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BOX HILL's skyline is set to change in a big way.

A major **property** developer plans to build a 27-storey **hotel** and **apartment** complex on the former Skilled **site** at 850 Whitehorse Rd.

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Architects Peddle Thorp will design the \$260m development for Asian Pacific **Group** (APG).

APG chief executive Will Deague said the twin-tower project was likely to be 27 storeys high and would include 500 apartments, 90 **hotel** rooms and a retail complex. The complex is still in town planning stage but Mr Deague said his **company** was working closely with Whitehorse City Council and its architect.

The development will be the next in APG's Art Series hotels, which include The Olsen in South Yarra, The Cullen in Prahran and The Blackman in St Kilda Rd. The hotels each celebrate an individual artist.

The Box Hill **hotel** will be named in honour of **Chinese**-Australian artist Zhong Chen.

Mr Deague said APG had chosen to branch out from its city and inner-urban developments into Box Hill because of the area's extraordinary growth.

"We are very confident of the success of such a complex in Box Hill," he said. "A true five-star boutique **hotel** is needed in the area given its increasing activity and large number of visitors. Box Hill, is of course, a key growth hub of Melbourne." The **property group** bought the 3000sq m Whitehorse Rd **site** earlier this year. Mr Deague said the demolition of the current building on the **site** was due to start next month and the development was likely to be completed in 2016.

He said the new complex would generate hundreds of local jobs in both construction and hospitality.

Whitehorse Council general manager of city development Jeff Green said the application for the development was still in its early stages. He said the plans were being assessed and would soon be advertised for public comment.

The October 18 auction of a double block in Station St, Box Hill, also demonstrated the heat of the local market.

Noel Jones Blackburn **sold** the combined allotment of 1004sq m for \$2.69 million to a **property group**. [allison.harding@news.com.au](mailto:allison.harding@news.com.au)

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