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**HERITAGE GRANDEUR:** Frasers Property Australia's Cameron Leggatt and Hutchinson Builders chairman Scott Hutchinson at historic Yungaba House, Kangaroo Point, and (far left) inside the Affinity apartments.

# OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY

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THE handsome brick and decorative cast-iron facade of Yungaba House welcomed immigrants to Brisbane in the late 1880s.

Now, the iconic home is set to welcome an exclusive set of new residents as construction starts on 10 luxury residences within the historic building.

The Residences Yungaba is the final stage of a \$150 million urban renewal project at Kangaroo Point by Frasers Property Australia.

The historic home, originally built in 1887 as an immigration reception centre, was designed to reflect the optimism of the time and greeted thousands of new arrivals to Queensland.

Hutchinson Builders and

their specialist heritage team have started the detailed work to transform the site into 10 three and four-bedroom apartments, with construction expected to be completed in the final quarter of 2016.

Frasers Property Australia Queensland Residential general manager Cameron Leggatt said preserving the grandeur of The Residences,

Yungaba was essential to the project's success.

"It's a significant building in the history of Brisbane, it's a spectacular location adjoining the Brisbane River in a fairly prominent inner-city location, and the heritage-listed building is architecturally significant as well," he said.

"When you wrap those things together, it's rare you get

that when you are developing, and those things make it a very special building."

Mr Leggatt said Yungaba had "amazing architectural features" inside and out, and it was an intricate process to respect the heritage, from the grandeur of the verandas to the decoration of the high ceilings, and right down to the door-latch mechanisms.

"The refurbishment of the building is centred around the preservation and bringing back to life of those key attributes," he said.

"There are very few examples of buildings like this being restored and converted to residential use.

"It's a real privilege from our point of view to be doing it."

The Yungaba \$150 million masterplan precinct includes adjacent apartment building Promontory, as well as the Linc and Affinity buildings, with a total of 140 apartments.

One and three-bedroom apartments have sold out across the latter buildings, with only 12 two-bedroom configurations remaining at Affinity, and a single two-bedroom apartment left at Linc.