

Training course on Retail Real Estate: Trends and Transformation

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Real Estate Institute	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to

1. **Analyze core principles and strategic responsibilities of navigating trends and transformation in retail real estate.**
2. **Master sophisticated techniques for understanding the impact of e-commerce and digital trends on physical retail.**
3. **Develop nuanced strategies for identifying emerging consumer behaviors and their implications for retail spaces.**
4. **Implement effective repositioning and redevelopment strategies for underperforming retail assets**
5. **Manage complex tenant mix curation and experiential retail concept development**
6. **Apply robust strategies for integrating technology (e.g., AI, IoT) into retail environments to enhance shopper experience.**
7. **Understand the deep integration of omnichannel strategies in modern retail real estate.**
8. **Leverage knowledge of sustainable practices (ESG) in retail property development and management.**
9. **Optimize strategies for flexible leasing models and pop-up retail concepts**

10. **Formulate specialized urban planning approaches** for mixed-use developments with strong retail components.
11. **Conduct advanced market analysis and forecasting** for evolving retail real estate demand.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as market oversupply, changing consumer preferences, and economic downturns.¹
13. **Develop a holistic, forward-thinking, and strategically adaptive approach** to investing in and managing retail real estate amidst transformation.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals impacted by Retail Real Estate trends and transformation:

1. **Retail Real Estate Developers:** Seeking to understand and respond to new market demands.
2. **Shopping Center Owners and Operators:** Looking to revitalize and reposition their assets.
3. **Retailers (Chains and Independents):** Interested in understanding physical store strategies in an omnichannel world.
4. **Real Estate Investors and Fund Managers:** Evaluating opportunities and risks in the evolving retail sector.
5. **Property Managers:** Managing diverse retail portfolios and adapting to new operational models.
6. **Urban Planners and City Officials:** Involved in retail district development and revitalization.
7. **Financial Institutions:** Lending to or investing in retail real estate projects.
8. **Real Estate Consultants and Market Researchers:** Advising clients on retail property strategies.

Course Duration: 5 Days

Course Modules

- **Module 1: The Evolving Retail Landscape & Consumer Behavior**
 - Understanding the **forces transforming retail**: e-commerce, technology, demographics, sustainability.
 - **Shifting consumer behaviors**: desire for experiences, convenience, ethical consumption, online-to-offline.
 - The **impact of e-commerce on physical retail**: "retail apocalypse" vs. "retail renaissance".
 - **Key retail formats**: regional malls, community centers, high streets, outlet malls, specialized retail.
 - **Case Study**: Analyzing the transformation of a traditional enclosed mall into a mixed-use lifestyle center.
- **Module 2: Omnichannel Retail & Experiential Design**
 - **Omnichannel strategy**: seamless integration of online and offline channels.²
 - **Click-and-collect, BOPIS (Buy Online, Pick Up In Store), showrooming, webrooming**
 - Designing for **experiential retail**: entertainment, food & beverage, services, community hubs.
 - The role of **pop-up shops and temporary activations** in retail strategy.
 - **Case Study**: Examining a retail development that successfully prioritizes experiential offerings to drive foot traffic.
- **Module 3: Repositioning & Redevelopment Strategies**
 - Identifying **underperforming retail assets** and their causes.
 - Strategies for **redevelopment**: adaptive reuse, demolition, mixed-use integration.
 - **Tenant remixing and remerchandising** for relevance.
 - Attracting **non-traditional tenants**: healthcare, education, entertainment, co-working.

- **Case Study:** Reviewing the successful repositioning of a struggling big-box retail space into a new community anchor.
- **Module 4: Technology Integration in Retail Real Estate**
 - **Smart retail spaces:** IoT sensors for foot traffic, energy management, personalized marketing.³
 - **Data analytics:** leveraging consumer data for site selection, tenant mix, and promotions.
 - **AI and AR/VR applications** in retail: virtual try-ons, personalized recommendations.⁴
 - **Digital signage and interactive displays** for enhanced shopper engagement.⁵
 - **Case Study:** Exploring a retail property that has implemented cutting-edge technology to enhance tenant and shopper experiences.
- **Module 5: Flexible Leasing & Innovative Business Models**
 - The shift towards **flexible lease terms:** shorter durations, percentage rents, pop-up agreements.
 - **Co-retailing and shared spaces:** concepts for startups and emerging brands.
 - **Direct-to-Consumer (DTC) brands** opening physical footprints.⁶
 - **Subscription box services** creating physical touchpoints.
 - **Case Study:** Analyzing a retail property that successfully utilizes flexible leasing to attract a diverse and dynamic tenant base.
- **Module 6: Urban Retail & Mixed-Use Development**
 - The **resurgence of urban high streets** and downtown retail.
 - Integrating **retail into mixed-use projects:** residential, office, hospitality, and civic spaces.⁷
 - **Placemaking and community building** through retail design.
 - **Last-mile logistics and urban fulfillment centers** within retail properties.
 - **Case Study:** Examining a successful mixed-use development that seamlessly blends retail with other property types, creating a vibrant urban hub.
- **Module 7: Sustainability (ESG) & Social Impact in Retail**
 - **Green building practices** for retail properties: energy efficiency, water conservation, sustainable materials.
 - **Waste management and recycling programs** in shopping centers.
 - The role of **social impact:** supporting local businesses, community engagement, ethical sourcing.⁸
 - **ESG reporting and investor expectations** for retail real estate portfolios.
 - **Case Study:** Discussing a retail development that has achieved significant sustainability certifications and community benefits.
- **Module 8: Investment Strategies & Future Outlook**
 - **Valuation challenges** in a transforming retail market.
 - **Capital allocation strategies:** divesting distressed assets, investing in experiential or necessity retail.
 - **Risk mitigation** in volatile retail markets.
 - **Emerging opportunities:** convenience retail, medical retail, entertainment-anchored centers.
 - **Case Study:** Formulating an investment strategy for a real estate fund looking to optimize its retail portfolio for future trends.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.

- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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