

Winners of 2012 Retail Design & Development Awards announced

During the South African Council of Shopping Centres (SACSC) annual Congress being held in Durban, the Retail Design & Development Awards (RDDA) 2012 winners were announced yesterday, 19 September 2012. Top honours went to Middelburg Mall, Sandton City, Kagiso Mall, Tribeca Standard Restaurant at Lynnwood Bridge and Hackett London at Sandton City.



Middelburg Mall

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The RDDA awards recognise exceptional shopping centre design and economic success, within the South African property industry. The awards, sponsored by Nedbank Corporate Property Finance, celebrate shopping centre development excellence.

Winners

- Award for a shopping centre larger than 20 000 sqm - Middelburg Mall in Mpumalanga to the credit of architect MDS Architecture and developers Flanagan & Gerard and Moolman Group. In this category, judges also commended Greater Edendale Mall in KwaZulu-Natal, developed by McCormick Property Development with architect MDS Architecture.
- Award for a shopping centre smaller than 20 000 sqm - the redeveloped Kagiso Mall, developed by Old Mutual Property and designed by KMH Architects
- Award for retail centre expansion or renovation category - Sandton City's Repositioning Phase 1, with developers Liberty Group Limited & Pareto Limited with MDS Architecture and MMA Architects. Two commendations - extension and alteration of Liberty Promenade by Liberty Property Developments and Vivid Architects and Ballito Lifestyle Centre Edgars extension by developers LAHAF T/A Lifestyle Centre Ballito and Evolution Architects.
- Award for the design of a shop or restaurant in a shopping centre - judges selected two winners - Tribeca Standard Restaurant at Lynnwood Bridge designed by Braam De Villiers and Hackett London at Sandton City, designed by Michael Carey.

Amanda Stops, GM of SACSC, says, "Retail plays an essential role in the South African economy and shopping centres are the base for this significant economic activity. Furthering excellence in retail is of wide benefit. The competitive display of entries received in 2012 is a first-rate sign of retail sector innovation and business strategy in South Africa. It also shows the industry holds the hotly-contested RDDA Awards in high esteem."

Frank Berkeley, managing executive of Nedbank Corporate Property Finance, adds that the bank is proud of its role in supporting the retail sector in its capacity as sponsor of the 2012 Retail Design and Development Awards. "Our funding criteria for the retail sector looks beyond the numbers, as we take into account the level of detail and consideration that has gone into the design, amongst others. We are pleased with the effort that goes into this aspect, evidenced in the hard time that the judges had in deciding on winners."

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