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obscured from this hotel. The only thing likely to overshadow guest's appreciation of the Tasman is a container ship.

The other thing that characterises this hotel is what Sue calls the 'level-durnishings, interior colours, furniture, lighting, joinery, cabinetry and stylish finish.

The intention was to create an elegant establishment that was on other hand inviting and conducive to relaxation.

Initially the Droughts planned to build a motel or motor inn but a canvas of existing accommoder. We decided New Plymouth needed an upmarket hotel on the waterfront, says Sue.

This is not the Drought's first foray into the hospitality industry. Armondown of the content of the co

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magnificant sea view. settings. RIGHT: The Waterfront lives up to its name in the outlook from its Salt



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we going to do now. We can't round and do nothing," says

are we going to do now. We can't st around and do nothing," says Sue.

When the land on which the Waterfront now sits came up for sale, they took up the opportunity, anticipating the time and the location was prict of or a classy, can be succeed to the say that the say that starting up at a quieter time proved to be a sensible move asy that starting up at a quieter time proved to be a sensible move act up to speed and fine time our systems, says Sue.

Inside, the Waterfront boasts 42 rooms — besides the three penthouse suites there are 30 other bedrooms, a restaurant contemporary and consistent throughout. Walls, skirting boards, doors and other trims are contemporary and consistent throughout. Walls, skirting boards, doors and other trims are painted in one of two grey-beige shades. The colours are strong

that mart, but neutral enough so that of the stumming vistas. Dark contrasts are provided by carpet, furniture, joinery and cabinety. There are the black feather softs in the penthouse architecture of the soft of the soft

have spa baths with the exception of the first floor. The restaurant consumes the same colours and six white the same colours and six of the same colours and six of the same colours and six of the s

their personal preference for unfussy interiors. I know what I like. I don't like things to be cluttered and I like a spacious look, says Sue. Interestingly enough, much of

the Waterfront's fit-out was completed locally. I sought quotes from Auckland and Wellington retailers but in the end the locals came through and gave me very good prices," she says.









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We wish the team at The Waterfront every success.





# Waterfront

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

# Preparing meals fit for a king

DINERS at the Waterfront restaurant Salt, are likely to be served a meal fit for a king — or a politician, dictator or billionaire businessmen. Executive chef Craig Sands has cooked for royalty and rich people around the world. The 31-year-eld returned worked for the King of Jordan. As the executive chef in Jordan's Noyal palace, he headed a staff of 73 and often traveled abroad, helping to prepare hosted banquets in the country in which the Jordanian royal family was visiting.

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The job, which he held for four years, saw him prepare meals for King Carlos of Spain, the British royal family, Russia's former president Mikhail Gorbachev and Libya's well as a handsone salary with a house and car thrown in, the received generous tips. He describes the King as a down-to-earth, friendly man who shared his interest in computers.

Craig landed the prisin Aubergine, the London Gorbach and Carlos and Carlos and Carlos Carl

agency after working in Aubergine, the London restaurant owned by high-profile English chef Gordon Ramsey.

But his Middle Eastern job wasn't the only one that saw him feeding woulthy people. Craig, who Gowen that saw him feeding woulthy people. Craig, who Gowen the saw him feeding woulthy people. Craig who Gowen the work of the control of the contr



coconut cream soup with seared scallops.

Craig's vision for Salt is of a restaurant that encourages diners furlinger.

We want people to come and have a good night, not be pushed to come and chave a good night, not be pushed to door in a couple of dishes and enjoy the surroundings.

Craig, who knew nothing about New Plymouth before starting at Salt, holds his new place of employment in high regard. The location and the rooms are finatistic Let's say, if you could dig the hotel up and transport it to the West Indies of Japan you could cheek good to be the come are finatistic Let's say, if you could dig the hotel up and transport it to the West Indies of Japan you could cheek good to be come are finatistic Let's say, if you could dig the hotel up and transport it to the West Indies of Japan you could cheek good to be sold for the form that the same and the same and

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ABOVE: Executive chef Craig Sands with examples of Salt's menu.
BELOW: A meal laid out in a penthouse suite at The Waterfront.



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THE next-door neighbours and the seaside were key.

The design and construction of the Waterfront.

Right from the start, it was clear the hotel had to complement museum again the complement museum again.

It was a point Clelands were acutely aware of Even before planning of the Waterfront got underway, the construction company had prepared a feasibility study into a 180-troon hotel on the site. The give-did not give the construction company had prepared a feasibility study into a 180-troon hotel on the site. The give-did not give the construction company had prepared a feasibility study into a 180-troon hotel on the site. The give-did not give the construction of the construct

WELCOME: Reception staff, Hannah Bailey and Mark Drought, at The Waterfront's entrance.

days a wooden hotel stood on or near the site.
When Sue and Neil Drought bought the land on which the
Waterfront now sits. Clednads became involved again.
The project was a design build development, which meant
the company secured the contract, then pulled in the expertise
of architects Boon Goldsmith Bhaskar and engineers Nagel

Consultants.
The confined site, bordered as it is by Puke Ariki, the

was stotted underneath the hotel at basement level, as were vehicle entry and exit points.

There was also a need to fast-track construction to get the hotel finished on time. All up the project took 40 weeks including demolition of the former Bond & Bond building), involved at its peak about 60 staff and finished on time and of budget

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hiside.

The hotel restaurant has a curved wall of windows called faceted wall. The panels of glass that make up the seaward

wall are set on a slightly different angle to create the curve.

Neither the wall nor the exposed steel beams are plumb.

"We are used to having things plumb and square and here we are throwing out the rule book; but it gives the degired contemporary effect," says Russell.

Murali Bhaskar says the glass frontage allows restaurant and bar patron's good viewa, unimpeded by reflection.

Natural materials and only the sides of the exterior staircase leading up to the restaurant are enclosed by heavy timber held in place by stainless steel botts much like the timber platforms jutting out from the walkway to the sea. "You don't design something like this that does not fit in with surrounding developments. It had to sit in harmony yet "Overall, it's been a great effort by the builders and by a visionary client. I think it sits very comfortably with the environment," says Murali.

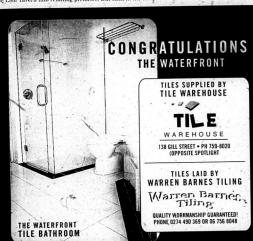
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Peter Snowden also believes the hotel enhances its surroundings.

The whole thing works together so well and it's great to be part of that. In years to come — or even now — it's nice to walk along and say we helped develop that.

In addition, the hotel is a good advertisement for New Plymouth; a representation of a thriving, coastal community that creates modern buildings sympathetic to its environment, he says.

This is the sart of building Clelands likes to build, the sort of development we like to be involved in. It's adding value to the city.







We wish Neil and Susan every success in their new venture

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In addition, says Ms Brooke, it's nice to have another cafe-restaurant of the foreshore. In addition, says Ms Brooke, it's nice to have another cafe-restaurant of the from the US, Germany, Canada and the UK from the US, Germany, Canada and the UK get the chause to try out the new hotel when a group of them visit others will be dotted around the city as part of a coursins trade familiarisation could be considered that the contribution of the city as part of a coursins trade familiarisation could and wholesale travel agents and some media, are particularly interested in travel options for the free, independent travel options for the free, independent travel options for the free, independent travel options for the free interested in the canada of the contribution of the co

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