

Interior Landscape (maintenance only)

Urban Planters

thecentre:mk

BALI

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PRINCIPAL

AWARD WINNER

National
Landscape
Awards**Clients** Hermes, CBRE,
Europa Services**Maintenance contractor** Rory
Waterer, Urban Planters**Suppliers** Fargo, Koberg

Maintenance of 43 in-situ planters in the two main malls of the shopping centre. A lot of the work is at height and has to be done out of hours. Some of the original planting scheme from more than 30 years ago survives and is thriving, including *Washingtonia* palms, a baobab tree, a banyan and a date palm that are all 12-15m high. With very high numbers of shoppers in the centre each day, keeping the planting clean is a challenge and various methods have been developed. At the start of the contract, very high levels of pests were encountered that have been almost eradicated using a variety of cultural methods, good pruning, cleaning and foliar feeding — using very little pesticide. A programme of integrated pest management including biological control measures was put in place with excellent results giving good pest control in a sensitive environment.

**Judges' comments**

This is an unbelievably impressive installation. The planting scheme was taken over in a terrible state by the current contractor. Through careful pruning, most of the diseased foliage has been removed and the scheme has been brought back to a level of health and vibrancy that is a delight to see. Shoppers linger for longer, benefitting retailers. The clients are thrilled by the exceptional quality of the contractor's work.