



The Metropolitan

'The Metropolitan', the first large format enclosed mall in north India was an opportunity to create a landmark designed as a large local attractor catering to the demands of the rapidly emerging township in Gurgaon. It was considered essential to incorporate an Indian essence and yet respond to the technological, functional and commercial demands. The design program which included a multiplex and a food court in addition to the retail was seen as ideal to create an urban activity center analogous to the role of the bazaar in a traditional city.

The Entrance to the mall is designed to allow both a vehicular drop off as well as to give clear access to pedestrians. A large forecourt, landscaped and paved in granite, leads pedestrians into the mall. This forecourt is designed to be a space for events, to recreate traditional street culture and to be an urban meeting space. The forecourt leads on through a frameless glazed wall into the internal space of the mall. This allows the connection between the exterior event space and the atrium to be visually and functionally maintained and the transition to occur imperceptibly.

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