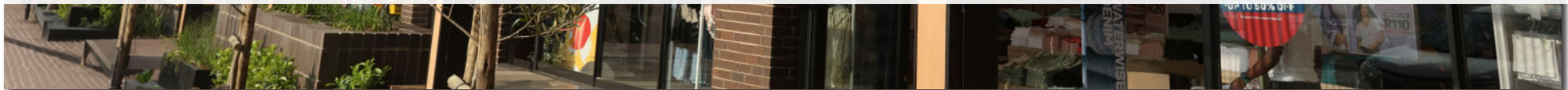




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Thatchfield Mall: Eva-tech Decorative Balusters & Lifespan Beams Installation

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PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name

Thatchfield Retail Park

Project Type

Commercial Shopping Centre

Description

Cladding, screening, and architectural beams

Date of Installation

April 2023

Architect

Frans de Klerk, Theunissen Jankowitz Architects

General Contractor

Ryan Bradley, Lemay Construction (Pty)

Project Location

Thatchfield, Centurion

Product Used

Eva-tech Decorative Balusters & Lifespan Beams





PROJECT OVERVIEW

Thatchfield retail park gets dressed for “eva-lasting” success

The newly built Thatchfield Retail Centre in Centurion is dressed for everlasting success with a striking ‘tri-colour’ patterned façade to give it a distinct and dramatic identity. The obvious need was to differentiate the 5,211 m² convenience centre with high footfall anchor tenants Checkers, Woolworths and Dischem from its neighbouring competitors with an eye-catching, yet functional design that would stand the test of time.



PROJECT MATERIAL SELECTION

The sun never sets on traders

Thatchfield's sun-drenched western orientation demanded UV-resistant and durable materials. Design lead Thomas Kriel of TJA Architects opted to juxtapose hard louvred "Terrazzo" tiles against soft, shady wood-look cladding for an appealing contrast of textures and tones.

Louvred quartz crystal and concrete tiles in patterned shades of greys, browns, and rustic reds – reminiscent of the sun – were installed vertically against the perimeter walls, while the earthy tones of Eva-tech's decorative balusters in Rusteak, dark blonde Savannah and silvery Xavia were used for the canopies and screening. The mix-'n-match, complimentary colours create a patterned 'rhythm' that mimic or emulate movement and activity evident in a "buzzing" centre, while the fashionable-yet-functional striped screening provides much-needed shade from the sun and heat. Lifespan architectural beams echoed the funky, striped tri-colour cladding and canopy scheme on the exterior walls outside FNB's ATM, while fast-food outlet KFC features vertical natural wood-look Lifespan screens in the Savanna colour for decorative detail outside the store.





EVA-LAST FOR THE LONG RUN

Aside from the colourfast and weather-resistant kaleidoscope of Eva-tech's bamboo composite balusters and Lifespan beams, their outstanding durability and easy-care characteristics delivered the low-maintenance longevity sought by the landlords. Light and easy to install overhead with sturdy Hulk fasteners, Lifespan's hollow aluminium-core profiles create a decorative, convenient architectural detail in themselves. The protective outer coating is made from recycled plastic mixed with resilient bamboo fibres treated with UV-stabilizers. Not only does this ensure Thatchfield's shady walkway canopies won't fade or discolour when exposed to extreme elements, but they won't be subject to degradation either. In addition, their textured wood-look surface is scratch and splinter-proof and requires minimal cleaning – an occasional wipe will do – promising years of unsurpassed customer satisfaction to every visitor or tenant.



KEY INFLUENCER QUOTE

"There's no easier way to give a building a gorgeous, durable skin than with Eva-Last's creative bamboo composites. Not only do they make designing and installation a dream, but they deliver outstanding performance too," says Kriel.



SUMMARY

Eva-Last's decorative and durable bamboo composite balusters and Lifespan beams brought architectural designer Thomas Kriel's vision of a distinct and dramatic visual identity for Thatchfield Retail Park in Centurion, to life. Adding a striking, striped, and shady canopy to the centre's walkways, and interesting design details to the exteriors, the Eva-tech balusters and Lifespan elements perfectly complement the patterned "Terrazzo" concept for the ultimate in low-maintenance convenience.



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