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Raw Design reinvents south western Ontario rust belt site

KITCHENER, Ont.

Toronto-based developer Cadan and Raw Design Architects are working together to redevelop a 350,000-sq.-ft. site in downtown Kitchener into a $30 million mixed-used project named the "Tannery District." The project will replace an old tannery and consist of two buildings with a courtyard in between for private or public uses. The development will feature 20,000 square feet of retail space and 130,000 square feet of office and studio space which will provide for restaurants, new retail, digital and multi-media studios, bio-technology research space, design workshops and professional offices.

"The Tannery forms a clear link between Kitchener's industrial heritage and its future growth in technologically based business. New economy businesses and artists will work alongside one another in a space that formerly housed the hides used for soldiers' boots. Raw design is thrilled to be involved in a project that will change the image of Kitchener from boots to brains," commented Rom Colthoff of Raw Design. Construction is currently underway and completion is scheduled for this year.

For more information www.thetannery.ca, www.rawdesign.ca, www.cadan.ca

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