Toy Barn owner acquires old Dublin MAG site - Columbus - Columbus Business First

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The Toy Barn is staying put.

The owner of the Dublin dealer of used luxury and sports cars acquired the 5.7-acre former home of Midwestern Auto Group's BMW dealership at 5002-5016 Post Road for $3.6 million, according to NAI Ohio Equities, which brokered the deal.

Shawn Cunix and his Cunix Property Group bought the Toy Barn business in July 2016 and leased the neighboring acreage so it could expand.

BMW left that site in 2014 to join MAG's main campus on Perimeter Loop Road. The lease on the space was to expire in January 2019 and Cunix, when I spoke to him earlier this year, acknowledged that moving the dealership was possible especially given that it's in Dublin's bustling Bridge Street corridor.

NAI Ohio Equities noted that there was interest in the parcel from automotive users and real estate developers.

"Ultimately selling the property to the Toy Barn was the most logical decision for a variety of reasons," Andy Dutcher, one of the agents selling the property, said in the release. "I think all parties involved are very satisfied with the results."

Cunix has not yet responded to questions. He previously told me that the expansion onto the MAG property took the Toy Barn from a capacity of 160 cars on its original lot to as many as 400 and allowed it to add more affordable options.

"Most people probably don't realize that one-third of our inventory is under $30,000," he told me at that time. "These are cars that were $50,000-plus new and have low miles on them. You're getting to experience the same thing that somebody bought 18 months ago for almost double."

The addition expanded the service capabilities as well.

Dutcher, Matt Gregory and Philip Bird of NAI Ohio Equities represented the seller, Capital Automotive, in the deal.

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