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25 King Collective development in the southwest of Melbourne CBD.

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Developer Excelon renovates historic 3-storey building in CBD to create 25 King Collective project

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Work has begun to revitalise "unsavoury" parts of the Melbourne CBD.

Developer Excelon has renovated a historic three-level building in the southwest of town at 25 King St.

25 King Collective is part of a wave of new developments in the area.

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25 King Collective development in King St.

Excelon and architects Kennedy Nolan refurbished the former Melbourne Steamship Company building, dating to the 1800s, while keeping many of its original features.

The office space is expected to attract creative industry workers such as architects and designers while encouraging a collaborative community culture among all workers.

Historically, King St has been described as "unsavoury" due to the amount of adult venues and nightclubs in the area.

Excelon director Kelvin Taing said he was excited about the precinct's developments, saying it marked a new era in this part of the CBD.

"We're excited to have opened the shared working space 25 King Collective,

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“The Excelon team has moved into the top floor and this marks a new era both for us as well as for Melbourne’s southwest CBD area.”



Shannon Bennett and Lorenz Grollo are the partners behind Geddes Lane Ballroom.

Other projects in the area include Geddes Lane Ballroom (formerly adult venue Bar 20), 555 Collins St office space project, and the newly opened State of Grace restaurant and venue.

The area has also seen big growth in hotels with projects like St Regis, Mandarin Oriental, Ritz Carlton, Hyatt Centric and BPM’s project to be managed under Quincy hotel brand.

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