

Atterbury Property's latest shopping mall development to be complete in Ghana - the R800 million (\$60 million) Achimota Retail Centre located in north-eastern Accra - opened its doors at the end of October. Local Ghanaian architecture firm, MultiCad Consulting, designed the mall in a joint venture with South Africa's Boogertman and Partners.

Thousands of shoppers and curious locals descended on the brand new, 15 000m² retail destination, which provides top-quality shopping for the first time on this scale under one roof in this part of the Ghanaian capital.

Roux Gerber, West Africa Head of Developments of Atterbury Property, comments: "After 18 months of construction, we are thrilled to open the Achimota Retail Centre, which takes shopping to whole new level in this region of Ghana."

Achimota Retail Centre is anchored by South Africa's Shoprite and local Ghanaian food and general merchandise retail chain, Palace. South African and local Ghanaian retail brands part of the tenant mix include Jet, Mr Price, MTN, Nallem, Foods Inn, CompuGhana and KFC, amongst others. The centre – a single level mall – is home to 51 line stores, offering convenience, retail and fashion brands, as well as a restaurant and food court. It has basement parking for 250 cars and a further 335 open air parking bays.

Says Gerber: "This is a leading edge retail development in north-eastern Accra, with the mall offering a comprehensive tenant mix and top-notch shopping experience. But, what's even better is that it has a very strong local constituent, with more than half of the stores being local Ghanaian retail brands and offerings.

"In fact, Achimota Retail Centre is the first shopping mall in Ghana to have a traditional 'chop bar', offering local delicacies in a modern mall environment. This is sure to be a hit with locals and visitors alike. The mall's food court is certainly going to become a place to meet and enjoy good food, with nine fast food and restaurant outlets. Children's games and other recreational activities are also part of the mix at the mall."

Located on a prime four hectare site in the town Dome and alongside the Accra-Nsawam Highway, Achimota Retail Centre boasts a contemporary design. Its design includes sustainability features such as grey water harvesting, environmentally conscious landscaping and a building management system. Local Ghanaian architecture firm, Multi Card Consult, designed the mall in a joint venture with South Africa's Boogertman and Partners.

Gerber says: "Atterbury is proud to have delivered yet another world-class shopping centre to the people of Ghana. Atterbury, as a shareholder in AttAfrica, has been involved in the development of the new West Hill Mall, the redevelopment and expansion of the Accra Mall, and now are happy to open the Achimota Retail Centre. We are also currently developing the new Kumasi City Mall in the city of Kumasi, which is our fourth mall project in Ghana and which is scheduled to open in April 2017." 



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