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First stage of \$45 million Port Adelaide Plaza to open in April with six restaurants and cafes

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The first stage of the new \$45 million Port Adelaide Plaza shopping centre is set to open in April with six restaurants.

Precision Group – which owns the centre – last week confirmed it had already signed on three restaurants to join a new outdoor dining precinct on the eastern side of the building and was in talks with other outfits.

The Funk Coffee franchise, Yiros Central and Shanghai Teahouse, which has a popular restaurant at Burnside Village, were set to be part of the centre’s first stage.



 Outside the new food area at the Port Adelaide Plaza. Photo: Supplied by Precision Group.

The three remaining vacancies are expected to be filled with Asian or burger-style restaurants.

All this food-inspired action is aimed predominantly at nearby office workers – many of whom recently moved to the Port as part of a public service relocation – who want a quick lunch.

It also offers after-work dining, with licensed restaurants open until about 9pm.

Shanghai Teahouse will sell its own Chinese teas and focus on light foods such as dumplings, while Funk Coffee plans on operating as a cafe.

Yiros Central is a local business that already has outlets at the Brickworks and in the city.

Precision Group spokeswoman Alisha Daniels expects the shopping centre – previously named Port Canal – will cash in on a recent resurgence of restaurants and bars in Port Adelaide.



Artist impression of the new Port Adelaide Plaza shopping centre. Photo: Supplied by Precision Group.

“The Port Adelaide demographic is growing day by day with all the residential developments taking place and with Techport workers and office workers,” Ms Daniels says.

“We’re really trying to reach a new demographic.”

Work on the new shopping centre began late last year and is running to schedule.

At the project's completion, the shopping centre's footprint will have grown by more than a third – expanding from 19,000sq m to just under 30,000sq m.

The number of shops will grow from 28 to 60.

They will include an Aldi supermarket, a childcare centre, medical centre, bank and Australia Post, as well as 1000 free parking spaces.

It is the most significant retail development in Port Adelaide in four decades.