



*Lychee Lounge*

## LYCHEE LOUNGE

**The destination ::** Brisbane

**The designers ::** Freelance designers Nic Brunner, Carmel Haugh, Remo Vallance and owner Elie Moubarak.

**The vision ::** "We wanted to create a sensory delight," says Moubarak. "We also knew we had to cater for Brisbane's West End market, which is geared towards a young arts scene. The venue had to be personable, ensuring every customer felt like it was their own watering hole."

**The reality check ::** "Our vision grew as the project travelled to the build and install stage. It's rare for a design to be complete in the conceptual stage, though."

**The execution ::** "Lighting was the most important factor in achieving our vision – in fact, I believe lighting is the single most important thing in any bar."

**The result ::** "Lychee Lounge is a totally harmonious space. It's beautiful but unpretentious, and offers a high standard of product, service and atmosphere."

### DESIGN DETAILS

**The decor ::** The glitzy gold instantly lets you know that you're someplace special.

**The details ::** Check out the light fittings – there's even a chandelier crafted from Barbie doll heads.

**The damage ::** Around \$5,000 per square metre.

**See it firsthand ::** Lychee Lounge, 2/94 Boundary Street, West End, Brisbane. Call +61 7 3846 0544 or visit [www.lycheelounge.com.au](http://www.lycheelounge.com.au).

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