

## Canal Walk home to new flagship, concept stores

Canal Walk Shopping Centre is welcoming a host of new flagship and concept stores this year. The shopping mall is now home to the largest iStore in Africa. The first and only concept store of its kind on the African continent opened its doors on 10 August, and offers customers while-you-wait repairs for iPhone and other products.



The refreshed iStore is three times bigger than its predecessor and includes a lounge area, product and accessory showcase area, a separate training room, technical support and setup desk.

Besides its daily product training, the store offers an expanded series of events and workshops with an array of industry experts from music, art, illustration, design, video, coding, photography, health and fitness, education and business.



Action sports and streetwear brand Vans will also open a major concept store at Canal Walk in November, only the third store of its kind in the world and the first for the African continent. The brand's other top-tier concept stores are in Milan and Dubai. The new Vans at Canal Walk will include a 'custom lab' in which customers will be able to personalise their purchase.

The first Lego Certified Store in Cape Town is also due to open in the shopping mall in September, bringing an experiential playground to kids and adults alike. Kids Emporium will also be joining the centre's line-up, providing a variety of parenting solutions for moms and tots.



First South African Lego Certified Store opens in Sandton

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Poetry relocated and opened a flagship space at the end of August, while Cape Union Mart has upscaled and revamped its space. Coricraft has also moved to a bigger store with a new look.



Canal Walk's beauty and grooming category is getting a boost with the recently opened Dermalogica store, a renovated Edge for Men store and a soon-to-open Sorbet Man experience.

Popular eatery RocoMamas will also be opening in the centre this year.

"Experience will play a central role in how we take the shopping centre forward in an era where it's easier for many to click and pay. We are finding exciting new ways of working with innovative brands to create the type of experiences and attractions that will delight our clients for years to come," says Gavin Wood, CEO of Canal Walk.

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