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Prominent developer reunites with a firm that's redefining NW Portland

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He helped Killian Pacific redefine the Central Eastside Industrial District with the Goat Blocks, Clay Creative and Viewpoint Construction projects.

He also helped add new life to downtown Vancouver with Killian's Hudson Building.

Now, Noel Johnson has joined a team that's remaking the sprawling concrete and asphalt expanses of the former Con-way properties in Northwest Portland.

Johnson, who had been managing director and vice president for Killian until parting ways earlier this fall, has become a principal at Cairn Pacific. Co-founded by Tom DiChiara and Rob Hinnen, Cairn has been a prolific developer in recent years, particularly in Northwest Portland.

There, the company has developed, along with Capstone Partners, the Slabtown Marketplace, and has several other office and mixed-use projects either wrapped up or in the throes of construction.

"Noel shares our belief that great projects benefit residents, businesses, retailers, neighbors and investors" said Hinnen, in a release. "Noel will deepen and broaden our capabilities. His passion for innovative projects — like the mass-timber buildings he has recently championed — perfectly dovetails with our firm's spirit and ethos."

In joining forces with Hinnen and DiChiara, Johnson is reuniting with two former colleagues who he worked with at Trammell Crow Residential in the early 2000s before the Great Recession and the shakeup that ensued. Scott Eaton, also a principal at Cairn, rounds out the team.

"I always appreciated Tom's passion for design and penchant to sweat the small stuff because the details matter when building great buildings, along with Rob's thoughtful approach and long-term mindset," Johnson said, in the release. "I trust them, and along with Scott Eaton and the rest of the Cairn team, and I am excited to learn, collaborate and build together."



CATHY CHENEY

Noel Johnson, formerly of Killian Pacific, has joined his former Trammell Crow colleagues as a principal at Cairn Pacific.

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