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HONG Kong developer Golden Horse Nine Dragon Lake Holdings has entered the Australian residential property market, planning a \$175 million development in inner Brisbane for 251 apartments.

GH Properties, a local arm of the Hong Kong-based private company, yesterday revealed its plans for the 20-storey twin tower Icon Milton, on a site at Walsh Street, Milton.

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It is the first high-rise apartment tower in Australia for the group, which bought the Noosa Springs Golf Resort and housing development site in January. Last December it bought a site on the Gold Coast's Hope Island with a view to building a 400-room hotel, and a majority shareholding in Hope Island Golf Links Resort. The project value is about \$72.5m.

GH Properties director Feng Di said the decision to enter Milton was underscored by growth in demand for Brisbane apartments, and a move away from investor stock. "We are keen to meet demand for luxury apartments in the inner suburbs of Brisbane as the city's real estate market continues to strengthen," Mr Feng said.

"There has never been a better time for us to expand our workbook with an Australian <mark>residential</mark> project than now." The "blue-chip location" 2km from the city centre, and the city's growing infrastructure had cemented its position on the global map, he said.

RP Data lists the Milton site as being owned by a private investor. A development application was in place. No sale price was given.

Golden Horse is registered in Hong Kong and owned by Mr Feng, who owns a PGA-competition 54-hole golf resort in Guangzhou in southern China. The Golden Horse group owns 20 other properties and developed three million square metres across mainland China, its website says.

In April last year a Queensland government trade mission to China met with Golden Horse Nine Dragon Lake Holdings representatives.

The move comes as the 72-hole Greg Norman-designed Sunshine Coast Pelican Waters Golf Club has been put on the market by its owners, the BCI Group.

The 160ha site includes 20ha of future residential land for 250 dwellings. American-Australian golf great Greg Norman said the course was his first on the Sunshine Coast and "a shining star in my Australian design portfolio". The land is being marketed by Christian Sandstrom and Peter Harper of JLL and Mr Norman's company Great White Shark Enterprises.

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