

# **New life for historic former Birmingham bank building**

A historic former bank building in Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter is sporting a new look after undergoing a restoration project.

Developer Cordia Blackswan is leading the scheme in Great Hampton Street to breathe new life into listed building The Bank.

It has restored the grade II former Lloyds TSB Bank so it now has seven commercial spaces across four floors which can be used for office and retail. It has also provided a new head office for Cordia.

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The project has retained and repaired a large portion of the building's original and lost features including the terracotta façade and large sash windows which contain Gothic,

Renaissance and Dutch gable motifs.

Tenancies for some of the space have been signed already with contractor Garvey Demolition and building design consultancy One Creative Environments.

András Kárpáti, deputy chief executive of Cordia Blackswan, said: “Reaching completion on The Bank signifies the start of Cordia Blackswan’s commercial offering and reinforces our overall vision for Great Hampton Street by welcoming organisations with shared values.

“We look forward to welcoming Garvey Demolition and One Creative Environments to join our exciting community.”

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James Garvey, managing director at Garvey Demolition, added: “Over the past few years, we have been focused on establishing

our presence in Birmingham.

“The regeneration of the Jewellery Quarter has seen us actively involved with a host of developers on a wide variety of highly creative schemes.

“When looking to establish a central hub to support our ongoing expansion in Birmingham, we didn’t hesitate when invited to take up space in The Bank.”

James Lawrence, director at One Creative Environments, said: “Birmingham is key to our plans for further growth and we are thrilled to now be increasing our physical presence here.

“We look forward to working more closely with our clients on some really exciting, innovative and sustainable projects, welcoming them to our wonderful new office as well as continuing to grow our team.”

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