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Harkins set to begin building first Tucson theater

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Harkins Theatres will begin construction later this year on an 18-screen, 81,000-square-foot megaplex that will mark its first foray into the Tucson market, the developer of the project of the project.

Scottsdale-based **Barclay Group** is adding on to the existing **Westpoint Crossing Shopping Center** at the intersection of Interstate 19 and Irvington Road in Tucson. Upon completion of the second phase of construction, which includes the new theater, the project will be rebranded as the **Tucson Spectrum**.

The theater complex, slated for completion in mid-2007, will feature a children's play area in the lobby and a gourmet snack center.

The current Westpoint Crossing retailer lineup includes Target, The **Home Depot**, Ross Dress for Less, Marshall's, Michael's, Office Max and PetSmart. The second phase of development will add, in addition to Harkins, JCPenney, **Best Buy**, **Sports Authority**, **Bed Bath & Beyond** and **Shoe Pavilion**.

Following the completion of the second phase, the Tucson Spectrum will comprise a little over a million square feet, making it the largest open-air shopping center in Southern Arizona.

"The addition of Harkins Theatres will transform Westpoint Crossing from a power center into a regional open-air mall with entertainment as a major component," said Trey Eakin, senior vice president of development for Barclay Group.

Barclay Group has developed more than 4 million square feet of retail space, it claims, and has an additional 4 million square feet planned for development in the next four years.

Scottsdale-based Harkins Theatres currently operates more than 200 screens in Arizona and Oklahoma. According to the company's Web site, it plans to expand to California, Colorado and Texas this year.

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