

HWBC Attracts Three New Stores to Blackpool in Cork

New signings indicate recovery in ex-Dublin retail sector is underway

Three new tenants have been added to the already successful retail line up in Blackpool Shopping Centre and Retail Park in Cork City. Discount store Dealz technology and entertainment retailer CeX and outdoor equipment chain Trespass have all recently opened their stores in advance of the business Christmas shopping season.

Dealz 8,500 sq ft store in Blackpool Retail Park has been let on a 10 year lease at a rent of around €200,000 per annum. Dealz already has over 40 stores across Ireland, where its simple value proposition has proved very popular with Irish shoppers.

In the adjacent Blackpool Shopping Centre CeX has opened its 25th Irish store in a 1,250 sq ft unit that is being leased on a 10 year term at a rent of €50,000 per annum. This will be the technology and entertainment retailer's third Cork store and will offer a range of products including mobile phones, video games, DVDs, computers, and TVs.

Camping and outdoor equipment retailer Trespass has taken a 1,110 sq. ft. unit with a base rent and a turnover related top up. This will be Trespass's 12th store in Ireland.

Sharon Walsh of HWBC who handled the lettings commented:

"These lettings highlight that the confidence that has returned to the retail sector in Dublin is also taking hold in other cities. The three new retailers add to the already excellent mix of stores in Blackpool Shopping Centre and Retail Park and highlight the demand for space from both multi nation and national retailers. We anticipate a real Christmas buzz at Blackpool in the coming months as shoppers are attracted by these new retail options."

Kevin Harrington of CeX said:

'CeX (Entertainment Exchange) was delighted to open its doors in Blackpool Shopping Centre, adding to their existing Cork stores in the Grand Parade and Douglas Village Shopping Centre. We are delighted with the support we are receiving from the local community and we have been made more than welcome by our fellow retailers in the Centre. There is a great family atmosphere in Blackpool Shopping Centre and we certainly feel part of that family. We look forward to many successful years of trading in the Shopping Centre.'

Blackpool Shopping Centre and Retail Park comprises approximately 410,000 sq. ft. of retail space and approximately 80,000 of high end office space and attracts over 6.5m visitors annually. There are 1,800 free car parking spaces and retailers include Dunnes, Aldi, Next, Boots, Woodies, New Look, Lifestyle Sports, Argos, McDonalds etc.

Ciara Connolly, DTZ acted for CeX and Mark Thallon, TDK Properties acted for Dealz. HWBC and DTZ are joint letting agents on Blackpool Shopping Centre and Retail Park.

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