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The old Winnipeg Arena site will soon be a weed-choked field no longer.

Western Financial Group (WFG) will open a new major regional office on the site and will be the anchor of a new two-storey complex to be built on the site.

"Because of our growth, we had run out of space in our existing buildings," said WFG president Grant Ostr. "Our new location gives us a central, modern, unified location and plenty of room to grow."

Western Financial Group will occupy the entire second floor of the complex, which will provide 100,000 square feet of space. The bottom floor will be devoted entirely to retail.

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Scott Tannas, Western Financial Group's president and CEO, left, and Sandy Shindleman, president and CEO of Shindico, break ground on a new office and retail complex at the site of the former Winnipeg Arena.

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