

Sainsbury's open in Princes Mall



The 51st Sainsbury's in Scotland has just opened its doors this morning in Princes Mall. There are 25 new employees working there, some of whom were previously unemployed.

The 4000 sq ft shop is one of two new leases which the owners have signed with new tenants. The Post Office has relocated from The St James Centre but is one of many new tenants along with New Look, Superdry and Starbucks.

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Some of the demand for retail space is being sparked by the St James Quarter development which will involve demolition of the shopping centre and replacing it completely, but it is clear that the owners of the mall, Catalyst Capital, have a new vision in mind.

Further to the opening, Andrew McPhail, Sainsbury's Regional Acquisition Surveyor commented: "Sainsbury's Locals are about great shops in great locations and we are excited to be opening at a time of the Princes Mall's refurbishment and hope to play our part in the continuing success of the mall."

The development will change the interior environment to a modern, bright new space and will include some new designs by Scottish architects Stellan Brand. The refurbishment is expected to be completed in spring 2015, with business continuing throughout.