One of the most exciting architectural projects in the Northern Territory will be led by local firm DKJ projects.architects in partnership with the nationally acclaimed Fender Katsalidis Mirams Architects. The repurposing of Darwin’s Chan Building into a modern, dedicated visual art gallery was announced in the 2015 NT Budget earlier this year.

The $18.3 million project will transform the Chan and winning tenderers DKJ and FKM have submitted stunning proposed designs for the building.

“The Territory Government is extremely excited about the redevelopment of the Chan Building,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“I’m delighted leading designers DKJ projects.architects and Fender Katsalidis Mirams Architects have understood the vision for the project and produced some exceptional designs for it.

“This project will invigorate the CBD of Darwin and create a drawcard for locals and visitors alike.”

Arts and Museums Minister Gary Higgins said the project will deliver a flagship iconic destination.

“It will become a new cultural institution to further promote Northern Territory culture, especially our Indigenous art and culture, and to support cultural exchange with Asia,” Minister Higgins said.

“It will be a venue Territorians can be proud of and will expand the horizons of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory substantially.”

MAGNT chair Allan Myers AO QC said the project is an “inspired initiative”.

“The benefits for the people of the Northern Territory of having a great art museum in the civic centre of Darwin will be immense, both culturally and economically,” he said.

“The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory is proud to have the opportunity to display and interpret a far greater quantity of beautiful and significant art.”
DKJ projects.architecture is a Darwin based multi award winning design firm with experience in cultural projects. The practice brings to the project expert technical and documentation skills based on 40 years of design and documenting for the Northern Territory environment and construction industry. ([www.dkj.net.au](http://www.dkj.net.au))

Fender Katsalidis Mirams Architects’ design expertise extends to a broad range of sectors including urban design/master planning, residential, institutional and commercial. They are one of Australian’s leading design firms and bring cutting edge design skills and broad experience of Gallery and Cultural projects. ([www.fkmarchitects.com](http://www.fkmarchitects.com))

Attached – artist impressions

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