

Forum at Fort Myers welcomes new retail

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FORT MYERS - The Forum at Fort Myers has established its initial retail line-up, and more than 71 acres of hospitality and entertainment development is primed to join the 1,162 residential units and 475,000sf of office space already completed or under way at the mixed-use community.

Target, Best Buy, Ross Dress for Less and Staples will join The Home Depot at the 480,000sf retail center, which is on 43 acres in the northeast corner of the I-75 and Colonial Boulevard interchange. Developed by North American Properties, the \$60 million center will also include an additional three big-box retailers, 50,000sf of small shop and restaurant space and several outparcels. The shopping destination is scheduled to open summer 2008.

The following entertainment and hospitality developments are also under way:

- Putting Zone will introduce Southwest Florida to an indoor golf entertainment complex. The company recently closed on 10 acres along the northern border of the development's entertainment district.
- Holiday Inn Express recently closed on 2.78 acres along Colonial Boulevard at the southeast corner of the Forum community. The six-story, 110-room hotel is scheduled to open in June 2008.