



■ The new look Absa Centre at 2 Riebeeck Street was unveiled to property brokers last month. The skyscraper has been a landmark in the city's foreshore region since 1968. And, the owners, the Patrick Partnership, and managers, Rennie Property, revealed ongoing plans for a revamp of this iconic building that will make it a major hub in Cape Town's legal, financial and publishing districts. A spokesman said frame glass and 24/7 lighting create a floating effect and provide retailers with innovative display windows to showcase their products. The retail area is linked to the pedestrian mall, office and hotel – creating a 24-hour retail centre point. The building features the largest windows in

the city – three quarters of the façade is glass, giving tenants views of Table Mountain and Table Bay. There are plans to revamp the hotel that is located in the skyscraper.