

Crystalbrook Collection Climbs to New Heights with Rocco – Cairns' First and Only Rooftop Bar and Restaurant

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- *Boasting possibly the best view in Cairns, Rocco sits 12 floors above sea level with 270-degree views overlooking the picturesque coastline and city*
- *An ambient Mediterranean oasis of greenery*
- *Over 40 single malt or blended whiskeys and more than over 30 vintage and non-vintage Champagnes*
- *Simple modern tapas share dishes paired with signature herb and spice infused cocktails*

Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort, has proudly unveiled Rocco; Cairns' first and only rooftop bar and restaurant complete with 270-degree jaw-dropping views of the tropical city and the Coral Sea.

Rocco is all about atmosphere, detail and fun. Earthy tones and Mediterranean prints create Rocco's warm ambience while a tropical oasis of greenery welcomes guests the moment they arrive. Printed textiles and ceramics add texture to the décor while candle vessels, brass and multiple timber tones provide influence from afar.

Rocco focuses on simple modern Mediterranean share dishes that provide perfect partners for herb and spice infused cocktails.

As with any good rooftop location, let's start with the drinks. The menu features all of the classics, an extensive whiskey and Champagne menu along with some signatures. Topping the list is *Puckerup* with local Tablelands honey, freshly squeezed citrus, 666 Pure Vodka, pomegranate and aromatic rose blossom spritz garnished with dehydrated rose petals.

The *Punch Pot* ('tea' for two) has quickly become a local favourite, consisting of a Moroccan mint green tea reduction with Tanqueray Gin, served ritualistically from a vaporising tea pot.

The food menu fuses Mediterranean classics with more modern takes on the cuisine. Think herb and spice accented vegetables and mouth-watering rustic dips, all designed to enjoy over the share style food culture of the region.

Some of Rocco's favourite share dishes include the grilled sumac calamari with tomato and coriander salsa and caramelised limes, falafels with jalapeno sauce and chorizo and finishing with the churro bites with chocolate dipping sauce.

Rocco's concept design was developed by leading restaurant conceptualist SITE Hospitality. Interior design is by CTRL_.

For bookings or more information visit <https://www.crystalbrookcollection.com/riley/food-and-drink/rocco>

**Crystalbrook Collection farms its own beef at Crystalbrook Station, three hours inland from Cairns*

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About Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort

Cairns' newest five-star resort, *Riley, a Crystalbrook Collection Resort*, promises a fresh approach to hospitality. With a personality of its own, Riley is a sophisticated character with a playful outlook on life. Guests can expect understated elegance, contemporary design and a splash of fun.

Residing in a prime location at the northern end of the iconic Cairns waterfront boardwalk, Riley features 311 stylish rooms and suites, most with spacious balconies. When it comes to restaurants and bars, Riley thinks differently. Discover engaging, social, vibrant spaces and a passion for innovation – all day, every day.

There are also signature spaces to mingle, relax, work and play. Add to this a lagoon swimming pool spanning over 1,000 square metres with a private manmade beach, a day spa and a 24-hour fitness centre and you're on your way to a truly great stay. Oh, and the Wi-Fi is fast and free – obviously!

About Crystalbrook Collection

Crystalbrook Collection is an Australian based tourism and hospitality group. Its portfolio consists of Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, hotel and resort developments, a luxury lodge and a 90-foot motor yacht.

To date, Crystalbrook Collection has committed more than AU\$800 million in tourism investments within Australia.

Crystalbrook Collection and Ghassan Aboud Group

Crystalbrook Collection is owned by accomplished entrepreneur and philanthropist Ghassan Aboud. Ghassan Aboud Group is a multi-business conglomerate engaged in automobiles, real estate, retail, bespoke catering, media and logistics. In business for more than two decades, the group operates from its global headquarters in the United Arab Emirates with offices in Australia, Belgium, China, Jordan and Turkey.

The establishment of Crystalbrook Collection in Australia marks the groups substantial investment foray in the region - notably in the acquisition, development and management of hospitality, tourism and related assets.