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CHINESE investors are continuing to circle a variety of commercial property assets on the Gold Coast.

In one of the latest transactions, the mixed-use M1X Energy Centre at Robina has changed hands.

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The sale price has not been disclosed, but industry sources said it was about \$4 million.

M1X Energy Centre was developed by Robina Group on the corner of Scottsdale Drive and Energy Circuit and completed in October 2012.

The 1786sq m centre includes five multipurpose business spaces on a 3249sq m parcel of land.

It is occupied by gymnasium NeuroPhysics Training, beauty products manufacturer The Natalie **Group** and Systems Cabling Australia, on three to five-year leases.

The buyer plans to utilise the remaining two spaces.

The centre also features 38 on-site car parking spaces and is close to the M1 Motorway and Robina train station. Darrell Irwin, of Colliers International, negotiated the deal which settled last week.

Mr Irwin said the **Chinese**-based buyer had been looking for an investment in southeast Queensland and zeroed in on M1X **Energy** Centre, attracted by its position.

"The **company** is a developer in **China** and owns a number of development sites in Australia, so was familiar with **Gold** Coast and Robina," he said.

"M1X **Energy** Centre appealed in particular because of its exposure to significant passing traffic in the busy M1 business precinct, and its proximity to the M1 Motorway, which makes it easily accessible." Mr Irwin said M1X **Energy** Centre was a unique offering because of its flexible zoning, which allowed for a wide array of uses.

Robina Group general manager Hylton Slater said the Scottsdale Drive precinct had been the centre of significant construction, the value of projects underway or recently completed about \$180 million.

"The precinct has drawn interest from businesses anting a cnetral base that is easily accessible," he said." It has lured companies like construction **firm** Condev and Australian Industry Trade College."

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