

CHADSTONE SHOPPING CENTRE REVEALS FIRST STAGE OF \$660M REVAMP

The first stage of Chadstone's \$660 million redevelopment was unveiled today, reinforcing the retail mecca's infinite capacity for reinvention.

MELBOURNE, VIC, AUSTRALIA, October 13, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The latest revamp of the premier shopping and lifestyle destination delivers a centre unlike anything Australia has ever seen, introducing over 100 new retailers, two new dining precincts, a Hoyts digital cinema complex, the Southern Hemisphere's first LEGOLAND Discovery Centre and a Tesla Motors dealership.

The development has been under construction for more than two years and is set to mark one of the largest milestones in Chadstone's 56 year history when it is completed in mid-2017. The new premium retail, entertainment, dining and luxury offerings will deliver another stage of the master plan envisaged over 30 years ago.

The Buchan Group has been there every step of the way, working in collaboration with The Gandel Group, Vicinity Centres and CallisonRTKL on the centre's

dramatic transformation that has seen it morph into the Southern Hemisphere's largest retail centre and Australia's number one shopping destination.

Principal Andrew Mackenzie said the journey has been unlike any other he has experienced in his career.

"Buchan began work on Stage 1 of Chadstone's redevelopment in the early 1980's, and today we witness the extent of its incredible evolution as Stage 40 comes to life. It has been truly remarkable watching the centre's growth over the years and we are extremely proud to have played a leading role in the Chadstone story.



“Our relationship with The Gandel Group, Vicinity Centres and CallisonRTKL has been both enduring and enjoyable, and has ultimately resulted in the delivery of a phenomenal centre founded on world class architecture.”

The introduction of a four-level mixed-use gallery creates a dynamic central hub catering to everything customers’ need with family-focused entertainment, major international retailers and upscale dining options. The new ground-level mall is set to deliver one of the best fashion precincts in Australia with its dramatic double height shop fronts hosting iconic

brands such as H&M, Uniqlo and Sephora.



A striking 7000 square metre grid shell roof presents a milestone in structural design innovation as it arches over the atrium, soaring some 30 metres above the ground.

“The new mall creates the heart of the centre, providing an interactive public space and redefining the shopping experience with its immersive and memorable architecture and premium customer offer,” said Andrew.

“Throughout every stage of the centre’s transformation we have strived to stay one step ahead of global retail trends to create a truly unique and remarkable centre, an icon for Australia and a development that competes on an international scale. I think the results speak for themselves.”

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