

# Offices scooped up in national blitz

## Lease wrap

### Su-Lin Tan

Quantity surveying firm Slattery will double its Sydney footprint after signing a five-year lease on a 508 sq m office at Level 10, 14 Martin Place in the Sydney CBD. Slattery will pay a gross rent of \$1000 a square metre for the new location, moving from its current 250 sq m in premises at 44 Market Street. Cushman & Wakefield's Tim Courtmall brokered the deal.

### Visa approval

The Chinese Visa Application Service Centre will move to a new office at 40 Marcus Clarke Street, Canberra after signing a five-year lease to rent a 242 sq m office with Morris Property Group. The rent is confidential but indicative annual rents in the building are around \$420 to \$440 a square metre. Colliers International's Michael Ceacis acted on the deal.

### Better looking

Rubicor Workforce has relocated to an A-grade office space at 67 Greenhill Road, Wayville, in Adelaide, with the intention of improving staff amenity and its business image. The five-year lease with options for the 378 sq m space was struck with landlord, Harmony Syndicate No. 4, at a gross annual rent of about \$400 a square metre. Savills Australia's Adam Hartley negotiated deal.

### Uptown upgrade

Financial services firm ProLENDING has agreed terms on a 138 sq m office, five-year lease at 139 Macquarie Street in the Sydney CBD with Rigby Hall for an office upgrade. It is understood the gross annual rent for the lease is \$1200 a square metre. Colliers International's Trent Stephens leased the suite.

### Cool lobby

The Behavioural Insights Team has committed to a 202 sq m office suite at 9 Hunter Street, also in the Sydney CBD, with landlord the AsheMorgan group, paying a gross annual rent of



\$1050 a square metre. The three-year lease was negotiated by Colliers International's Dean Bracken and Tom Buxton. The business was attracted to the building's location close to Wynyard station and its high quality fitouts, lobby and end of trip facilities.

### Perth pushes on

Key Engineering is the newest company to join the growing line-up of tenants at the BGC Centre in Perth's CBD. The engineering consultancy firm has expanded and relocated its Perth headquarters from serviced



offices to a 151 sq m fully fitted office in the 20-storey tower at 28 The Esplanade. CBRE's Andrew Denny negotiated the five-year term on an annual rent of \$525 a square metre.

### New page

Ultimo Digital Technologies has signed a two-year lease with options over a 638 sq m office at Level 12, 255 Pitt Street, Sydney CBD. The landlord, hipages, agreed to a net annual rent of \$775 a square metre through Colliers International's Teresa Yuen.

### Clean bill of health

Estia Health has leased a 583 sq m office suite from Far East Organization on part level 9 at 227 Elizabeth Street in the Sydney CBD paying a gross annual rent of \$850 a square metre.

Colliers International's Jock Gilchrist and Tom Buxton worked on the five-year lease with WSP's John Siciliano. Kernel's Giles Knapman represented Estia Health.

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# Developer jailed over UN bribery

## Bob Van Voris

A Chinese developer convicted of paying bribes to win backing for his plans to build a United Nations conference centre in Macau has been sentenced to four years in prison.

Billionaire Ng Lap Seng, 69, was convicted last July of conspiracy, bribery and money laundering, in the biggest UN corruption scandal since the oil-for-food program in the early 2000s. Prosecutors claimed Ng funnelled hundreds of thousands of dollars to former UN General Assembly president John Ashe and other officials.

"I'm very sorry for any suffering I've caused my family, my friends and my employees," Ng told US District Judge Vernon Broderick on Friday, reading from a prepared statement, his hands shaking. "I promise, I will never repeat my mistakes."

Judge Broderick rejected Ng's request that he be sentenced only to the 30 days he's already spent in jail. He ordered Ng to pay a \$US1 million fine, to forfeit \$1.5US million and to pay the UN \$US303,000 in restitution.

"It is important to send a message, to the people at the UN itself and to other institutions in this country, that perverting the decision-making or attempting to pervert the decision-making through bribes will not be tolerated," Judge Broderick said.

Ng, who speaks Cantonese, listened to a translation of Judge Broderick's comments through headphones. More than two dozen family members and friends attended the sentencing in Manhattan Federal Court. Some of them had travelled from China and sat in the gallery with headphones, listening to the translation.

Francis Lorenzo, a UN diplomat who pleaded guilty and cooperated with prosecutors in hopes of a lenient sentence, told jurors in Ng's trial that Ng had wanted to build a permanent home for an annual UN conference on economic cooperation among developing countries. BLOOMBERG

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