and owner-occupier purchasing.

Writing in the just released 2025 McGrath Report, Mr McGrath, founder of McGrath Estate Agents, says Townsville's prices are still on the lower side compared to many other parts of Queensland and gross rental yield is among the highest in the state.

"Savvy seachangers are snapping up properties in this surprisingly cosmopolitan city, which offers hat-



ted restaurants, a growing number of breweries and distilleries and gorgeous beaches," Mr McGrath said.

Mr Maidment said infrastructure spending was widespread, including \$500m-plus on a Townsville University Hospital upgrade, and significant defence spending.

"We have well-established business demand, so people have jumped on this project early," Mr Maidment said, adding that the apartment site was once held by Mirvac.

He said he had confidence in Queensland's newly elected LNP state government, believing it would have a significant policy impact on Townsville's youth crime: "There's going to be big wholesale changes. They have significantly different



Artists' impressions of the exterior and interior of the luxury Marina Residences, off The Strand in Townsville



policies. This is not just about Townsville, it's all over Queensland."

In any event, the apartment block will sit atop a three storey car park on a 1400sq m site at the end of the Mariners Peninsula. "It's secure, it's in a highly secure gated part of The Strand, so we don't experience (crime) in this location," Mr Maid-

Mr Maidment said he was getting a diverse mix of inquiry from around the country and was targeting owner-occupier buyers.

Designed by Brisbane-based architect Bureau Proberts, Marina Residences will leverage the city's premier waterfront location to present an architectural masterpiece that is unrivalled in the city, according to the developer.

Marina Residences will have 18 residences consisting of 15 large three-bedroom apartments and three sky homes - including a nearly 500sq m penthouse, which is poised to set a new standard for luxury living in tropical north Queensland, according to Mr Maidment.

The apartment tower includes a rooftop pool and sundeck with views east to Magnetic Island.

Hurst Constructions has been appointed to build the project, the first waterfront project in north Queensland since before the pandemic, with construction to start in January and be completed by late 2026.

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The secluded estate spans 60ha of landscaped gardens, olive and almond trees, and fields of lavender, and boasts stunning panoramic views of the surrounding rugged hills from its elevated position.

Renovation of the house included adding solar panels that heat the large infinity edge pool, and a geothermal heat source pump that heats the home during winter. Airconditioning was recently installed throughout, to keep the home comfortable in the hot south of France

The home also features two covered parking spots, a games room, and a cinema room, while a large, single-room outbuilding with plumbing is currently set up as a gym, but "it could also make an amazing office or guesthouse".

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