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THE CAB

Designed in the mid-1950s and opened in 1966, the Civic Administration Building has challenged the architectural face of Auckland city and is still a dominant feature of the CBD skyline. The long-time administrative hub of Auckland Council, and New Zealand's first skyscraper, will soon morph into 21st century life as The CAB – located within the new visionary mixed-use Civic Quarter precinct with apartments, boutique retail and hospitality offerings, and an international luxury hotel.

The CAB building is a classic, modernist tower – an 18-storey building designed by Auckland City Council's chief architect, Tibor Donner who spearheaded design work in the city from 1947-1967.

Donner – who also designed the city's iconic Parnell and Pt Erin baths – undertook a comprehensive study tour of modern American office buildings and drew inspiration from some of the best design examples he saw on his travels.

The CAB building has floor plates designed to maximise natural light and a feeling of openness, further enhanced by floor to floor glass and, when built, incorporated some of the most technologically-advanced architectural innovations of the time.

Developers Josephine and John Love of Love & Co. – formerly part of development company Tawera Group and with a respected development track record – identified the building as having potential to anchor a forward-thinking, urbane inner-city precinct.

They have gone to great lengths to gather together a team of empathetic professionals to give the building a new life. Love & Co. has appointed leading national firm Jasmax as project architects, Josephine Design for interiors, BECA as engineering, quantity surveyors and project managers and Naylor Love as construction contractors.

The existing building will be seismically-strengthened to the latest standards, fully restored and refurbished inside and out. Care will be taken to preserve those parts of the tower which are now protected under its heritage listing or help make the building iconic – including the crest, the elegant staircases and the buildings form and proportions.

With apartments sized to suit all lifestyles, the ability to join apartments to create bespoke residences and ample parking available, The CAB will be home to a discerning community of city dwellers.

The residences will have high quality finishes and furnishings with a choice of three colour palettes and will include sustainably-sourced solid timber floors, 100 percent wool carpets, natural stone benchtops, and the latest European appliances, with induction cooking as standard.

The city and all of its amenities are right outside the apartment doors, or a visit to The CAB concierge away.

The CAB itself will incorporate generous, welcoming common spaces for residents with an in-house private theatre, gym, and pool. Within Civic Quarter around-the-clock amenities will be available while a series of interconnected

laneways will create a metropolitan neighbourhood with artisan food shops, a boutique supermarket, a range of restaurants and streamlined access to transport links.

With a number of apartments already sold, The CAB is hitting the right notes with buyers who recognise the value of living a city lifestyle in a building that will continue to stamp its mark on Auckland.

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