



**MEDIA RELEASE**

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## THE HOTEL BRITOMART LEAPS ONTO GLOBAL HOT LIST

***Condé Nast Traveler's 2021 Hot List ranks hotel among the world's best***

The Hotel Britomart has been named one of the best new hotels in the world, landing a place on [Condé Nast Traveler's prestigious 2021 Hot List](#).

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual edition of the Hot List picks the best of the year's global hotel openings. The Hotel Britomart is the only New Zealand property on the list, and one of only two from Australasia.

"Can an eco-friendly hotel match the quality of a traditional luxury retreat? The Hotel Britomart - New Zealand's first 5 Green Star hotel - proves it can," [the magazine says](#).

With 99 guest rooms and five luxurious Landing Suites, The Hotel Britomart opened in October 2020 at the heart of downtown waterfront, Auckland's Britomart precinct. The Hotel Britomart is New Zealand designed, developed and owned. It was designed by Auckland's Cheshire Architects and developed by Cooper and Company, the team behind the rejuvenation of the Britomart neighbourhood since 2003. The Hotel Britomart project also involved the refurbishment of three adjacent heritage buildings, and the creation of a new plant-filled, pedestrian-friendly laneway connecting Galway and Customs Streets.

"We're honoured to be on this prestigious global list and to be the only New Zealand hotel to be recognised," says Clinton Farley, General Manager of The Hotel Britomart. "It was a huge challenge to open a hotel during a global pandemic, but we didn't waver from our original vision and are delighted to see that vision is resonating with people."

With an exterior clad in hand-made bricks, The Hotel Britomart's guest rooms feature natural timber finishes, the works of local ceramic artists, organic cotton sheets, locally made skincare products and a selection of New Zealand books. Downstairs, the all-day restaurant, *kingi*, celebrates chef Tom Hishon's focus on sustainable seafood.

In a New Zealand first, the hotel was designed and built to 5 Green Star standards established by the NZ Green Building Council. This required focus on the sustainable credentials of everything from paint finishes to taps and light fixtures. 80% of construction waste was recycled, and the hotel's annual carbon emissions are expected to be 50% lower than a building designed to the minimum standards of the New Zealand building code.

One thing that wasn't anticipated when the hotel was under construction was the Covid-19 pandemic, which delayed opening by two months. "Obviously we've had some quiet weeks, but the hotel was always designed as a long-term proposition. The last six months have really allowed us to fine-tune the hotel operations, and the strong bookings we've seen in the last month or so have been very encouraging. We feel we're really well-positioned to welcome travellers as borders continue to reopen," Farley says.

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Video of the hotel is at this link: [Link](#)  
Web resolution images saved here: [Link](#)  
High-resolution images for print saved here: [Link](#)

**What's in a name:** The Hotel Britomart (name cannot be shortened)

**Website:** <https://thehotelbritomart.com/>

**Images:** <https://we.tl/t-5X1Mchk99d>

**The Libraries:** <https://thehotelbritomart.com/thelibraries/>

**Background:** <https://britomart.org/were-building-the-hotel-britomart/>

**Sustainability:** <https://britomart.org/about/#sustainability>

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**About The Hotel Britomart:**

Located in downtown waterfront Auckland's Britomart precinct. The Hotel Britomart has 99 guest rooms and five luxurious Landing Suites that offer an oasis of calm in the centre of the city. Designed by Cheshire Architects, it is New Zealand's first 5 Green Star hotel, certified by the NZ Green Building Council. Find out more at [thehotelbritomart.com](https://thehotelbritomart.com).

**About the TFE Hotels Collection**

The Hotel Britomart is part of the TFE Hotels Collection and will be managed by TFE Hotels on behalf of Cooper and Company. Cooper and Company is the asset and development manager for the Britomart Group, which holds a contract for the long-term ownership and development of the Britomart Precinct.

The Collection represents beautiful hotels hallmarked by authenticity and provenance, each designed with individual character and charm. With a collection of properties that encompass striking design and attention to the individual such as The Calile Hotel Brisbane, Melbourne's The Savoy Hotel on Little Collins and Hotel Kurrajong Canberra. The Hotel Britomart embodies these concepts while remaining proudly a product of its unique location.

**About Condé Nast Traveler**

Launched in the United States in 1987, Condé Nast Traveler is a market-leading monthly travel magazine, and today there are nine different international editions. With its motto of "Truth in Travel", the publication provides enlightening content on a wide range of topics including destinations, hotels, food and beverages, airlines as well as fashion, cars, digital and grooming. You can read the 2021 Hot List here.

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