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Chicago does exactly what it says on the tin

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WHEN it comes to working at home here in Ireland, we're special. The nurses wanted less hours for more money — which, with benchmarking, amounted to over 30pc of a salary increase. Nurse sisters — is that all?

The consultants too cannot make ends meet on €400,000 a year and "didn't go to meetings" last Monday because they were so cross about being found out.

Yet when the Irish go abroad, they work their fingers to the bone — even the slack Irish.

Boring I know but, for instance, we did build Chicago. Now, two gentlemen who really know what a days work is, have a special investment opportunity for the discerning Irish in this great city.

Philip Hegarty of Castlerock Estates in conjunction with major Irish success story, Sean Conlon of Conlon & Co, are now offering Irish investors a serious slice of the windiest of cities.

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Where? 'Catalyst', West Washington, Chicago

How much? From \$220,000 with a 10-month build time

Who? Castlerock Estates

How? Bookings now being taken. Office open today

Why buy? With only 50 units to sell at competitive prices, these are likely to be snapped up

ago's dynamic Loop and in the heart of its transportation core.

It was the location of first choice for Walgreens to install a full service store to service the needs of its residents, neighbours and the numerous people going in and out of the Loop every day.

Walgreens are going into the ground floor of a magnificent Lucien Lagrange designed 23-story condominium building.

The highly acclaimed award winning architect has created a striking geometric structure which immediately captures the eye when ap-

proaching the Loop from the expressway.

It will be a modern building with high ceilings, open flowing spaces and lots of glass. All units will have upscale European influenced appliances, cabinetry and finishes and every unit will have a balcony or terrace area.

"Chicago was the best kept secret and now is considered one of the foremost cities in the world," Conlon has told the *Sunday Independent*.

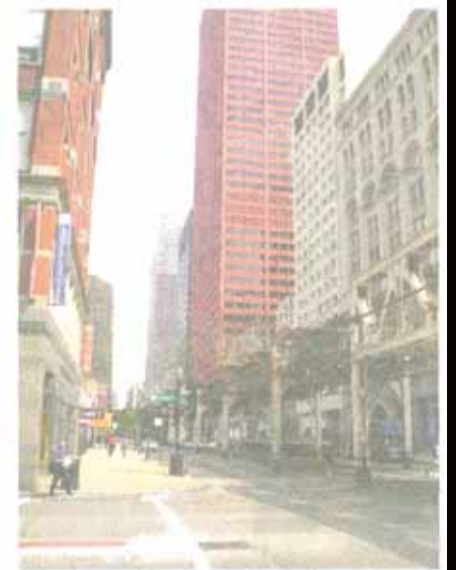
"A complement to this skyline will be this new addition, the ultra contemporary Catalyst at West Washington which bridges the Commercial Business District with the very hip warehouse district of Chicago".

You probably need to listen to this chap, ladies and gentleman. After all, he is not just one of Ireland's most successful emigrants in recent years. He is Mr Real Estate in this area.

Leaving aside the spectacular views that each apartment will have or that the smallest one-bed unit will be 625 sq ft in size excluding the balcony, this place is all about investment, according to Philip Hegarty.



The Catalyst (above) at West Washington project is located at the gateway to Chicago's dynamic Loop and in the heart of its transportation core



"With completion due in 2010, the weakening dollar, continuing rising rents and Chicago hotly tipped to win the 2016 Olympic Games, this offers a compelling opportunity to any Irish investor," he says.

By the way, no slackers need apply — these units are for grafters only.

For further information contact Castlerock Estates on 01 478 9439 or email sales@castlerockestates.ie or visit www.castlerockestates.ie.



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