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Darwin Airport Resorts' Signature Poolhouse Bar & Kitchen Officially Opened by NT Minister for Tourism and Hospitality

Darwin Airport Resorts, proudly owned by Airport Development Group (ADG), has celebrated the official opening of its newest hospitality destination, the Poolhouse Bar & Kitchen, officially unveiled by Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, the Hon. Marie-Claire Boothby MLA.

The Poolhouse Bar & Kitchen brings a fresh new dining experience to Darwin, combining a 'Californian boho' style with unique Top End influences. With capacity for up to 170 guests, the venue features indoor and outdoor dining overlooking the lagoon pool, children's playground, and landscaped beer gardens, framed by striking murals created by local artists.

Head Chef Laurence Lochouarn (Loulou), a French-born culinary talent with Michelin-starred experience, has curated a menu that celebrates Territory flavours alongside international inspiration. A carefully designed beverage list complements the menu with Darwin craft beers, tropical-inspired cocktails, and a wine selection perfectly suited to the local climate.

The Poolhouse Bar & Kitchen also showcases ADG's commitment to workforce development and Indigenous participation, with graduates and trainees from the ADG Indigenous Academy gaining valuable front and back-of-house hospitality experience at the new venue.

Quotes

Minister for Tourism and Hospitality, the Hon. Marie-Claire Boothby MLA

"It's a privilege to officially open the Poolhouse Bar & Kitchen, a fantastic investment that shows confidence in Darwin and in the Territory's future.

Under our Government, we're seeing businesses back themselves to expand and innovate, and that creates jobs and opportunities for locals. This venue is more than a new restaurant; it's about restoring lifestyle and what makes Darwin such a unique destination."

Airport Development Group CEO, Tony Edmondstone

"As the owner of Darwin Airport Resorts, ADG is excited to deliver a venue that not only enhances the Territory's hospitality offering, but also creates opportunities for jobs, training, and community engagement. ADG, as a proud Territorian, will continue to invest and support the future growth of the Northern Territory."

Raymond Bragg, General Manager Darwin Airport Resorts (Accor-managed)

"The Poolhouse was designed with the Territory in mind, relaxed, tropical, and welcoming. Whether enjoying a sundowner by the lagoon, sharing a family meal, or sampling fresh local seafood, this venue offers an experience that is distinctly Darwin."

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