

## **Checkers expands solar capacity with rooftop PV installation at Oudtshoorn**

A new rooftop solar PV (photovoltaic) installation at Checkers Oudtshoorn will generate 776 647 kWh, increasing the retailer's use of renewable energy.

This forms part of Checkers' ongoing [commitment to sustainability](#) by making better choices for the planet and changing its business for good, including:

- Recycling tons of cardboard and plastic,
- Using recycled content in packaging,
- Reducing food and packaging waste,
- Sourcing products with sustainably sourced ingredients, and
- Increasingly using renewable electricity.

"At Checkers we acknowledge that climate change will, directly and indirectly, impact our business and the communities we are a part of. Solar PV plays a significant role in our strategy to mitigate climate change and Checkers is continuously increasing its use of renewable energy and improving energy efficiency costs to reduce its indirect greenhouse gas emissions. Installations like these also strengthen the resilience and adaptive capacity of our operations and supply chain," says Sanjeev Raghbir, Sustainability Manager at the Shoprite Group.

Last year the Group, which includes Checkers, increased the installed capacity of its solar PV system by 350% as it aims to power 25% of operations with renewable energy by 2027.

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