

Pretoria retailers win the Revolution

Retailers operating at Menlyn Park Shopping Centre in Pretoria have dominated the Retail Revolution, a new annual awards competition covering some 2,000 shops in major retail complexes managed by Old Mutual Investment Group Property Investments (OMIGPI). Menlyn Park took nine of the categories, while Gateway Theatre of Shopping, Umhlanga, fared tops in its region with six awards, and the Cape's best scorer, Cavendish Centre, brought home five awards.



Inside Menlyn Park

They competed in OMIGPI's inaugural Retail Revolution awards against retailers operating in 25 categories in centres across South Africa.

Annelize Simons, Gauteng regional manager of OMIGPI, says the Retail Revolution awards recognise outstanding performance across a broad spectrum: "They honour those retailers who have excelled in the last financial year through their exceptional trading densities, those who have shown a commitment to sustainability and the environment, those who have displayed service excellence, and also those with a flair for visual appeal and innovation."

The national awards were also contested by retailers from Bayside Shopping Centre, Tableview, Cape Town; Cavendish Square and Cavendish Connect, Cape Town; Cascades Shopping Centre, Pietermaritzburg; Gateway Theatre of Shopping, Umhlanga; Menlyn Retail Park, Pretoria; Riverside Mall, Nelspruit; The Zone @ Rosebank, Johannesburg; and Vincent Park Shopping Centre, East London.

Collectively, the centres attract more than 100 million shopper visits a year.

The full list of award winners is:

Award category	Winner	Mall
Menswear	Timberland	Menlyn Park
Women's wear	HR Boutique	Cavendish
Children's wear	Naartjie Clothing	Menlyn Park
Unisex wear	Sneakers	Menlyn Park
Accessories/sunglasses/optometrists	Lulu Belle	Cavendish
Convenience / service	Computers@Bayside	Bayside
Department store	Clicks	Gateway
Audio visual, electronics and leisure	Istore Menlyn	Menlyn Park
Entertainment	Cum Books	Gateway
Fast food	Kauai	Cavendish
Restaurant	Cape Town Fish Market	Gateway
Grocery / supermarkets	Woolworths	Cascades
Health and beauty	Crabtree & Evelyn	Cavendish
Homeware	Keddah	Gateway
Jewellery	Deonne le Roux Jewellers	Menlyn Park
Speciality	Pentravel	Cavendish
Design and visual merchandise	Food Chain	Menlyn Park
Tween / teen choice	Amakip kip	Zone@Rosebank
Environmental commitment	Woolworths	Vincent Park
Improved performance	African Diamonds	Menlyn Park
Top newcomer	Istore Menlyn	Menlyn Park
Top performing retail merchandising unit	Matrix	Gateway
National service provider manager of the year	Heather King, Prestige Cleaning	Vincent Park
National service provider company of the year	Prestige Cleaning	Vincent Park
National front-liner of the year	Jabu Mnembe, Prestige Cleaning	Gateway
Top performance	Deonne le Roux Jewellers	Menlyn Park

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