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COMPOSITE COMPLETES CAR PARK AT WAKEFIELD'S TRINITY WALK

Composite has completed work on the 1000 space car park for the new Trinity Walk Shopping Centre in Wakefield, which is due to open in May 2011.

Construction of the car park originally started in early 2009, but was delayed when the original developer went into administration. Composite was re-appointed to complete the contract in March last year by main contractor Shepherd Construction, which along with AREA Property Partners and Sovereign Land, purchased the scheme from the administrators in December 2009.

The clear span, precast concrete car park, which has a suspended area of 9600 sq m, has undergone significant change since the beginning of the project. When work re-started, Sainsbury's – one of the major occupiers of the new centre – requested that the store be linked to the car park by a feature atrium entrance.

Composite removed a section of the original partly built car park structure and modified the design, so that Sainsbury's requirements could be met.

In addition to the structural frame and floors, Composite has provided precast concrete staircases, asphalt waterproofing and movement joints, above ground drainage and sixty concrete plinths for framing to customer trolley bays.

Composite managing director, Roy Nield-Dumper, said the completion of the car park marked a significant milestone: "The project has posed many challenges, not least of which were the delays and uncertainty early on in the construction period. We are very pleased to have been able to maintain our involvement and deliver a successful outcome, including significant modifications to meet occupiers' needs."

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Composite is a design and build contractor, specialising in the construction of precast concrete frames and modular buildings. Operating across mainland UK, it provides building solutions for customers in the commercial, retail, transport, education, health, car parking and custodial sectors.

Founded in 1983, the company offers a comprehensive service from initial advice and feasibility and in-house design capability, to project management and offsite construction expertise.

Recent projects include teaching blocks for Tipton Academy in the West Midlands and multi-storey car parks for hospitals in York, Bournemouth, Bridgend and Swansea and for the St Catherine's Walk retail and leisure development in Camarthen and the new Trinity Walk shopping centre in Wakefield.

Composite works in partnership on custodial projects with its sister company, Precast Cellular Structures Ltd. Recent projects include houseblocks at HMP Nottingham, Swaleside and Long Lartin.