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Soon, apartment dwellers may walk to Metropolis

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Developers of a new Plainfield apartment complex said the project will complement the lifestyle theme of the new Metropolis shopping mall.

Central Park at Metropolis, a 264-apartment complex will open in April and allow residents to walk to Metropolis in about three minutes, said Jim Crossin, vice president of development for Flaherty & Collins, which is developing the project.

"It's a place to live and play at the same time," he said.

The 21-acre property is just southwest of the first phase of Metropolis at the intersection of Metropolis Land and Metropolis Parkway.

Rents for the one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments will range from \$725 to \$1,265 a month, Crossin said. He said the apartments are targeting businesspeople who value proximity to work, shopping and home.

"People who can afford our rents can afford a home, but they like the life choice of being near the mall and work without worrying about home maintenance," he said. Crossin is optimistic that employees with Rolls-Royce, which recently signed a lease in the old Galyan's headquarters near Metropolis, will be interested in living at the complex.

The apartment complex fits the vision Metropolis' developers have for the center, said David Zoba, president and chief operating officer for Premier Properties, Metropolis' developer.

"These will really enhance the lifestyle experience at Metropolis," he said.

This is the first development in Hendricks County for Indianapolis-based Flaherty & Collins Properties.

Crossin said the company views Metropolis as one of several reasons for developing in Plainfield. Other factors are Plainfield's strong industrial base and the construction of a new airport terminal. Both make the town an attractive place to live, he said.

"The front door of the airport will open toward Plainfield and bring more economic development," he said.

Construction began in July, Crossin said, and four buildings have been framed, including the clubhouse. The complex will have 23 buildings and 62 garages when it opens in April, he said. The apartments range in size from 760 square feet to 1,450 square feet.