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Australia

* Mirvac Group signed a A\$500 million joint venture deal with Coombes Property Group to develop what could become the tallest tower in Sydney at the George Street cinema site, The Australian reported July 17. The tower would rise up to 235 meters and house about 600 apartments.

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The proposed project aims to become the "cream of the crop of high-rise apartments springing up at the southern end of Sydney's central business district," the publication noted.

* DEXUS Property Group is selling a tower at 55 Carrington St. in Sydney's central business district for A\$88 million, The Australian reported July 17.

Canada's Brookfield Office Properties is reportedly nearing a deal to acquire the office **property**, which has 10,885 square meters of net lettable office area. The 15-level, 95%-leased **property** has a weighted lease term of four years.

The publication said separately in a same-day report that German fund Deka Immobilien Investment is eyeing DEXUS' Lumley Centre in Auckland in a deal that values the **property** at about NZ\$145 million.

The 99%-leased office property has a 7.7-year weighted average lease expiry profile. It contains 19,479 square meters of office space, according to the publication.

* 360 Capital Office Fund said July 17 that it raised A\$46.0 million following the completion of its fully underwritten institutional placement and institutional entitlement offer of new fully paid ordinary units in the fund.

The **company** will use the proceeds to partially fund the acquisition of two industrial properties valued at A\$79.4 million. The assets are leased to Woolworths Ltd. on long-term leases.

- * Aveo Group Ltd. said July 17 that it has sold at a premium to book value The Hudson, stage one of the Albion Mill Village in inner city Brisbane. Boutique property development company Twin Ocean Group paid A\$7.5 million.
- * Goodman Group is mulling the sale of the Cambridge Office Park in Sydney's Epping, The Australian Financial Review reported July 16. The site could hold about 770 apartments, with a potential gross floor area of 65,000 square meters. The development is likely to be valued at more than A\$150 million.

Large-scale developers such as Frasers **Property** are thought to have looked at the **site**, according to the report.

* Lend Lease Corp. Ltd., Mirvac and Sunland are circling Aveo's Saltwater Coast **Estate** in Point Cook in Melbourne's southwest, the AFR reported July 15. The 95-hectare master planned community is expected to fetch more than A\$100 million.

Saltwater Coast **Estate** comprises 1,050 approved **residential** lots and a retail lot earmarked for a future neighborhood shopping center, which is subject to approval. The project will cost about A\$55.6 million, the publication noted.

- * GDI **Property Group** said July 15 that it completed the acquisition of 66 Goulburn St. in Sydney. Together with the UGL portfolio acquisition, the total assets under management of the **company** now exceed A\$1 billion.
- * Indian Hotels Co. Ltd. is off-loading its only Australian **property**, the Blue Sydney **hotel** in Woolloomooloo, to **Hong Kong**-based Ovolo **Group** for A\$32 million, The Australian reported July 11.

Hong Kong

* Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd., Henderson Land Development Co. Ltd., Wheelock Properties and an unknown party are among the bidders for the Kwun Tong redevelopment project in **Hong Kong**, the South **China** Morning Post reported July 16.

Hong Kong's Urban Renewal Authority invited 10 developers to submit tenders for the site that could see an estimated investment of HK\$18 billion, including an estimated HK\$8 billion construction cost.

The project will be awarded to the developer who offers the highest profit-sharing proposal, and the winning bidder must also pay a minimum of HK\$8 billion to the authority, according to the report.

Japan

* Mitsubishi Estate Co. Ltd. discovered a natural hot spring in Tokyo's Otemachi financial district, Bloomberg News reported July 16, citing a statement.

Mitsubishi Estate is looking to build an 18-story building at the location and next to it a 31-story office tower, according to the company. The developments are expected to be completed in 2016.

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