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## EAST KILBRIDE ONLY SCOTTISH CENTRE TO BAG A PLACE IN THE UK SHOPPING TOP 10

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East Kilbride Shopping Centre (EK) is Scotland's most appealing destination for shoppers, retailers and investors according to the independent 'Go Shopping' report, published by Trevor Wood Associates and Savills.

The only Scottish entry in the top 10, the 1.2million sq ft covered shopping and leisure centre is the biggest of its kind in Scotland and has grown steadily in size since it first opened in 1972.

Drawing more than 300,000 visitors a week, the centre has shot up the rankings from 124th place in the same survey in 2004. EK was also recently placed eighth in the independent Javelin Report survey of stand alone shopping centres across the UK.

Owned by the Scottish Retail Property Partnership, a joint venture between Land Securities and British Land, the centre is home to more than 240 stores.

Nick Peel, Land Securities' retail operations director in Scotland, said: "This is fantastic news and reinforces EK's position as the premiere shopping mall in Scotland and one of the leading centres in the UK. With two independent reports placing East Kilbride in the UK's top 10 list of malls, shoppers can be assured that they are in for a fantastic retail experience when they visit EK."

The 'Go Shopping' report - which was carried out by research agency Trevor Wood Associates in conjunction with property company Savills - reviewed 850 shopping centres, shopping and leisure centres, shopping parks and factory outlets across the UK.

