

Historic downtown Columbus building hits the market

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The Larrimer Building at 161 - 167 N. High St.

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The Larrimer Building, a downtown Columbus property home to the Elevator Brewery & Draught Haus restaurant, is for sale.

Columbus developer Brad DeHays bought the historic building off-market in 2000 and is now selling it.

"This is an incredible piece of Columbus' history," DeHays said. "There are so many stories about this building."

The 27,627-square foot building at 161-167 N. High St. is listed for \$2.6 million.

DeHays said he doesn't really want to part with the building, but his firm Connect Real Estate has several large projects it's recently undertaken, including a [modular apartment manufacturing facility in Linden](#) and a [large adaptive reuse project on Front Street](#).

"We don't want to take our eyes off the prize, or divert resources," he said. "The worst thing we could do would be to sit with vacant real estate that we don't currently have a plan for. It's not fair to the building and it's not fair to downtown."

A colorful history

The three-story building, which is on both the Columbus and National Register of Historic Places, was built in 1890.

NAI Ohio Equities' Peter Merkle, the listing agent for the building, said the building would be a great investment for an owner-operator, or an office user who wants to own their building.

The second and third floors of the building each include about 8,000 square feet of office space, which DeHays said could be converted to residential units.

The Elevator Brewery space features a bar from the 1912 World's Fair and mosaic tile floor, which are original to the building. The building's entryway is also made of stained glass.

"This building requires someone with great attention to detail," DeHays said.

The building was purchased by the Larrimer family in 1965. It housed the Larrimer and Larrimer law firm in the offices on the second and third floors for years. The law firm [recently moved to the Arena District](#).

The building has not been on the market publicly since the mid-1960s, Merkle said.

He said the building has a colorful past. It's supposedly haunted and served as a brothel at one point in its history.

The building was home to Bott Brothers' saloon and billiard parlor in the late 19th century. Later it became The Clock Restaurant.

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