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## Probuild completes \$660 million Chadstone development

National tier-one construction company Probuild is proud to announce the completion and grand opening today of the \$660 million development and expansion of Chadstone Shopping Centre.

Battling the elements with the coldest and wettest winter in three decades, the Probuild team worked tirelessly to meet the delivery date set over two years ago and ensure doors were open to customers today.

At more than 200,000m<sup>2</sup> Chadstone is Australia's number one destination for shopping, dining and entertainment. This extensive project added more than 34,000m<sup>2</sup> of space including:

- A major retail extension, adding 25,000m<sup>2</sup> of retail to house international flagships including H&M, Sephora, Uniqlo and premium international brands such as Furla, The Kooples, Sandro and Tesla Motors' first integrated Melbourne retail dealership
- 13 new state-of-the-art HOYTS cinemas
- Two new dining precincts including the Dining Terrace featuring Fonda, Marae Izakaya, Neil Perry's Burger Project, Woodstock Pizzicheria, Mama's Buoi, New Shanghai and Mezz Bistro and Bar, and Food Central – a 1,300 seat, 20 plus tenancy food gallery
- A 10-level, 17,000m<sup>2</sup> office tower with basement car parking (which achieved practical completion in July 2016).

The impressive new 7,080m<sup>2</sup> gridshell roof that crowns the major retail development is set to become one of Australia's iconic architectural structures. The glass roof follows the line of the shopping centre below – a 3D, wave-like form that gives the illusion that it's moving over the heads of shoppers.

The roof was meticulously planned and constructed using an intricate jigsaw that required six tower cranes to build. From quadrilaterals through to triangles, each of the 2,700 panes of double-glazed high performance glass is unique and varies from around 1.2m<sup>2</sup> to 7.4m<sup>2</sup> in size.

An incredible feat of engineering and a work of art in itself, the self-supporting structure uses steel and glass elements sourced from Europe, weighing in at between 100kg to 300kg each.

Probuild Group Managing Director, Simon Gray said what we're seeing at Chadstone is an active investment in the future of Australian retailing led by the developer Gandel Group and Vicinity Centres.

"Shopping centres are no longer just about the convenience – they're a place for people to gather and socialise. So it's important that the right environment is developed to support community interest and growth," Gray said.

"Centres are targeting international tenants now and A-listed brands. But they won't come unless you provide them with an A-Lister environment. It's about getting the look and feel right – and it's often about pushing the boundaries of architecture, design, construction and innovation."

This exciting project caps an extraordinary relationship between Probuild and Chadstone, working together for every major stage of expansion and redevelopment of the iconic shopping centre since 1988.

"At today's grand opening we're delivering the finest retail product Australia has seen to date and this results from the unparalleled experience and track record that Probuild has established over three decades in Australian retail construction," Gray said.

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**Media opportunities**

Interview with Simon Gray, Probuild Group Managing Director  
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Probuild has successfully delivered more retail projects than any other commercial builder in Australia and are currently delivering some of Australia's largest retail construction projects including Grand Central Shopping Centre in Toowoomba. Nationally, the group has more than 370,000 of retail construction underway.