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City Centre off to sustainable start

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THE development approval from Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) for Foundation Place in SunCentral's new Maroochydore City Centre has generated an influx of enquiry for the \$30 million energy efficient retail and office complex.

The eight-level project is being delivered by experienced locally-based developers Evans Long, with construction expected to commence later this year.

Evans Long director Dirk Long said his phone has been ringing hot since the announcement of their DA approval with enquiries coming from retailers and professional service firms from near and far.

"The leasing and sales interest in Foundation Place has been overwhelming and it's only just beginning," Mr Long said. "We're currently talking to a number of retailers and professional service firms from across the Sunshine Coast and further afield about the opportunity Foundation Place offers them to secure the first piece of the Maroochydore CBD pie."

Carrying serious eco-credentials, Foundation Place will be the first building on the Sunshine Coast to have a Five Star rating under the National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS).

Mr Long said they have signed a "commitment agreement" with Nabers to deliver a project that will obtain a Nabers 5-star energy rating on completion.

"We're confident Foundation Place will be a landmark building for the CBD.

"With eight levels overlooking the CBD's urban square and the planned Sunshine Coast Council headquarters, we could not have got a more prime position."

Comprising 5006sq m of floor space,

Foundation Place incorporates ground floor retail, five levels of commercial space and parking for 77 cars across two podium levels.

Tenants can buy or lease a full floor of the building, or as little as 80 sqm of office space. Retail zones, ranging from 50-900 sqm, are also available for sale or lease.

SunCentral CEO John Knaggs said Foundation Place ideally matched the vision to create a cleaner, greener, dynamic city centre.

"The developers have really married the unique local environment with innovative design to deliver what will be a ground-breaking commercial space for our new City Centre.

"I commend Evans Long for taking the lead in making this significant investment in the creation of our 21st Century city."

Evans Long have been responsible for developing numerous recognisable buildings on the Sunshine Coast.

"We've put our faith in the growth of the Sunshine Coast and are not afraid to invest in areas where we see potential," Mr Long said.

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Evans Long directors Dirk Long, left, and Matt Evans, right, with SunCentral CEO John Knaggs on site at Maroochydore CBD.

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