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### Business

## Aberdeen Centre opens with splash

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For the grand-opening of a major new \$100 million mall, there was something missing at Aberdeen Centre on Friday afternoon: open stores.

While local dignitaries were out in full force for the ribboncutting ceremony, only a handful of the promised 250 stores were open for business when the public was invited in.

But Thomas Fung, who owns the facility, said the 380,000-square-foot facility will be fully open by the summer of 2004 and will be the first truly international shopping centre.

Some of the tenants so far include Daiso 100 Yen Plaza, Lukfood Jewellery, Moiselle, S.B. Furniture, an HSBC bank branch and a BMW dealership.

Architect Bing Thom said he designed the new building so that it will "glow like a lantern...It will always be lit, always be bright. Now we need people to bring it to life."

During the opening, one of the most impressive features of the new mall, aside from its bright interior and generous use of natural light, was a \$4 million indoor fountain. The Las Vegas-inspired fountain features jets of illuminated water that "dance" in time with the music.

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