Work begins on Pretoria square

The country’s newest cinema group, Starnet, will run three cinemas with a total of 665 seats and the centre will also have restaurants which will operate in conjunction with the nearby Opera Complex. On the Prinsloo Street side opposite the Reserve Bank Head Office, the developers have provided for a luxury hotel.

Overlooking the central piazza of the development will be 7 400m² of offices, a portion of which will be accommodated in the historical Sammy Marks and Kynoch buildings which are to be refurbished to the standards of the National Monuments Commission.

The centre will be served by 1 550 basement parking bays, managed by Interpark. Baker Street Associates director Rodney Timm said Murray and Roberts had taken a head lease on the office space.

In their statement, the developers said Sammy Marks Square would form an extension to the high street shopping of the Pretoria CBD and reinforce the movement of the city centre towards the east.

Completion of this centre will bridge the gap between the retail component to the west of Van der Walt Street and the growing number of office developments to the east of Prinsloo Street around the Reserve Bank head office.”