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## FIRST LOOK: Inside Nationwide Realty's Buggyworks renovation

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**Cameron Mitchell Restaurants is moving its corporate headquarters to the iconic Buggyworks building.**

Nationwide Realty Investors Ltd. kicked off leasing for its Buggyworks office project by signing a high-profile Columbus brand in Cameron Mitchell Restaurants LLC.

NRI President Brian Ellis expects the restaurant holding company to lead a flurry of activity as Nationwide Realty wraps up work on two historic buildings that will bring a combined 145,000 square feet of office space to the Arena District.

"We've had a lot of activity on this building," Ellis told me while touring the larger building at 400 W. Nationwide Blvd. "I'm really pleased with the interest."

**"We wanted to find a unique space to reflect the personality of our business. This expansion will support our growing team and our vision for scaling and expanding our portfolio of restaurants."**

**Cameron Mitchell Restaurants President David Miller**





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**“We are thrilled that renowned Columbus restaurateur Cameron Mitchell will be moving into the Buggyworks complex. The project has gained significant momentum since renovations began last fall.”**

**Nationwide Realty President Brian Ellis**

The larger, 114-year-old building will have 115,000 square feet of offices on four floors, with exposed brick interiors, original wood-beam ceilings and views of downtown.

The three-story building next door at 390 W. Nationwide Blvd. will have 30,000 square feet of office space—with Cameron Mitchell taking 17,000 square feet—atop two levels of private garage parking.

Ellis said the former Columbus Buggy Co. complex—which includes condos and offices at 440 W. Nationwide Blvd. renovated by Kyle Katz—will offer the type of creative space preferred by many employers.

“Everybody’s competing for talent, especially young talent,” he said.

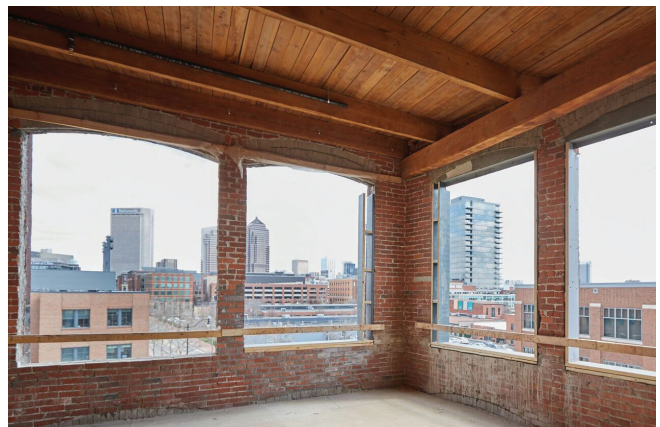
Nationwide Realty also will be able to accommodate a variety of office sizes.

“We have a lot of flexibility in that. I expect we’ll have some tenants that are 2,000 to 2,500 square feet,” he said.

Both buildings are expected to be open by fall. Turner Construction is managing the project. ■



**The 114-year-old timber framing is being preserved at 400 W. Nationwide Blvd.**



**Nationwide Realty Investors is preserving exposed-brick interiors at 400 W. Nationwide Blvd. Better energy efficiency will be achieved by insulating the exterior, President Brian Ellis said.**