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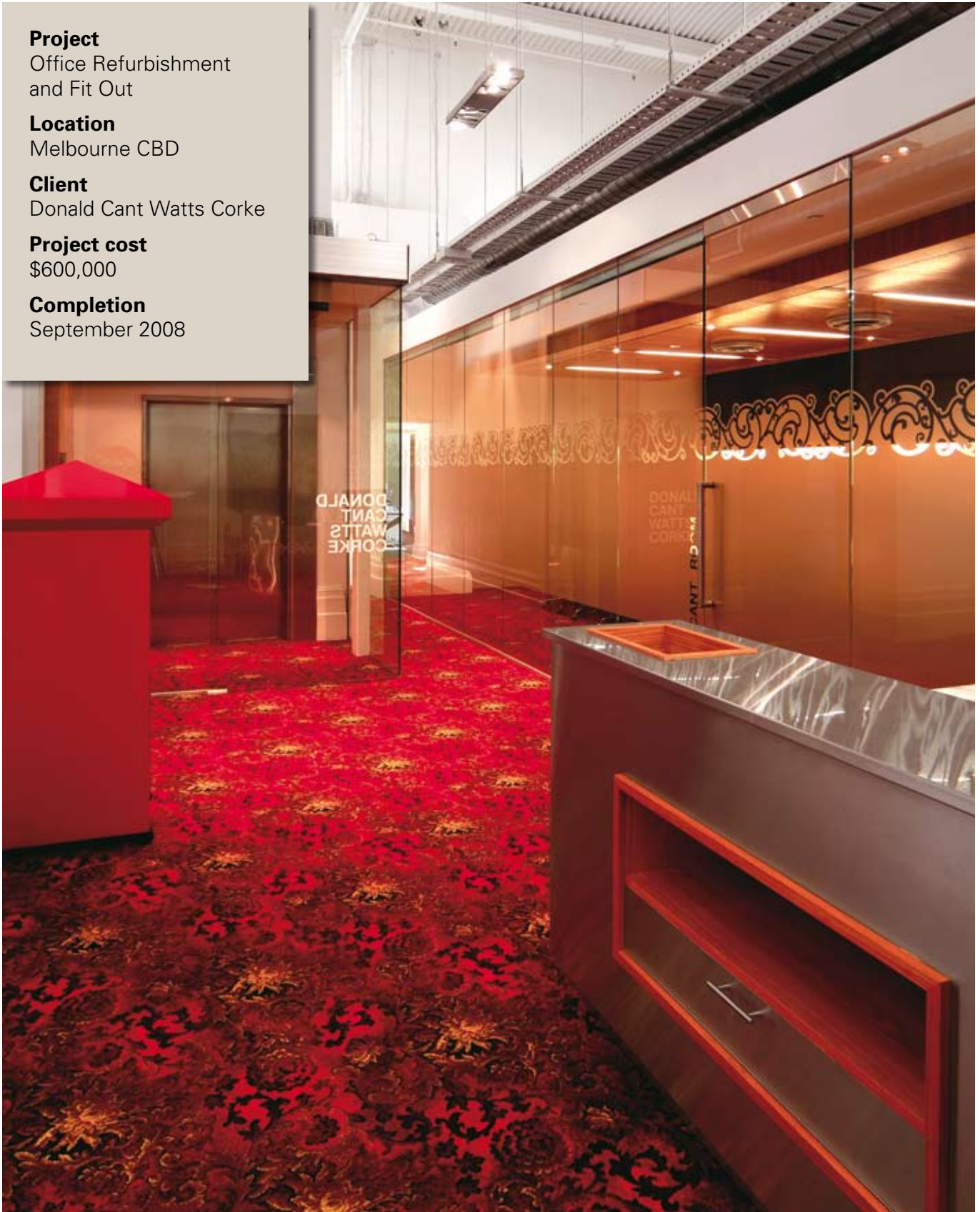
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Donald Cant Watts Corke Melbourne Headquarters sits on level 3 of one of the most iconic buildings in Melbourne's CBD, the GPO Building (corner of Elizabeth & Collins Street).

In August 2008 Total Construction in collaboration with Geyer Architecture was entrusted by DCWC with the execution of their new Melbourne office at the above address. The existing space had great potential with almost 700m² available and an amazing amount of natural light. The main challenge was the hoisting of materials since no goods lifts was available and both joinery and steel implied vertical hoisting of large elements. As a heritage listed building, none of the existing partitions were altered and in order not to disrupt or interfere with the natural flow of light, very few were added. These required an element of acoustic insulation in order to preserve the quietness required within the studios, as the whole office is "connected" through an open layout.

Generally the existing ceilings were over 3m high and no false ceilings were installed. Only in the lift lobby and the main meeting room a grid of timber panels were installed supported by a series of steel members.

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