

## BUSINESS IMPACT



## Sustainable cities and communities

Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable through:

### SDG 11.1: Providing access for all to safe and affordable housing

Investec Australia's infrastructure finance and investment team funded an affordable housing development in Adelaide which allowed key workers (for example nurses, police, council workers) a discounted rental rate for up to three years while they saved for a deposit to purchase their home. The team in Australia continues to look for further opportunities to deliver new mixed communities where social housing blends in with private and affordable housing.

For more information visit <https://youtu.be>

In early 2020 Investec Australia Limited was appointed preferred bidder, alongside its partners UniLodge Australia and TLC Modular to build and operate student accommodation. The Consortium will develop circa 350 new beds providing important affordable accommodation to students.

Investec contributed to the economic empowerment in South Africa through the distribution of 3 600 title deeds to homeowners in 15 townships around the Gauteng province. This enabled the severely vulnerable population debt-free home ownership. The title deeds of the properties were returned to the registered owners and the substantial underlying debt was waived. This opportunity arose from a legacy transaction. These families will all now have an asset that they can use in other life-changing transactions like starting a business or to better educate their children. For more information visit [www.investec.com/en\\_za/focus/beyond-wealth/sa-has-3600-debt-free-home-owners.html](http://www.investec.com/en_za/focus/beyond-wealth/sa-has-3600-debt-free-home-owners.html)

Through a joint venture, Investec Property launched a third **FutureSpace** office initiative to meet the ever-growing demand for premium shared workspaces. This workspace caters to a diverse base of start-ups, entrepreneurs, independent consultants and even large businesses that want to be close to innovators and networking opportunities.

For more information visit [www.futurespaceoffice.co.za/](http://www.futurespaceoffice.co.za/)

#### Benefits to society

Meaningful sustainable development requires a significant transformation in the way we deal with rapid urbanisation. A more resilient and sustainable approach is required when building cities to reduce vulnerability to various factors, such as natural disasters, overcrowding and air pollution. This requires investment in safe and affordable housing, efficient public transport, green public spaces, and improving urban planning to be more inclusive.

### SDG 11.2: Providing access to safe, affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all

1 500 rapid chargers to reduce London pollution

Recognising the need for enabling cleaner transport and cleaner cities, Investec has invested in a London-based company specialising in electric vehicle (EV) rapid charging. **Engenie** works in partnership with landowners to deliver fully funded and maintained rapid charging units, powered exclusively by 100% renewable energy. Through our investment, 1 500 rapid chargers are being installed across London and will significantly improve the pollution problem in the city.

For more information visit [www.engenie.co.uk/](http://www.engenie.co.uk/)

Launched FutureSpace

#### Benefits to business

Through our lending and investment activities, we are able to play a meaningful role in building sustainable cities and communities. Our property business focuses on developments that bring value to surrounding communities and invest in sustainable and resilient buildings. We also finance innovative technologies that can contribute to more sustainable transport systems and safer, more robust infrastructure solutions.

### SDG 11.C: Supporting sustainable and resilient buildings

Solar PV plants rolled out on six property rooftops

Investec Property Fund (IPF), managed by Investec Property and 24.3% owned by Investec Limited, actively explores sustainable business development, tracking and benchmarking consumption across the portfolio to identify energy efficiency opportunities and monitor improvements. In the last financial year, IPF implemented **Photovoltaic (PV) projects** on six of their building's rooftops: Balfour Mall, Newcastle Mall, Zevenwacht Mall, Kriel Mall, Dihlabeng Mall and 30 Jellicoe, totalling 5.4 MW. This has reduced both the cost of electricity and the demand from the grid. IPF is exploring the continued roll-out of solar PV plants across its retail, office and industrial property portfolios.

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