

SACSC Congress goes to Durban

The 19th annual congress of the South African Council of Shopping Centres (SACSC) will be held at the International Convention Centre in Durban from Wednesday, 30 September to Friday, 2 October 2015, and will feature insight, engagement and vigorous debate as shopping centres and retailers shine a light on the opportunities and challenges of the current market...

Providing access to the latest thinking, innovation and information about shopping centre and retail trends in South Africa and across the globe, the congress will feature a line-up of presentations by the industry's brightest minds.



Amanda Stops, CEO of SACSC, said: "Simplicity is the theme of this year's congress. In our rapidly changing world, we're all trying to find clarity in chaos. Our programme responds to this. We're delighted at the prominent speakers that will reflect on our industry's burning topics. They collectively represent a vast and very valuable compilation of knowledge, which will benefit delegates enormously. We're sure it will be filled with many 'light bulb' moments that will redefine the way we look at shopping and retail."

Robin Lockhart-Ross, Managing Executive: Property Finance of Nedbank Corporate and Investment Banking, commented: "The aptly themed congress comes at a time when we need to focus on the needs of the consumer without losing sight of advancing technology, and how this aids towards simplifying retail offerings. We are pleased, once again, to partner the SACSC in advancing the retail sector."

Derek Watts, one of South Africa's leading broadcasters, has been secured by the SACSC to be the host of the congress. It features a speaker line-up designed to ignite new thinking and innovation for the fast-paced retail sector. The high-profile summit features many local and international leading lights in a power-packed three-day programme.

Keynote speakers

Keynote speakers include Futurist and Strategic Advisor at London-based Fast Future, Rohit Talwar; New York Times best-selling author of Essentialism, Greg McKeown; Director of The Oval Group Patrick Bruce; and President of GENCO Group John Genovese, who previously headed Westfield Development.

From shopping centres of the future to the newest technological advances, the sessions are designed to switch delegates on to the latest trends, prospects and solutions.

Speakers will focus the prevailing economic conditions and share their understanding of what this means for the future. The merging of physical and digital worlds, the experience of retail, and the shopper are all themes that will be explored to equip shopping centres and retailers to perform optimally.

Making up an important highlight of the congress, the SACSC Pioneer and Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented by SACSC President Nomzamo Radebe.

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