



## **CROWN PARTNERS WITH GRANT SMILLIE TO OPEN MARMONT**

**Tuesday, 8 October 2024:** Crown has partnered with international hospitality figure Grant Smillie to create a new venue, Marmont, which will open in the summer. With a Californian-inspired concept, Marmont will be a day-to-night venue, offering a diverse menu of small plates, complemented by a sophisticated beverage proposition.

With direct access from the Riverwalk, Marmont will offer uninterrupted views of the Yarra River and Melbourne skyline, and seamlessly transition from alfresco dining during the day, sunset drinks, to evening get togethers with sounds from the all-vinyl DJ console. Marmont takes space from the previously announced The Henley.

After 12 years in Los Angeles, Smillie is marking his return to Melbourne with Marmont, imbued with his LA energy, favourite dishes and his signature music programming.

Smillie said of the partnership: "It is great to be back in Australia, and even better to be partnering with Crown for this landmark project. Having been overseas for over a decade, I look forward to bringing a piece of California to my hometown. This has always been my favourite site in Melbourne, and I'm excited to share my vision for this dynamic indoor-outdoor spot that is perfect for the day-to-night nature of the venue.

"I can't wait to give Melburnians a taste of all of my favourite things - good music, atmosphere, and food."

Mike Volkert, Crown Melbourne CEO, said: "We are thrilled to be partnering with Grant Smillie on this new venture. The opportunity to collaborate with Grant as an experienced international restaurateur has led us in a new and exciting direction for this site.

"We look forward to bringing Grant's international hospitality experience to an iconically Melbourne location as we look to further enhance the Riverwalk and create a more lively and approachable experience for our guests and passersby".

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