

# The global reach of outlet retailing



Neinver's Vicolungo The Style Outlets, Milan

## The Global Snapshot

- **Number of outlet centers:** 355
- **Total Outlet Center GLA:** 109.4 million sf
- **Average Outlet Center GLA:** 307,887 sf
- **Average Outlet Center Age:** 11 years
- **Number of outlet center openings in 2010:** 5 centers totaling 1,131,490 sf
- **Planned Phase 1 new construction through 2013:** 83 planned centers totaling 30.6 million sf
- **Ownership:** 137 developers own 355 outlet centers
- **Outlet Portfolios:** 15 developers have outlet portfolios of more than 1 million sf; those developers own a total of 188 centers totaling 73,482,736 million sf

The outlet industry gains status and stability as centers open worldwide.

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**T**wenty-five years ago outlet retailing was often dismissed as a short-lived enterprise that would soon burn out. The experience in the U.S., especially in the last three years, has proven that theory untrue, and traditional developers who once scoffed at the sector are now seeking to join it.

The sector is also flourishing throughout Europe and in Japan, thanks to the vision of early developers and brands, as well as the financial commitment from fund operators and investors, and it is now being embraced throughout Asia, Latin America and Russia. Who knows – we might one day see outlet centers on Mars.

Using data gathered for the 2010-2011 Global Outlet Project Directory, the editors of VRN/IOJ have determined the scope of this relatively young industry.

Worldwide, there are 355 outlet centers totaling 109.4 million sf. They are, on average, just 11 years old.

We know the sector is a minuscule portion of the overall retail real estate picture (in the U.S., out of 105,000 shopping centers, only 179 are outlet centers), but its importance belies those numbers.

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**Value Retail's Fidenza Village, Milan**

## Largest Global Outlet Center Portfolios (more than 1 million sf)

DEVELOPER	GLA	NO. OF CENTERS	LOCATION
Simon Property Group, including:	39,764,452	87	Global
Premium Outlet Centers	26,279,452	70	U.S.
Mills Corp.	10,836,000	7	U.S.
Chelsea Japan	2,649,000	8	Japan
Shinsegae Chelsea	415,000	1	Korea
Premium Outlets de Mexico	232,000	1	Mexico
Tanger Factory Outlet Centers	10,285,550	33	U.S.
Craig Realty Group	3,006,919	10	U.S.
Henderson Global Investors	2,846,600	11	Europe
Austexx	2,632,700	8	Australia
Neinver	2,424,200	11	Europe
Value Retail	1,790,600	9	Europe
Horizon Group Properties	1,461,940	5	U.S.
Walton Brown	1,399,000	1	China
Taubman Centers	1,360,000	1	U.S.
Fashion District	1,324,000	3	Italy
Freeport	1,211,000	3	Europe
Ivanhoe Cambridge	1,168,775	2	Canada
Morgan Stanley	1,100,000	1	U.S.
AWE Talisman	1,060,000	3	U.S.
	73,482,736,188		

Source: 2010-2011 Global Outlet Project Directory

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## Europe/Middle East Snapshot

- **Number of outlet centers:** 132  
108 in Europe  
13 in Central and Eastern Europe  
11 in Greece, Turkey, Dubai
- **Total Outlet Center GLA:** 29.2 million sf  
Europe: 23.0 million sf  
CEE: 2.4 million sf  
Greece, Turkey, Dubai: 3.8 million sf
- **Average Outlet Center GLA:** 221,212 sf
- **Average Outlet Center Age:** 9 years old
- **Ownership:** 62 developers own 132 outlet centers

Henderson Global Investors and Neinver have the largest European outlet portfolios. Henderson owns 11 outlet centers totaling 2.9 million sf; Neinver owns 11 outlet centers totaling 2.4 million sf

● **Operators:** In Europe, centers often have an operator who isn't the owner. Two operators – McArthurGlen Development and Fashion House Development – are the largest non-owner operators of outlet centers in Europe.

**McArthurGlen** has developed 19 centers totaling more than 4.7 million sf, and has sold 11 to Henderson Global Investors, three to Aviva Investors, one to Resolution Property, retains ownership of four centers, and continues to operate all of them.

**Fashion House Group**, has developed eight centers totaling 1,514,407 sf. With Liebrecht & Wood, the company developed four Fashion House centers, of which three were acquired by AIB Polonia II Property Fund; the company has also worked with K&K Engineering, TK Developments, LMS Outlets, Miller Developments and the Aviva CE Fund on four other centers, and continues to operate them all.

- **European phase 1 openings in 2010:** 3 totaling 462,500 sf  
**Sicilia Fashion Village**, Italy, Gruppo Percassi, 269,100 sf  
**Riverside Place**, England, Kendal Riverside/Junction One, 75,000 sf  
**Norwegian Outlet**, Norway, Norwegian Outlet, 118,400 sf
- **Planned Phase 1 through 2013:** 28 phase 1 centers totaling 8.9 million sf; another 12 planned phase 1 centers totaling 2.6 million sf haven't scheduled opening dates

## Largest European Outlet Center Portfolios (more than 1 million sf)

Owner	No. of centers	GLA in SF
Henderson Global Investors	11	2,846,600
NEINVER S.A.	11	2,424,200
Value Retail PLC	9	1,790,600
Concepts & Distribution	8	1,338,730
Fashion District Group	3	1,324,000
Freeport	3	1,211,000
<b>6 owners</b>	<b>45 centers</b>	<b>10,935,130</b>

Source: 2010-2011 VRN Global Outlet Project Directory



**Neinver's Castel Guelfo  
The Style Outlets, Bologna**

## Largest European/Middle East Outlet Centers

(larger than 400,000 sf)

CENTER	CITY	COUNTRY	DEVELOPER	OPENING	TYPE	GLA
<b>Freeport Outlet Alcochete</b>	Lisbon (Alcochete)	Portugal	Freeport	2004	M	807,300
<b>Dubai Outlet Mall</b>	Dubai	UAE*	Al Ahli Holding Group	2007	M	750,000
<b>Via Port Outlet Shopping</b>	Istanbul	Turkey	Bayraktar Insaat A.S.	2008	V	688,900
<b>Optimum Goztepe Outlet Center</b>	Istanbul	Turkey	Renaissance Construction	2008	M	493,000
<b>Fashion District Valmontone Outlet</b>	Rome	Italy	Fashion District Group	2003	V	484,400
<b>Outlet City Metzingen</b>	Stuttgart (Metzingen)	Germany	Holy AG	1975	N/A	484,375
<b>Optimum Outlet Center Ankara</b>	Ankara	Turkey	Volga Dis	2004	M	457,500
<b>Fashion District Molfetta Outlet</b>	Bari	Italy	Fashion District Group	2005	V	430,600
<b>Fashion District Mantova Outlet</b>	Mantova (Bagnolo San Vito)	Italy	Fashion District Group	2003	V	409,000
<b>Serravalle Designer Outlet</b>	Milan (Serravalle Scrivia)	Italy	Henderson Global Investors	2000	V	402,000
<b>Designer Outlet Parndorf</b>	Vienna (Parndorf)	Austria	Henderson Global Investors	1998	V	401,500

\*United Arab Emirates

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**Shinsegae Chelsea's Yeosu Premium Outlets, Seoul, S. Korea**

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The fact is, outlet retailing is a distribution channel for brands that allows them to diversify their risks, test new products, liquidate excess goods and become more profitable.

Although brands have operated their own outlet stores near their factories for many decades, it wasn't until purpose-built outlet centers came along – in the 1970s in the U.S. and in the 1980s in Europe – that the distribution channel found stability and a comfort zone. Outlet centers provide brands with an environment that the consumer can trust and enjoy visiting, and outlet-center marketers are brilliant at attracting

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## Asia/Pacific Snapshot

- **Number of outlet centers: 31 centers**  
19 centers in Australia and New Zealand  
12 centers in China, Japan and Korea, not including 8 to 10 outlet centers operated by Mitsui due to lack of data
- **Total Outlet Center GLA:** 10.3 million sf  
5 million sf in Australia and New Zealand  
5.3 million sf in China, Japan and Korea
- **Average Outlet Center GLA:** 334,155 sf
- **Average Outlet Center Age:** 8 years old
- **Ownership:** 12 developers own 31 outlet centers
- **Portfolios:** 2 developers – Austexx Property and Chelsea Japan – each own 8 outlet centers and have outlet portfolios of more than 2.6 million sf in Asia/Pacific
- **Phase 1 openings in 2010:** none
- **Planned Phase 1 new construction through 2013:** 18 (13 in China/2 in Australia/2 in Korea/1 in Malaysia) totaling 10.2 million sf


## 10 Largest Asia/Pacific Outlet Centers

CENTER NAME	CITY	COUNTRY	DEVELOPER	OPENED	GLA
<b>Shanghai Outlets</b>	Shanghai	China (PRC)	Walton Brown Group	2006	1,399,000
<b>Harbour Town Gold Coast</b>	Brisbane (Gold Coast)	Australia	The Lewis Land Group of Companies	1999	640,000
<b>Direct Factory Outlets Canberra</b>	Canberra (ACT)	Australia	Austexx Pty Ltd.	2008	619,200
<b>Kobe-Sanda Premium Outlets</b>	Kobe-Osaba	Japan	Chelsea Japan Co., Ltd.	2007	536,000
<b>FoxTown Factory Outlets Shanghai</b>	Shanghai	China (PRC)	Studio Silvio Tarchini	2006	528,500
<b>Gotemba Premium Outlets</b>	Gotemba	Japan	Chelsea Japan Co., Ltd.	2000	480,000
<b>Harbour Town at Waterfront City</b>	Melbourne	Australia	ING Real Estate Development Australia Pty. Ltd.	2008	441,300
<b>Yeosu Premium Outlets</b>	Yeosu (Seoul)	Korea (South)	Shinsegae Chelsea	2007	415,000
<b>Sano Premium Outlets</b>	Sano	Japan	Chelsea Japan Co., Ltd.	2003	390,000
<b>Direct Factory Outlets South Wharf</b>	Melbourne	Australia	Austexx Pty Ltd.	2002	383,100
<b>TOTALS</b>					<b>5,832,100 SF</b>

Source: VRN Global Outlet Project Directory

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shoppers on a slim budget. Outlet centers and outlet brands give each other credibility, ensuring that the sector has a long future.

On the following pages are snapshots of the outlet industry's progress around the world. If you would like to comment on the data or ask any questions, please contact me at [lhumphers@icsc.org](mailto:lhumphers@icsc.org). 

## The Americas Snapshot

- **Number of outlet centers:** 192  
179 in the U.S.  
9 in Canada  
4 in Latin America
- **Total Outlet Center GLA:** 69.8 million sf  
67.5 million in the U.S.  
1.6 million in Canada  
692,000 sf in Latin America
- **Average Outlet Center GLA:** 376,951 sf in the U.S./181,787 sf in Canada/173,000 in Latin America
- **Average Outlet Center Age:** 17 years
- **Ownership:** 63 developers own 192 outlet centers
- **Portfolios:** 3 developers – Simon's Premium Outlets, Simon's Mills Corp., and Tanger Factory Outlet Centers – have outlet portfolios of more than 10 million sf; those 3 developers own a total of 110 centers totaling 47.4 million sf
- **Number of outlet center openings in 2010:** 2 in the U.S totaling 668,990 sf
- **Planned Phase 1 new construction through 2013:** 37 (not including 10 to 15 centers planned in Canada by Tanger Factory Outlet Centers and RioCan) totaling 3.5 million to 5.3 million sf
- **Planned conversions of traditional shopping centers to outlet tenancy through 2013:** 10 centers
- **Planned expansions to existing outlet centers through 2012:** 18 expansions totaling 3.9 million sf



**Tanger's Tanger Outlets at the Arches, New York**



**Unico's Unico Barranquilla, Colombia**

## Largest Outlet Centers in the Americas

(non-anchored projects 600,000 sf and larger)

CENTER	CITY	STATE	GLA	DEVELOPER	OPENED
<b>Woodbury Common Premium Outlets</b>	Central Valley	NY	845,000	Premium Outlets/Simon	1985
<b>Orlando Premium Outlets - International Drive</b>	Orlando	FL	775,297	Premium Outlets/Simon	1981
<b>San Marcos Premium Outlets</b>	San Marcos	TX	748,237	Premium Outlets/Simon	1990
<b>VF Outlet Center</b>	Reading	PA	734,000	VF Outlet	1970
<b>Tanger Outlet Center</b>	Riverhead	NY	729,475	Tanger Factory Outlet Centers	1994
<b>Birch Run Premium Outlets</b>	Birch Run	MI	689,232	Premium Outlets/Simon	1986
<b>Camarillo Premium Outlets</b>	Camarillo	CA	674,000	Premium Outlets/Simon	1995
<b>Atlantic City Outlets, The Walk</b>	Atlantic City	NJ	670,000	Cordish Company	2003
<b>Tanger Outlets at the Arches</b>	Deer Park	NY	653,780	Tanger Factory Outlet Centers	2008
<b>Wrentham Village Premium Outlets</b>	Wrentham	MA	616,000	Premium Outlets/Simon	1997
<b>Miromar Outlets, Southwest Florida</b>	Estero	FL	605,537	Miromar Development Corporation	1998

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