



123 VICTORIA STREET



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Countdown to Completion for 123 Victoria Street

Situated in the heart of Christchurch's vibrant Victoria Street, Countrywide Group's latest and largest development, 123 Victoria Street is set to become a city hot spot when construction is completed in April 2017.

Countrywide Group, a local development company, have constructed 8 buildings in Christchurch post-earthquake and are continuing their investment in the city with this significant project.

123 Victoria Street is Countrywide Group's biggest development to date which reinforces their commitment to the city and in particular, Victoria Street.

"Not only is this our largest project to date it will also be our best. I'm proud of it and I want Christchurch to be proud of it too," said Countrywide Group director, Richard Diver

While other new commercial buildings in Christchurch sit empty even after completion, the demand for space in Victoria Street has meant space in 123 Victoria Street has seen keen interest from businesses.

"This is our seventh project on Victoria Street, we continue to invest here because it has become such a desirable location and there is a lot of demand for more space here," said Diver.

Christchurch accountancy firm, Nexia, have taken the top floor and there has been strong interest for the remaining three levels of office space.

A sun-drenched boulevard on the north side of the ground floor will be a mixture of cafes, bars and eateries including a Champagne and oyster bar as well as a baozi (steamed bun) bar.

"We're excited to be opening on Victoria Street, it's established itself as the post-earthquake place to eat and drink in town and we're proud to be a part of it," commented Sam Hooper, owner of Pot Sticker Dumpling Bar.

With the building almost completely closed-in, the project is on target for its 1 April opening.

You can find this press release and further press materials at

<http://www.countrywideproperty.co.nz/latest-news/>

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Facts & Figures



6844 m² office space

756 m² retail & hospitality

500 Ton of steel

2365 m² of curtain wall

1300 m³ of concrete

1066 m² of glazing

28 car spaces

1.3 km to Cathedral Square

1.4 km Merivale Mall

Completion Date: 1st April 2017



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Company Profile

Countrywide Group was founded after the Canterbury earthquakes by Richard Diver and Mike Sullivan - two experienced property developers with complementing skills and experience.

Countrywide Group holds a number of investment properties within wholly-owned subsidiary companies and has a building portfolio with a value of over \$100 million.

The company has a strong presence on Christchurch's Victoria Street and has developed a number of high-quality, safe and secure commercial properties which have reanimated the city after the devastating 2011 Christchurch earthquake.

Victoria Street has become one of Christchurch's most vibrant stretches of road, thanks to the right mix of tenants which include law and accounting firms, design consultants, and leading hospitality operators.

"We select high-calibre tenants looking for longer tenancies who share the same values. The mix of tenancies is mutually supportive," commented Diver.

Countrywide Group were one of the first developers to complete a commercial project in post-earthquake Christchurch and while they are known for being able to turn-around projects quickly, they also have a reputation for building quality, aesthetically pleasing buildings.

"The premises were completed and handed over to us on time and in the condition agreed to and are of a very high standard of detail and finish," said Kerry Mason, a tenant in Countrywide Group's 131 Victoria Street building.

Seven buildings stand proudly as a testament to Countrywide Group's vision of making Christchurch a world-class city. Their ongoing investment in Victoria Street and across the city continues to fulfill this vision.



Countrywide Group Directors

RICHARD DIVER

Born and raised in Christchurch, Richard Diver has been involved in property development for over 30 years.

Diver, a builder by trade, has been building and developing properties in Christchurch since the age of 19. He is most commonly associated with his development of Victoria Street which has become Christchurch's most vibrant inner-city precinct, however, his developments stretch across the city.

Lincoln Road's Hazeldean Business Park was one of Diver's first major projects.

The \$80 million development was one of the largest in the city and was built in partnership with Calder Stewart Industries.



Diver is known for his forward-thinking vision and his ability to construct deals. His experience and in-depth knowledge of construction mean he can make quick yet shrewd decisions and ultimately, this allows his projects to be built without the delays that can often plague other developers.

MIKE SULLIVAN

An engineer hailing from Auckland, Mike Sullivan has a wealth of technical experience in property development.

As a trained engineer, Sullivan has experience as a site engineer, chief surveyor and project manager.

In 1985, Sullivan founded Clearwater Construction which has successfully completed many large-scale projects including the Westfield Riccarton and Auckland Hospital car parks, and the West Auckland Swimming Centre.

A large portion of Clearwater Construction's work is inner-city apartment blocks with over 1,000 apartments built to date, including the \$28 Million Thompson Park Apartments.



Sullivan purchased Dixon & Haddon Structural Steel Ltd in 1990, now known as D&H Steel Construction Ltd. After the purchase Sullivan, improved the company's performance subsequently making it the market leader, a position it continues to hold today.

Sullivan remains the Managing Director of Clearwater Construction and is also a director and major shareholder of Box Properties Ltd.

Countrywide Group in the Media

As a major player in the development of Christchurch, Countrywide Group are often interviewed by the media who seek comment on policy change, rebuild progress or our developments.

Below are a selection of articles where Countrywide Group or its directors are mentioned.

SAVILLS NEGOTIATES BIG CHRISTCHURCH DEAL

September 27 2016 <http://truecommercial.nzherald.co.nz/insights/market-information/savills-negotiates-big-christchurch-deal>

'MUMS AND DADS' OFFERED INVESTMENT IN REVAMPED CENTRAL CHRISTCHURCH BUILDINGS

September 23 2016 <http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/84584634/Mums-and-Dads-offered-investment-in-revamped-central-Christchurch-buildings>

CHRISTCHURCH DEVELOPER RICHARD DIVER SELLS UP MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR VICTORIA ST BUILDINGS

April 13 2016 <http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/78779161/Christchurch-developer-Richard-Diver-sells-up-multi-million-dollar-Victoria-St-buildings>

CHRISTCHURCH BUILDING A CROWN IN VICTORIA ST

April 6 2016 <http://truecommercial.nzherald.co.nz/insights/news/property-articles/christchurch-building-a-crown-in-victoria-st>

HAVE THE ANCHOR PROJECTS ANCHORED CHRISTCHURCH'S CENTRAL CITY?

February 20 2016 <http://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/christchurch-life/76090113/Have-the-anchor-projects-anchored-Christchurchs-central-city>