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Office market rebounds, but vacancy looms

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New leadership

Wood Partners LLC is shaking up its leadership and getting back to its roots.

The company, which helped define the intown condo boom and recent years with **Novare Group Holdings Inc.**, has named Ryan L. Dearborn CEO.

Chief Financial Officer Joseph Keough will remain in that role and take on the duties of chief operating officer.

The company first made a name for itself as an apartment developer, and it plans to return to that model.

It will pursue deals that involve purchasing and repositioning class B and class C apartments.

The company will also seek deals that lead to more affordable housing projects.

Dearborn is a founding partner and grew the company's Western division.

"He is the perfect guy to lead us into the new cycle," Keough said.

The company has five apartment projects in the pipeline, including a new development in Sandy Springs in the "Pill Hill" area surrounding **Northside Hospital** and St. Joseph Hospital of Atlanta.