

## **INTRODUCING FUTURE HOUSE: A NEW HOME FOR GROUND-BREAKING SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN AUCKLAND.**

An Auckland character building with a proud history of scientific and engineering innovation and discovery is transforming into a state-of-the-art home for visionary entrepreneurs, inventors and those in the business of future thinking.

Future House is a five-storey building in Parnell, formerly home to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, crown research institutes and a series of private start-ups. International success stories Rocket Lab (aerospace services), Mint Innovation (biometallurgical recovery of metals) and LanzaTech (biofuels) had their start within the walls, and several pioneering biotech, engineering and biomed enterprises are currently on-site.

This year, Phillimore Properties Ltd — responsible for the award-winning Imperial Buildings and Parnell's Textile Centre — and renowned architects Fearon Hay are transforming the newly named Future House into a vibrant modern ecosystem of research and development laboratories, light-filled, tech-forward offices, shared meeting and wellness facilities and social spaces.

"We're big believers in the importance of science and engineering innovation for New Zealand's economic future, and wanted to create a hub of optimism and collaboration for the sector," says Terry Gould, a co-director of Phillimore Properties alongside brothers Ross and Ken Healy.

"Future House will be a vibrant community not only for science and engineering enterprises, but also agencies and businesses which support discovery and invention — intellectual property lawyers, investment companies, and the like."

The anchor tenant is LevelTwo Ventures, a deep technology incubator that's helped launch some of New Zealand's most successful start-ups — including Aō Air, Avertana and Mint Innovation onto the world stage.

The building offers a rare combination of sophisticated, light-filled offices, meeting and social spaces paired with robust research and development laboratories and workshops, equipped with three-phase power, ventilation, compressed air, fume hoods on site — and understanding landlords, says Mat Rowe, LevelTwo Ventures' executive director.

"Future House is a real place of doing," he says. "New Zealand's key investors know the space well — several of them are located nearby — and the level of knowledge on-site is unprecedented in a private community. If you have a question and we don't know the answer, someone here knows where to find it."

The office spaces — available on flexible terms to reflect the fast-changing nature of the business — range from 200–1,000sqm, all with new air-conditioning, lighting and high quality common area facilities.

Future House's transformation is expected to be complete by June this year, with new tenants able to move in from July.

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **Phillimore Properties Ltd**

Successfully revitalising heritage and character buildings into contemporary commercial properties is a specialty of Phillimore Properties Ltd, a privately owned property investment company with over 25 years of experience in Auckland's CBD. Owners of the award-winning Imperial Buildings and Parnell's Textile Centre, Phillimore's principals Ross Healy, Ken Healy and Terry Gould take a hands-on approach to their developments, building relationships with tenants founded on mutual understanding of the needs of their businesses, and a long-term perspective.

### **Fearon Hay**

One of New Zealand's most recognised architectural practices, Fearon Hay designs striking and elegantly resolved buildings that have won awards around the world. They have an ongoing relationship with Phillimore, working previously with them on the Imperial Buildings in Auckland Central. The Parnell precinct is an area of special interest to them, as home to their own practice, and several of their projects, including the Bishop Selwyn Cathedral.

### **LevelTwo Ventures**

LevelTwo Ventures works with start-up ventures, established science and engineering companies, government agencies, investor groups and other organisations who support New Zealand's emerging technologies. Led by Executive Director Mat Rowe and CEO Imche Fourie, the incubator offers tailored support and investment for bleeding-edge deep technology start-ups through the complex growth and development process.

### **Deep Technology**

Deep technology enterprises and organisations pursue scientific and engineering innovation and discovery to develop marketable (and usually patentable) technology solutions. The sector typically has long research and development time-frames with large capital investment needed before a commercially valuable outcome is achieved.