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## Local artist puts golden touch on The Star's first apartments tower

Gold Coast artist Loretta Lizzio has created a four-metre-high mural of a gold-tinted woman floating underwater to complement the breath-taking views from a new, luxury recreation deck located on level 20 of The Star Gold Coast's soon-to-launch residential apartments – The Star Residences.

Naming her masterpiece, '*Into the Light*' Ms Lizzio said she was inspired by the golden exteriors of the \$400 million hotel and apartment tower and the calming, blue of the leisure pool the mural rises above.

"I do a lot of underwater photography as well as paint females submerged in nature, so I thought this together fitted the brief of elegant and coastal," she said.

"She's a sea siren-esque figure, suspended gracefully under the ocean's surface and depending on the light and the position of the sun, you can see her reflected across the pool.

"I'm thrilled my artwork is being supported in my hometown, and I really hope people like her."

A Gold Coast based illustrator, studio and street artist, Ms Lizzio's work is featured on walls and other canvasses across the UK, US, France, Canada and Australia, including a silo in Brunswick, Melbourne and Fish Lane in South Brisbane.

Destination Gold Coast Consortium Project Director, Jaime Cali said, "We loved the concept that Loretta came up with as a beautiful finishing touch to our recreation and relaxation space on level 20."

"*Into the Light*' is romantic, restful and visually adds to the spectacular vista of the famed Gold Coast beaches and skyline."

Ms Cali said there are numerous art pieces from Gold Coast artists throughout the tower, including a series of three custom paintings by Remy Taylor on levels one, three and six where the Isoletto Pool Club and events space are located, as well as other locally produced abstract and digital art.

Nearing final completion, the 53-storey tower comprising The Dorsett Hotel and The Star Residences is the first of two being developed by The Star Entertainment Group and its consortium partners Chow Tai Fook Enterprises and Far East Consortium, as part of a \$2 billion Gold Coast city-shaping masterplan.

The joint venture partners are also developing the \$3.6 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane.

The Star Gold Coast General Manager Hotels & Residences Mark Hodge said, "Engaging and supporting local artists is important to us and our development partners."

“We want people, who stay in the residential apartments, to enjoy and feel part of our Gold Coast culture and community,” he said.

“Art helps to create that connection and the stunning *‘Into the Light’* mural reflects a sophisticated yet laid-back resort lifestyle.

“We recently revealed the internationally acclaimed Brisbane sculptor Lindy Lee as the first in our multi-million public art procurement project for Queen’s Wharf Brisbane with more Queensland artists soon to be announced.”

“We are creating world class destinations so we’re proud to be helping showcase local artists to interstate and international audiences.”

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