

Editor's Comment

Developers, stakeholders, provincial and national authorities are breathing life into the inner city - resuscitating and transforming it with wonderful redevelopments.

The task of offering quality accommodation at affordable rentals has seen key industry players stake their claim on the city to meet the growing rental market. Previously abandoned or derelict buildings are being transformed into inner city havens for low income earners. Amdec and Afhco are redeveloping 120 End Street, International Housing Solutions are tackling the old Greaterman's building. Aengus has targeted Skyways and Argyle and the list goes on.



Developers have recognised the value of cleaning up the neighbourhoods and upgrading properties to benefit all. Companies that evacuated the city to go north to the Sandton business node and residential building owners that had neither the will, nor the vision, will be surprised at the inner city redevelopment programmes.

Johannesburg is casting off its inner city doom and gloom persona.

The redevelopment promises to make it vibrant, exciting, safe and habitable. Mixed use areas will offer the inner city dweller safe affordable transport with - the Rea Vaya Bus Rapid Transit - close proximity to work, entertainment and parks. Although developments take time to come to fruition, the affordable quality housing offered in the inner city and surrounding areas promises to bring relief to those tenants wanting convenience and a comfortable quality lifestyle.

From Ponte and the developments around Bertrams to the Hillbrow Ekhaya Neighbourhood and the inner city, former business blocks and derelict properties are now being converted for mixed residential, retail and commercial use.

Each day gives new hope and offers a vibrant inner city life that is secure, comfortable and best of all affordable.

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