

Refurbishment of Eastgate Shopping Centre nears completion

The Eastgate Shopping Centre in Johannesburg is nearing the completion of its 24-month refurbishment and extension programme.



The extensive project has already seen a façade and image transformation. "The design approach takes its inspiration from Eastgate's location in a valley with beautiful surrounding views out to the northern and southern hills. Massive windows have been added on the lower and upper level of Woolworths to emphasise the external environment and achieve more natural light," says Alex Phakathi, Liberty Property Portfolio Fund manager for Eastgate Shopping Centre.

"The refurbished entrances have double volume glass façades with huge overarching roofs to welcome the landscape into the centre and in turn allow the centre to reach out to its physical environment. The relocation of lifts and mall links and the creation of an additional two levels of parking have considerably improved the flow of foot-traffic of the mall. One of the goals of the project is also to improve accessibility for shoppers."

New outlets

New fashion stores will include Zara and River Island, while new food offerings will include a Nü Health Food Café from April. Seven Colours is also due to open in April, as well as the re-opening of Harpers.