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The first hotel high-rise in the Brisbane CBD for more than a decade will be approved this afternoon. Brisbane City Council is clearing the way for the development of a \$90 million, four-star Novotel Hotel on a vacant block in Brisbane's Elizabeth Street. Kuwaiti-backed Action Group Holdings will develop the 289-room property. The group also developed the Ibis Glen Waverley in Melbourne and owns storage facilities and warehouses in the city's suburbs. The development of the Ibis Glen Waverley was the first partnership between Accor and Action, run by Kuwait's Sheik Mubarak Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al Sabah. However, the two companies have previously worked together in opening seven Ibis hotels in Kuwait, Jordan, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, as well as a Novotel in Kuwait.

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