



Dunes Mall poised for opening

Walvis Bay gets ready to welcome Dunes Mall, a development by Atterbury and Tradehold.

A desert oasis of shopping and entertainment for the people of Walvis Bay, the new 27 500 m² Dunes Mall, is in the final stages of completion, with its doors set to open to shoppers on October 26.

Developed by leading South African property developer and investor Atterbury, and in partnership with local developers Tradehold, the new R500 million mall is located in the key Namibian port city, providing residents with a quality regional shopping centre that they can call their own.

“The fact that this is the first regional shopping centre in Walvis Bay, says it all,” says development manager for Atterbury, Evert Kleynhans. “We have designed and built this landmark shopping centre that would stand out anywhere. The design integrates with the desert environment and finishes are of the highest quality. Our strong tenant mix encompassing major retail and restaurant brands will ensure that there is no longer a need for locals to leave Walvis with this quality shopping centre on their doorstep.”

Walvis Bay is currently enjoying substantial growth, with significant investment being made in its port. The mall responds well to this and is excellently positioned to meet both retailer and consumer demand.

Dunes Mall benefits from a prime location at a major road intersection close to the city's airport and the iconic tourism area of Swakopmund, providing a comprehensive and exciting variety of shopping and entertainment for Walvis Bay residents and visitors, as well as people from throughout Namibia's greater Erongo region.

The centre is anchored by a 3 500 m² Checkers, a 2 700 m² Pick n Pay and a 1 700 m² Woolworths. Adding to the mix is a 1 500 m² Dis-Chem and a 1 800 m² House and Home. Fashion retailers are well represented with retail offerings from Cotton On, Truworths, the Mr Price Group, The Foschini Group and Pepkor Group.

"Our aim for this project was to construct a convenient and dominant shopping centre, and I believe we have done just that," Kleynhans says.

Providing visitors with the perfect spot to relax and spend time with family and friends, Dunes Mall will also feature a food court with a children's play area and a fountain in the middle of the centre. Dining options will include Spur, John Dory's, Mugg & Bean and Col'Cacchio, all with ample outdoor seating areas.

The mall, which will be managed by Atterbury, will be the largest in the area and the second largest in Namibia after The Grove Mall in Windhoek, also developed and managed by Atterbury, and is expected to be a catalyst for even more development and investment in the area.

"On completion there will be around 80 shops, all of which will be employing local people, creating a very positive impact on the local population," Kleynhans says.

"Atterbury has grown a reputation as a leading South African property investor and developer, but it is also in a prime position to deliver a development like this to the community of Walvis Bay, outside of South Africa's borders. Developing property on the rest of the African continent comes with a unique set of challenges. Fortunately, our experience in countries like Mauritius, Ghana and Mozambique gives us an advantage, and as a result we will soon be celebrating the opening of yet another successful development for Atterbury."