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High living in the Windy City



Lincoln 2520 in Chicago is Castlereagh Estates' latest offering from the windy city and with the top-notch specs on these apartments - including concierge, 24-hour doorman and indoor swimming pool - and the 2016 Olympic bid now looking like a real possibility, it may be that its MD Philip Hegarty (left) knows something we don't.

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Do you know that Chicago is home to the world's largest population of Poles outside of Warsaw? Of course you don't. Furthermore, how many of you were aware that the Harold Washington Library in the city is the world's largest public library with a collection of more than two million books? It's no guess there may be only one person in Ireland who might know these sorts of facts, and that would be Philip

Hegarty of Castlereagh Estates. Hegarty knows Chicago probably better than he knows his native Dublin and his company have been taken this far to honor to the firm of their much talked about Lin-

coln Park 2520. Ricker Realty Development and Capital of the General Electric Pension Trust have recently announced sales for Lincoln Park 2520, a new luxury residential development on the prime stretch of Lakeview Avenue overlooking Lincoln Park.

Castlereagh Estates are a Dublin based asset investment company, who specialise in high-end residential and commercial opportunities in Chicago. They are holding a press-conference below at their offices in Harcourt Street.

"With completion due in 2010, the widening dollar, increasing rising rents and Chicago being tipped to win the 2016 Olympic Games, this offers a compelling opportunity to any Irish investor," suggests Philip Hegarty, Sales Director, Castlereagh Estates. I suppose he would say that, wouldn't he, but you know - he just might be right.

"It is quite a rarity for such a sought-after residential area like Lincoln Park to have a new residential project of any kind come online," said John Martin, co-principal of Ricker Realty Development. "The project will feature 30

condominiums with south-oriented views of Lincoln Park, North Pond, Lake Michigan and the city skyline, a total of 13 town houses along B James Place and Denning Place; garage parking for 615 cars; and a private car-park area park - yes, this is on a scale that we've just not used to see here.

Locations will be buy and are set to include luxury finishes such as granite hardwood flooring, and gourmet kitchens with top-line European and American cabinetry and appliances. The building will also



feature a high level of resident services and amenities, including a 24-hour doorman, concierge, indoor swimming pool and fitness centre. With the strong dollar-to-euro exchange in its favor at the moment, and the backing of GE Pension Trust, don't expect these units to hang around

for long. Remember also, these are high end corporate lets with strong rental per sq ft. Incidentally, the Chicago Post Office at 435 West Van Buren, is the only postal facility in the world you can drive a car through.

And not a lot of people know that - except perhaps

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