
TALBOTS COMING TO CITY CENTER; [Final Edition]

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The first wave of retailers for City Center at Oyster Point sets an upscale tone for the development.

Talbots and Talbots Petites, a high-end women's fashion retailer, set the stage for seven other upscale retailers to lease space in City Center at Oyster Point, said Bill Hudgins, president of HL Development Services Group, the development company for City Center at Oyster Point in Newport News.

"Without this group, there would be no retail program for City Center because these retailers follow each other, and we needed a commitment by all of them to have these retailers," Hudgins said.

Hudgins said Talbots led the way because it had been around longer in an open-air setting. The retailer will close its store on Warwick Boulevard to move to City Center next spring.

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The announcement is one of several scheduled for City Center this year.

The center is expected to offer as many as 50 retailers taking 230,000 square feet when completed, only slightly smaller than a Super Wal-Mart. These eight retailers will only take less than 20 percent of that space.

Currently, there are 10 other retailers in 30,000 square feet open in the center. In addition to the retail space, the development includes several office buildings and 800 residential units. A Marriott Hotel and conference center are also a part of the master plan for City Center.

Vicki Hauser, an owner in Hauser Jewelers, said she is moving from Hampton to City Center because of the mix of stores in the development.

"I like the concept of people working, living and consuming goods in one area," Hauser said. "It should provide a nice draw, destination for shopping."

The next wave of retails for City Center will be announced in May, Hudgins said. *

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