



SOLD: Real estate identities Paul McHugh and Amber Werchon plan to wed Picture: **Robyne Cuerel**

'Hot prospects' off the market

IT'S a match made in real estate heaven.

Queensland's top sales agent, Amber Werchon, is set to wed property lawyer Paul McHugh next year.

Mr McHugh, 35, proposed during a recent holiday in Vietnam. The pair, who met at a charity ball in November 2006, hope to wed in April.

But the Sunshine Coast's multimillion-dollar sales guru said she would not be mixing business with pleasure.

Ms Werchon, 25, the only person to be named Queensland real estate Sales Agent of the Year three times in a row, recently opened her own agency.

"Obviously we use (Paul's) firm, Thompson McNichol, for our conveyancing, so in that respect my team liaise with his team. But we try to keep our work as separate as possible," she said.

The young property tycoon bought her first investment home at 16 and has sold more than

\$150 million worth of property since becoming an agent seven years ago.

Ms Werchon said she and Mr McHugh were both "career-oriented".

Each have their own "investment portfolio", but Ms Werchon said they were yet to buy a house together. The pair live in Mooloolaba, but are looking to move to Alexandra Headland where Ms Werchon's business is based.

She started her career with Ray White on the Sunshine Coast and recently branched out on her own, taking up to 20 staff and 80 clients to her self-named agency. Ms Werchon said working for herself was "great".

"I feel humbled and proud. It's the first time I've felt like this in my whole career," she said.

In the two weeks it had been open, the agency sold six homes, including two worth more than \$1 million, she said.

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