

# The Towers at Merritt River

Norwalk, CT - Norwalk-based Building and Land Technology broke ground this Spring on a new, speculative eight-story Class A+ office building located at the intersection of the Merritt Parkway and Route 7 in Norwalk, CT. Named 901 Main Avenue, the tower will be the third and final office building in The Towers at Merritt River Corporate Campus in Norwalk.

Carl R. Kuehner, III, President & CEO of Building and Land Technology, announced earlier in 2004 that his company had signed the largest lease in Fairfield County in almost 10 years for another building. It is also believed to be one of the largest leases ever signed in Connecticut. The tenant, Diageo North America, Inc. is a global company which has leased the entire southern tower of Building and Land Technology's Norwalk office campus for use as its United States Headquarters.

The building will be a state-of-the-art 277,700 sf Class A+ office building on seven floors that will be completed in 2005. Kuehner said this lease reflects the international business community's underlying faith in Fairfield County as a leading business address. "This commitment", stated Kuehner, "is an affirmation of the strategic importance of Southwestern Connecticut."

The buildings are located at The Towers at Merritt River Corporate Cam-



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pus which consists of 900,000sf in three Class A+ office buildings including Diageo's North American Headquarters, the Regional Headquarters for one of the world's largest outsourcing and consulting companies, Hewitt Associates at 1001 Main Avenue and the 360,000 sf office building which is currently under construction at 901 Main Avenue.

Immediately adjacent to the campus is the award-winning Merritt on the River,

a 240,000 sf historic rehab of the former Caldor Headquarters building and Merritt River Apartments, an eight-story luxury apartment complex containing 227 units. Totalling 1,450,000sf, these projects are situated between the successful Merritt 7 Office Park which contains approximately 1,500,000sf, the Merritt Parkway and the Route 7 Connector at one of the

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