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### INTERNATIONAL FASHION ARRIVES AT STOCKLAND TOWNSVILLE

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Stockland Townsville has cemented its status as the centre for fashion in Northern Queensland with the much anticipated Swedish fashion retailer, H&M opening its doors today.

The new 2,500 square metre store, located in the heart of the regional shopping centre, will offer customers the full H&M experience with an exciting array of on-trend fashion apparel for men, women and kids, as well as accessories and homewares.

The Hon. Coralee O'Rourke, Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland, Member for Mundingburra and John Schroder, Group Executive and CEO Commercial Property joined Hans Andersson, Country Manager for H&M for the official opening of the first H&M store for Northern Queensland.

John Schroder, Group Executive and CEO Commercial Property, said: "The opening of H&M is an exceptional retail coup for this centre and for the region – offering customers the chance to buy the very latest international fashion right here in Townsville."

"We are proud to have brought one of the biggest global fashion retailers to Northern Queensland, further complementing the centres strong retail offering including the regions only Myer, a long list of leading national retailers and over 180 specialty stores."

Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland and Member for Mundingburra Coralee O'Rourke said the opening of H&M was another boost of confidence in Townsville's economy.

"Having an international giant like H&M choose Townsville for the location of their first store in Northern Australia is a real sign of the growing confidence in our local economy and a boon for local jobs," Mrs O'Rourke said.

Stockland has a long history of investment in regional Queensland with seven shopping centres and an asset value of \$1.4 billion. Almost 800 retailers operate in one of seven Stockland shopping centres in the region, creating thousands of local jobs and hosting more than 32 million customer visits each year.

John Schroder continues, "We are committed to regional Queensland and look forward to continuing to draw the biggest and best brands to Stockland Townsville to maintain our lead as the number one shopping destination in the region.

"Today's opening is a great example of how we're investing in new opportunities that lift the calibre and quality of our entire retail portfolio."

Stockland Townsville has recently welcomed a number of new retailers including Endota Spa, House and Build a Bear, with Rip Curl also opening in mid-December and Emma and Roe Jewellery confirmed to open before Easter 2018.

Stockland Townsville, which is 50 per cent owned by AMP Capital, is located in the geographical heart of Townsville and houses the regions only full-line Myer department store along with Woolworths, Coles, Kmart, Big W, a 700 seat food court and 180 speciality stores.

Following the \$180 million redevelopment of the centre in 2012, Stockland continues to progress plans for a future Entertainment and Leisure Precinct at Stockland Townsville.

This is the second H&M in the Stockland portfolio with a third to open at Stockland Rockhampton on 2 November. H&M entered the Australian market in 2014 and now has 23 stores open across Australia and more than 4,500 stores in 68 markets worldwide.

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### About Stockland Townsville:

- Stockland completed a \$180 million redevelopment in February 2012, increasing the centre in size from 32,400sqm to 46,000sqm in the redeveloped centre, and a total of 58,358sqm when combined with the adjacent shopping centre
- First Myer store in Townsville along with a Woolworths, Big W and 180 speciality stores
- The centre is home to around 40 speciality fashion retailers including Peter Alexander, Mimco, Nike, Hype DC, Country Road, Universal Store, Footlocker, Bardot, Factorie, Portmans, Dotti, Forever New, Yd and Suna Shoes.
- 700-seat food court and an array of cafes and restaurants including Coffee Club, Jamaica Blue and Stella Rossa.
- Awarded 4 Star Green Star – Retail Centre Design v1 by the Green Building Council of Australia
- New stores at Stockland Townsville: Westpac, Endota Spa, Riot Art and Craft, House, Build a Bear
- Stores opening soon at Stockland Townsville, Suncorp, Rip Curl, Emma and Roe
- Recently relocated and refitted stores at Stockland Townsville:
  - Bardot
  - Footlocker
  - City Beach
  - Connor
  - YD
  - Student Flights
  - Betts
  - Famous Footwear
  - Honey Birdette
  - Bright Eyes
  - Jay Jays

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### About Stockland

Stockland (ASX: SGP) was founded in 1952 and has grown to become Australia's largest diversified property group – owning, developing and managing a large portfolio of shopping centres, residential communities, retirement living villages, office and industrial assets. Stockland was recognised by the S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) as the global real estate sector leader for 2016-17, demonstrating world leadership across the areas of corporate governance, stakeholder engagement, climate strategy, social integration and regeneration and corporate citizenship. Stockland has been identified as a global leader for its actions and strategies in response to climate change and has been awarded a position on the Climate A List by CDP and recognised as the Regional Sector Leader for Diversified Property Companies on the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB). Stockland has also been recognised as an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality by the Australian Government's Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA) for last three consecutive years. [www.stockland.com.au](http://www.stockland.com.au)