

# First phase of Lephhalale Mall opens for business

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The R170m Lephhalale Mall has opened its doors, bringing the long-awaited convenience of one-stop shopping to this growing Limpopo town.



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The 15,800m<sup>2</sup> first phase of the shopping centre opened fully let with a bouquet of 30 leading retailers. Already, plans are advanced for a second phase of Lephhalale Mall, which will double the mall's size to 32,000m<sup>2</sup>.

Lephhalale Mall is a joint venture by the Moolman Group and Uniqon, positioned to meet the growing retail needs of local consumers, driven by the clout of the local coal and power industries.

"The eager demand from retailers to take up shops in Lephhalale Mall reflects the consumer potential in the community and the huge need for retail to serve this desirable market," says Moolman's Jannie Moolman.

"Local shoppers are sought-after retail customers; they are hard-working, well-educated and economically influential people," says Moolman.

"Lephhalale Mall now gives them a convenient way to meet their everyday shopping needs with variety and quality and, importantly, the ability to do this in their own town."

Game, in a large 4,200m<sup>2</sup> store, and Checkers, in an equally impressive 4,100m<sup>2</sup> store, are both anchor tenants.

These popular retailers lead an impressive array of shopping choices, starting with a formidable fashion line-up from Truworths, Studio 88, Rage, Pep, Jet, Edgars Active, Mr Price Sport, Identity and Spitz.

The mall also boasts health and lifestyle shopping from Clicks, Sucro Optometrist and Mr Price Home.

Bringing customers the latest in banking, the mall features Standard Bank, Nedbank and Capitec, as well as ATMs from all

these banks and Absa and FNB. Cellular brands Cell C, MTN and Vodacom, the three best-known cellphone brands in SA, are also there.

This fresh, modern mall takes its role as a meeting place and a shopping space seriously. Visitors can enjoy the restaurant and fast-food array on offer from McDonald's, Spur, Fish and Chip Co, King Pie and Wimpy.

Lephalale Mall's top-notch shopping combines with easy access. The mall is near the centre of the new town in Onverwacht, on the corner of Nelson Mandela and Chris Hani avenues.

Street access from Chris Hani Avenue is matched with generous parking in 982 car and 13 motorcycle bays, as well as four bays reserved for disabled shoppers.

The bushveld tree, a traditional African meeting place, inspired the interior design of Lephalale Mall.

Taking in the surrounding Lephalale environment, green leaf tones contrast with the warm sunset colours shimmering in the mall's finishes and tiles.

Natural timber is used inside and outside. Majestic hardwood trees mark the mall's two entrances. Brought from a local farm, these lifeless trees have been given a new purpose as proud sentinels at Lephalale Mall's entrances.

Natural and energy-efficient light also features in the mall's design, and reflects off the distinct pink undertone of the polished, locally sourced concrete floors.

"Lephalale Mall is a modern high-quality shopping centre the community can enjoy and be proud of," says Moolman.

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