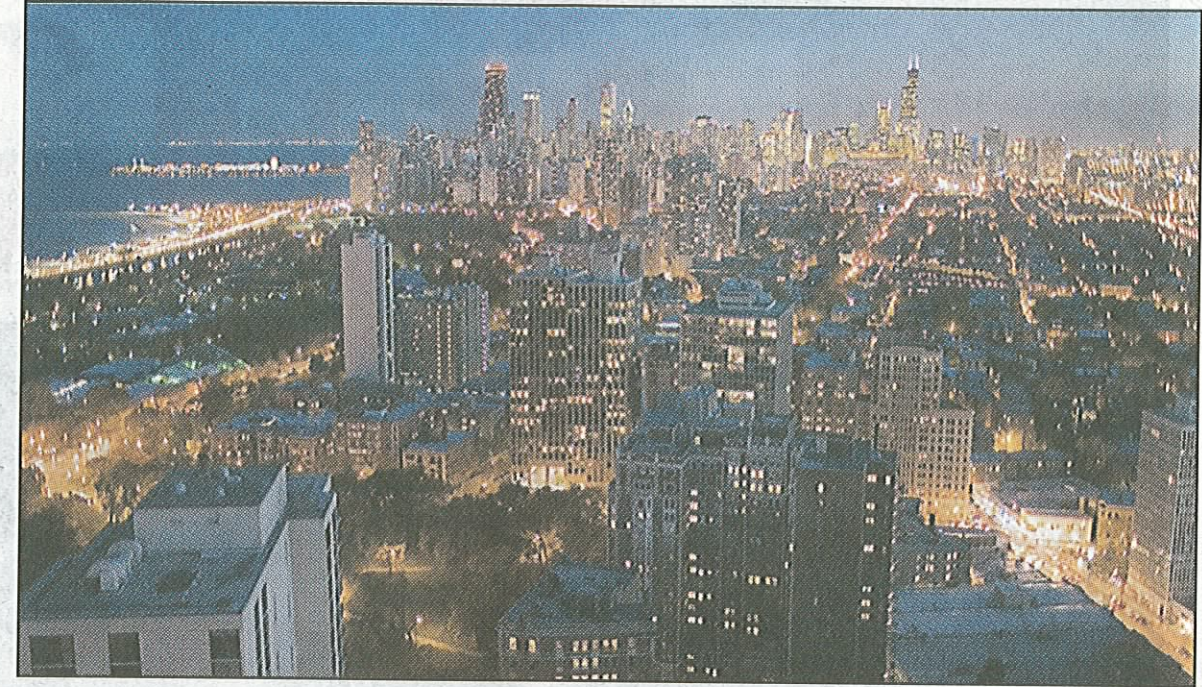


Diarmaid Condon says a Chicago development has plenty to offer

Buy slice of Windy City in Lincoln Park



Chicago skyline by night: The new Lincoln Park 2520 development will contain 312 units.

THE Windy City Chicago is all over the news these days because of Shelbourne Developments' audacious 'Chicago Spire' development in the city. If you don't have multi-millions to spend, however, there are still some luxurious projects you can consider. One of these is the new Lincoln Park 2520 development in the famous northside neighbourhood of Lakewood Avenue, overlooking Lincoln Park.

The project will contain 312

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units, which will include a mix of one, two, and three beds as well as penthouses. There are also 13

townhomes, garage parking for 625 cars and a private one-acre park. "With completion due in 2010, a weakened dollar, rising Chicago rents and the city looking at the possibility of hosting the 2016 Olympic Games, there are compelling reasons why this would be considered a good opportunity by Irish investors," says Phillip Hegarty, sales director of Castleroc Estates, a Dublin-based company who specialise in high-end residential and commercial property in Chicago.

Designed by Lucien Lagrange, interiors will include luxury finishes, such as 9.5-foot to 10.5-foot high ceilings, hardwood flooring and kitchens with exclusive cabinetry and appliances. The building will feature a 24-hour doorman, concierge, indoor swimming pool, fitness centre and private storage rooms. Some penthouses will have rooftop gardens. Residents will have unobstructed views of Lake Michigan and the city skyline. Ju

Residences will start from 900 sq. ft. and consist of one-beds from \$550,000, two-beds from \$750,000 and three-beds from \$1 million.

There will be a pre-sales event on Feb. 21st in Castle Building, Tara Street, Tullamore from 6 to 9pm. It is being held in conjunction with Coldwell Banker Kelly and Co., and will be by invitation only. Charley Reiss, who spent 16 years with Trump International Hotels, will speak at the event as will the project's developer, John Murphy. To arrange an invitation contact 057 932 5050 or visit www.castlerocestates.ie.

Sesimbra resort a sunny winner

SESIMBRA Bay Beach and Spa Resort, close to Portugal's capital, Lisbon, overlooks a picturesque bay with excellent sea views. Sesimbra is a traditional fishing village 40 minutes south of Lisbon on Portugal's up and coming Blue Coast.

This resort will consist of 204 fully furnished luxury apartments situated in three blocks of three levels, each with private adult and



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French property appeal

A to Z French Leasebacks have announced the release of a number of new developments. The first is Les Terraces du Mont Blanc in St Gervais, which lies in the foothills of Mont Blanc at the heart of some of Europe's finest Alpine resorts. It has also launched a development in Six-Fours-Les-Plages, a traditional fishing-port with golden beaches, hidden coves and narrow streets.

Finally, there is Saint-Cyr-l'École, which has one and two bedroom apart