



## **Dockside Group's Star Room venue and EAT LOVE PIZZA restaurant close for renovations with the Sydney IMAX Theatre Complex**

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The IMAX Theatre Complex in Darling Harbour is a famous Sydney landmark boasting the biggest cinema screen in the world and Dockside Group's beloved hospitality properties Star Room and EAT LOVE PIZZA. A new \$700M redesign of the site will see the iconic building demolished leaving the Darling Harbour precinct with a lot to look forward to. Developers are confident that the new 25-storey development, which will encompass a hotel, serviced apartments, entertainment (including a new cinema) and retail, will more than make up for the loss of the classic yellow-and-black chequered icon that was the IMAX building.

IMAX Sydney chief executive Mark Bretherton says:

*"Our last day of trading will be September 25, and then obviously there's the construction phase, and then they're talking about completion in 2019. It's a shame we're going to be shut for that period, but I think that this is a great opportunity for us overall."*

The new development will be known as The Ribbon, and is pegged to form an extraordinary new gateway to the western side of the city's Central Business District. With its distinctly organic shape, The Ribbon will be uniquely asymmetric with the roof form designed as a sweeping curved structure, intended to be interpreted as a twisted ribbon in the landscape. The name comes from the way the building rises between the two elevated roadways on Sydney's Darling Harbour, and designers hope its creation will redefine Sydney's skyline forever.

Dockside Group's Managing Director Christopher Drivas says:

*"It's always challenging saying goodbye to a property that served our guests memorable hospitality for many years. However, we enjoy change and look forward to see what the future brings."*

Dockside Group is a family owned and operated hospitality business boasting a large collection of iconic waterfront venues all on Sydney Harbour.

Dockside, L'Aqua, and Dockside Pavilion are situated in picturesque Darling Harbour. Waterfront, Wolfies and Italian Village are in the heritage listed sandstone buildings in The Rocks precinct.

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