

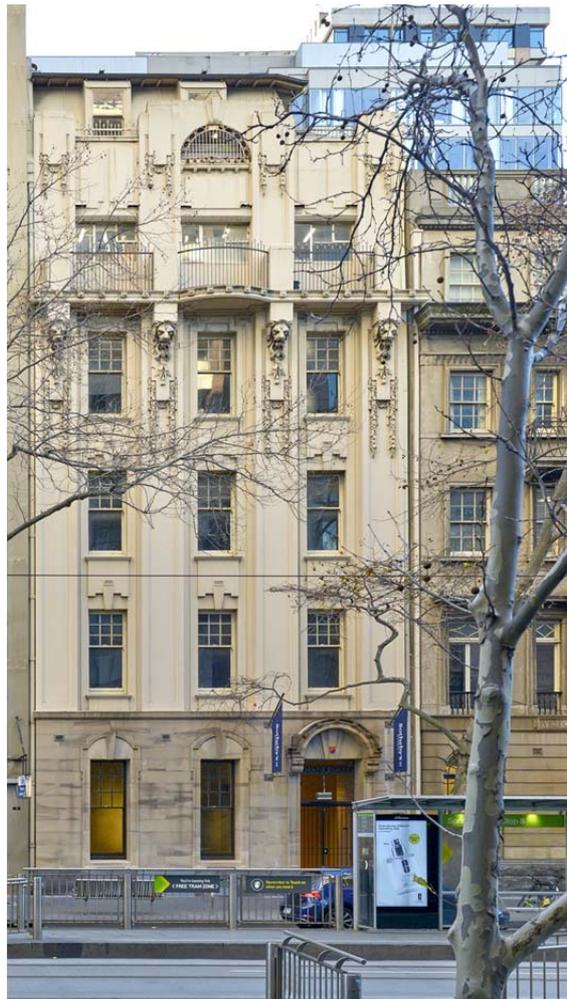
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Sotheby's Australia Rejuvenates Historic Building on the 'Paris End' of Collins Street

After two extensive years of refurbishment of a historic landmark building on Melbourne's famous Collins Street, Sotheby's Australia returns to the 'Paris End'

Open to the public every weekday, the new premises will become Sotheby's Australia's flagship Melbourne office, with dedicated gallery spaces for auction viewings, private sales, and exhibitions



Sotheby's Australia, 14-16 Collins Street, Melbourne

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Against a backdrop of continuing exceptional results for Sotheby's Australia, we are delighted to unveil a new prestigious location in Melbourne. The historic building, located at 14-16 Collins Street, Melbourne, lies at the heart of Melbourne, the city that has been the setting for countless illustrious sales and world auction records for Sotheby's Australia.

Geoffrey Smith, Chairman of Sotheby's Australia, commented: 'We are thrilled to announce Sotheby's Australia's return to Melbourne's Collins Street. In recent years Sotheby's Australia's has dramatically increased its market share for the sale of the most significant works of art in Australia. Our new Melbourne premises will enable us to expand and diversify, creating exciting new spaces for auction previews, exhibitions and events. In 2016, we had the opportunity to acquire and refurbish one of the few remaining grand old buildings on Melbourne's renowned Collins Street, which was in desperate need of love and attention. We have meticulously maintained the integrity of the building while developing luxurious spaces to showcase works of art, design and jewels. Our team of specialists are greatly looking forward to welcoming existing and new clients to our rich and diverse program of forthcoming events. Our new home on Collins Street provides a fresh and dynamic environment to exhibit and auction outstanding works of art. It is the fitting home for one of the world's oldest and most prestigious luxury brands.'



David Saunders 1928-1986, *Chanonry Building*, 14-16 Collins Street. Image courtesy of Trove.

Located at the 'Paris End' of Collins Street, Sotheby's Australia's is open to the public to view and purchase from our changing displays of art, design and jewellery in addition to participating in our Melbourne auctions which will be held on location in a purpose designed auction room. Sotheby's Australia joins other leading luxury brands on Collins Street, including Cartier, Dior, Georg Jensen, Giorgio Armani, Gucci, Hermes, Louis Vuiton, Paspaley, Prada, and Salvatore Ferragamo.

As part of the refurbishment, Sotheby's Australia lowered the ground floor, to provide direct street and disability access and provided 4.8 metre ceilings for display. A new lift was installed within the original location to service all floors of the building. Sotheby's Australia will occupy the majority of the building, with other floors leased to luxury lifestyle boutiques who offer a synergic relationship for clients to discover.

A distinctively detailed Edwardian Baroque building 'Chanonry' was built in 1912 for Andrew Stenhouse by the architectural firm of Bates Peebles and Smart. Important upper-level details include the bowed balcony and wrought-iron balustrade, broken parapet form, the exaggerated keystones, lions heads, and deep consoles while the ground level is of freestone, harmonising with similarly clad buildings along Collins Street.

Sotheby's Australia was located in High Street, Armadale for 22 years and in 2013 relocated to ANZAC House in Collins Street. From 2014 to 2018 Sotheby's Australia operated from two floors in 41 Exhibition Street, Melbourne.

The first exhibition and sale to be held at 14-16 Collins Street will be *Important Jewels & Watches* on view from 3 August with the auction on 8 August. *Important Australian Art* will view from 15-19 August and our inaugural *Treasures: Important Asian, Australian & European Arts & Design* sale will be exhibited from 18 October with the auction on 24 October.

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