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# Hitting Home

## Welcome to *Boilingpoint*° #25

If there's one thing certain in life, it's that change is always a constant. For us here at Zip Water that means looking to the ways in which people live and how it is evolving. Several areas that are progressing ahead at a rapid pace are our living and working spaces. Our offices are becoming ever more cosy, hospitable and home-like. Meanwhile, for many people living in urban areas, our homes are adapting to the ever-denser surrounds. What we've discovered, however, is that multi-residential living does not have to mean compromise, particularly when the details are considered, such as the seamless integration of the Zip HydroTap. We're also finding that the convenience afforded by HydroTaps to our home and work environments is just as useful in other settings too, such as hospitality spots and even healthcare.

All of this boils down to a relentless pursuit for innovation. Just as the world's best interior designers, specifiers, developers and architects are pushing the boundaries of design; we're looking

for ways to continually push the envelope through our products. Without wanting to give too much away, we can confirm that this exploration has led to some incredible new products – the likes of which will be making a splash in 2019.

There have been lots of exciting changes happening that we're so proud to share with you. The last 12 months have seen Zip Water continue our global expansion, most notably into the USA. As such a large market, with a diverse range of needs, Zip Water has been able to showcase the benefits and convenience in having instant filtered boiling, chilled and sparkling water on tap. Plus our ongoing commitment to sustainability ensures that homes, offices, aged care facilities and schools are equipped for the future no matter the changes that abound.

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Medibank featuring Zip HydroTap Arc in brushed gold.

# In Conversation



## With Tim Gurner

**T**im Gurner is the Founder of eponymous development company Gurner. With dozens of successful projects under his belt, him and his team are constantly searching for new ways to innovate and provide unprecedented levels of luxury.

### **How do you integrate sustainability into your design and developments?**

Sustainability is a major consideration for our luxury residences. All of our buildings have a minimum 5 Star energy rating with many now sitting at 6 Stars. We're constantly thinking about ways to bring in renewable energy and are now using solar panels in most of our projects. We're also treating and recycling both grey and black water.

When designing our interiors, we ensure careful use of natural light and natural air flow to limit the requirement of heating/cooling systems and lighting, while the materials we use are always of the highest quality.

Abundant greenery and self-sustaining landscaping are another important element when creating our projects, as is water sensitive urban design.

Our vision is to create the type of luxury residences that are appealing to live in for this generation and the next, so they must not only look and feel beautiful, they have to stand the test of time and minimise waste.

### **How do you balance luxury and functionality?**

In my mind, luxury extends far beyond design, materials and styling – what we strive for is to evoke an emotion and experience that is visceral and highly moving. This means creating spaces that are easy to navigate, have ample but almost invisible storage and give five-star amenity offerings that transport our residents to all four corners of the globe. We take inspiration from the world's best hotels, spa retreats and beach clubs, and bring them to life on a residential scale, while sourcing only the very finest materials and custom-designed features throughout.

### **Why do you specify the Zip HydroTap in your luxury residential developments?**

The Zip HydroTap is the perfect example of luxury and functionality coming together as one. They offer residents ease of use and seamlessly integrate into the surroundings, while eliminating the need for additional appliances like a kettle, which can clutter up the kitchen.

As well as offering the product in all of our buildings, I also have one at home. My family uses our Zip HydroTap all the time, we save time every morning not waiting for the kettle to boil and my kids and I love the sparkling water.

### **How have multi-residential and hospitality developments changed in the past 20 years and where do you think it's heading?**

Now more than ever, buyers don't want just typical facilities like a gym or lap pool, they want restaurants, cinemas, spas and resort style experiences, as if they're living in a 5-star hotel.

There's no doubt the level of quality and spaciousness has completely transformed what living in a high-end apartment is all about. These days it's not uncommon for residents to downsize from a family home in the affluent inner suburbs, to a luxury apartment with more space per square metre than their old home. Apartment living is no longer about compromise it's about unlimited possibilities and a lifestyle that is unlike anything they have experienced before.

In our developments we really look to take this to the next level, offering a level of experience, service and amenity that is not commonly seen on a residential scale, to create a new benchmark for global luxury design. Our signature Private Clubs bring this philosophy to life, with each project encompassing a unique service or amenity offering. This could be a team of service professionals on-call for our residences, or curated spaces that can be booked out for private use such as VIP spa retreats, private rooftop plunge pools, moonlight cinemas, libraries, whisky lounges or even golf simulators. ○

Tim Gurner believes Zip HydroTaps are the perfect example of luxury and functionality.



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# Refreshingly Modern

## A workplace with heart and soul

It's no secret that the workplace is changing, with new generations of workers wanting more from the office spaces that occupy their days. And it's not just the functional aspects of a space, style matters too. The recently-completed Medibank office in Sydney's CBD has managed to tick all those boxes, fitting the needs of employees and the company, while carving its own personality through design.

Following a large-scale office project for its Melbourne headquarters, it was time for the Sydney outpost to undergo an update. The brief was to ensure that being interstate from the rest of the team wasn't a barrier. This meant ensuring Sydney-siders felt a seamless connection to colleagues, while also showcasing its personality.

Gray Puksand Architects responded by creating a flexible space that caters to employees' needs. The new office offers both seated and standing desks, allowing employees to work with whatever suits them most, while wireless connection enables them to move around and work in the communal spaces.

In addition to the latest technology, the look and feel of the office was important to Medibank with the team wanting to reference Sydney's unique characteristics. Sydney's

coastline is referenced throughout with bamboo-lined walls, tan leather sofas and deep emerald green alongside a marble-topped reception desk. Working closely with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and the Cultural Heritage Association, Medibank made it a priority to respect the Traditional Owners of the land within the development of its George Street office. The meeting rooms throughout the two floors were named with Indigenous elements in mind. Aboriginal-owned business, Dreamtime Art, also supplied the artworks in the space of the new city office.

Other aesthetics, such as an exposed industrial-style ceiling, are a nod to the city's rich industrial past. The communal spaces have been fitted with a combination of Zip HydroTap Arc and Zip HydroTap Arc 4in1s in brushed gold. Not only does it add another dimension to the design, but by delivering instant filtered boiling, chilled or sparkling water, employees can stay hydrated while having convenience at the touch of a button.

The luxurious touches continue with terrazzo marble topping the kitchen counters and buttery soft leather used in the communal seating area. All of these elements make this more than a place of work, but a place that's inspiring, visually stimulating and most of all puts its employees comfort first. 

# A Seaside Sanctuary

## Coastal living at its finest

The evolution of the home and its sense of place have influenced our changing lifestyles and behavioural needs. Throughout the years, architects and designers have made it a priority to address the essential needs of the users, their wellbeing and their connection to the home. Often created as a sanctuary and as a reflection of the inhabitants way of life, the home should be a place of pride and respite.

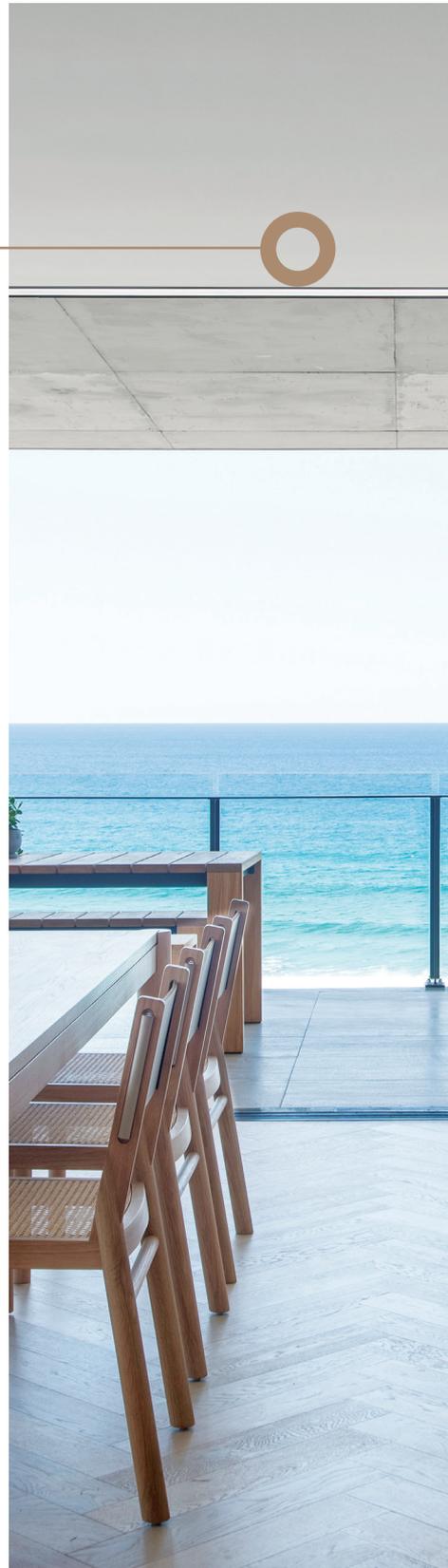
Award-winning Brisbane-based architectural practice bureau^proberts has designed a seven-storey development with a meticulous composition of form and space. Redefining subtropical coastal living, the multi-residential structure was built with the intention of taking advantage of the expansive beach views of North Burleigh. The North Residences are where luxury and comfort come together for the best of beachfront living.

Located in a prime location on the Gold Coast's Burleigh Esplanade, bureau^proberts was inspired by the surrounding natural environment, the breathtaking context, and the organic forms of the adjacent headlands and rock formations. Referencing its seaside location, the tones and textures reflect the sands of the beach, where natural and durable finishes are paired with concrete, glass and aluminium. The use of raw and natural materials is a true reflection of the idyllic beach location of Queensland, while the orchestration of tonality and textures lend honesty to the fabric of the building, and a durability that is necessary for its proximity to the ocean.

The North Residences are situated on a compact site reaching just over 500-square metres, and are designed with expansive open-plan layouts and structures that allow the apartment to occupy an entire floor. Synonymous with the nature of stand-alone homes, the large living spaces allow residents to capitalise on the uninterrupted ocean views. "The whole floor design allowed us to create a seamless connection between the front and rear balconies. This layout promotes natural ventilation, maximises the floor space and helps to flood interiors with natural light," says Liam Proberts, Managing and Creative Director at bureau^proberts.

As a testament to the firm's talents and architectural insights, the rooms and living spaces capture the natural sea breeze all year round. Enhanced by the retractable floor-to-ceiling glass, each apartment allows passive climate control, with the resident being able to control the natural ventilation on the northern façade of the building. The functional and operable living spaces represent Queensland's valued relationship between interior and exterior environments.

Basking in Queensland's grand weather, significant sun protection is taken into consideration through the design of the large glass façades. The western edge has an undulating screen to control the hot sun in the summer afternoons. Already boasting a broad frontage to the adjacent beach, the residence also houses a pool and a two-level basement car park. The Zip Hydrotap is the perfect addition at the apartments of North Residences.









Used within the wide living areas, this thoughtful inclusion elevates the design to another dimension through the delivery of instant filtered boiling, chilled or sparkling water. The residents are able to stay efficiently hydrated while looking at the spectacular view of the coast of North Burleigh. In front of the extensive glass façade, the matte black finish of the Zip HydroTap Elite is an elegant and sophisticated touch, complemented by tapware in the same finish.

bureau^proberts Principal and Project Lead Kelly Geldard explains that the area of North Burleigh is enjoying a rise in popularity filled with a new generation of residents and travellers. "There's a great deal of positive energy and excitement surrounding Burleigh at present and, as architects, we're proud to make a contribution to the built environment of the area," Kelly adds.



The North Residences are proof of the architectural practice's vision to design thoughtful places that not only perform a function, but facilitate meaningful human connections as well. Honouring the iconic Gold Coast location with an architectural language that blurs the boundaries between home and sea, the North Residences are about feeling right at home. ○

# Hospitality At Work

Creating a bold welcome



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There is a paradigm shift in the way workplace design functions today. With a growing demand for collaborative, informal and social spaces, office design can be seen taking cues from residences, hotel lobbies, cafés and even lounges. The underlying idea – to create an atmosphere that feels warm and enticing, ensuring employees can experience the highest levels of productivity and interaction, as well as enjoyment.

The recently completed Microsoft Technology Centre in Sydney is a testament to this evolving design ethos. With elements of hospitality and residential design deftly woven into the fabric of the space, this multi-use workspace feels warm and welcoming, while brimming with functionality. The dynamic team from Tom Mark Henry can be attributed for its stunning design work.

For starters, the reception area is akin to a well-appointed hotel lounge and has a welcoming and not-so-office-like vibe about it. Colour schemes are muted; the rich creamy interior hues are offset by light wooden tones, creating an ambience of luxury and tranquillity. The colour scheme feels easy on the eye and the effect is accentuated by the abundance of natural lighting in this space. Plush patterned carpets and soft sink-in seating facilitate interactivity and conversation.

The breakout areas on the other hand bring alive the colourful and casual aesthetic that is so characteristic of café and restaurant interiors. The clever use of colour and texture make the spaces feel friendly, interesting and conducive for both socialising and relaxing.

In today's offices, breakout zones have evolved into multi-use social spaces and the Microsoft office is no exception. The space comes with a sculptural central table to encourage connection and discussion, making it ideal for social gatherings, lectures, meetings or learning sessions.

To ensure guests are encouraged to linger and interact, Tom Mark Henry

worked with layered material palettes like floor transitions of timber, terrazzo and terracotta.

The staff kitchen, in fact, deserves a special mention. Its chic colour palette was inspired by the primary hues of the Microsoft Windows logo. The resultant effect is a space that exudes energy and exuberance.

With workplace design needing to provide the most memorable experience for its employees, could everyday amenities such as tapware be far behind? Adding a contemporary touch to the robust executive bar in the Social Hub is the sleek Zip HydroTap Elite.

Tom Mark Henry specified the Zip HydroTap for its capability to provide

on-demand boiling, chilled and sparkling water, for a large number of people. While it makes for a functional and apt inclusion in a client-facing area, its minimalist design effortlessly complements the interiors too. Additionally, the dark timber benchtop, textural concrete render and richly patterned marble seen in the space lends a rich tactility.

To evoke a sense of place, Tom Mark Henry has used a stunning palette of earthy colours. Overall, what makes the Microsoft Technology Centre stand out, is its ability to accommodate a wide audience demographic. Ranging from children to CEOs, the design seamlessly caters to each of their requirements, making this workplace an indisputable winner. ○



# Waterfront Luxury

## Redefining global standards of design

Historically, Melbourne's St Kilda has been likened to a seaside playground for the rich and famous. Its ever-changing identity can well and truly be held up as an icon of Melbourne.

When the opportunity to develop a once-in-a-lifetime site on St Kilda's waterfront came up, developer Gurner captured the opportunity to create a landmark of luxury living. Introducing Saint Moritz. Taking a nostalgic route, the name is a reference to the ice skating rink that once sat on the site.

Saint Moritz brings together an illustrious list of architects, designers and landscape architects. Steering the architecture is iconic Melbourne studio Fender Katsalidis, led by founding partner Karl Fender. He is joined by Koichi Takada Architects who has been appointed to design one of the three towers within the site, bringing a sense of unified differentiation. David Hicks, a highly craft-driven designer, is doing the interiors, and Jack Merlo has designed resort-style landscaping.

The two main buildings, designed by Fender Katsalidis, appear to float with balconies that hug the topography and disappear over curving, poured concrete fins. To capitalise on the views, floor-to-ceiling glass becomes the only barrier between the resident and the ocean just metres away.

The exquisite architecture isn't the only thing that sets Saint Moritz apart. More than 5000-square metres have been designated for shared amenities. "Where we're really pushing this project is in the

appointment of amenities. We've taken inspiration from international hotels and resorts and have brought that level of service into this project," shares Gurner's Founder and CEO Tim Gurner.

From libraries, dining facilities and wellness retreats, residents of Saint Moritz are invited to utilise these shared spaces at their whim, and all will be staffed by a handpicked selection of professionals.

A luxury approach is typified by the ability to have complete customisation. In addition to having an unprecedented range of inclusions such as a swimming pool, special requests and design features are also accommodated – art galleries, wine cellars, and of course a Zip HydroTap.

This means that each owner can create their own desired aesthetic throughout the apartment with a Zip HydroTap that best suits their own style and needs – be it instant boiling, chilled or sparkling filtered drinking water, or a combination of all three! Better yet, residents have the opportunity to select the HydroTap All-In-One Celsius design, which offers boiling, chilled and sparkling filtered drinking water plus hot and cold – all from the one tap and achieved with the help of an appointed interior designer. What could be more luxurious than the ability to pick and choose exactly what you want in your apartment?

Saint Moritz is the epitome of the finest in multi-residential design – showing Australia what world-class living looks like. ○







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