Market Stall: Psar Olympic

*Geared more towards locals than tourists, Psar Olympic is a practical market for household goods and all things fabric. Words by **Liz Ledden**.*

SET OVER THREE FLOORS in a large concrete building, Olympic Market has a spacious and orderly feel. Entering from the car park, there's a selection of CDs and DVDs for sale in the first building – not as comprehensive a range as the Russian Market, but handy if you want to pick up a blockbuster.

Crossing a small alley, you then enter the main building of the market. Hawkers sit at the entrance selling Khmer snacks from fried spiders to coconut-based desserts. The ground floor is home to kitchen appliances and other household goods such as towels, irons, hairdryers and water filters. There's an aisle of cigarette stalls, and a section devoted to Buddhist objects from incense and candles to kitsch statues and flashing Buddha pictures. Some stalls sell fake money and cardboard Lexus' for offerings – the dream car of choice for many Khmers. Shoes are also in abundance on this level.

The second floor is packed with clothing stalls, more shoes, lots of toiletries and cosmetics (with recognisable brand names) and hair accessories. There's also a corner of fabric stalls with an excellent range of cottons for business shirts, pants and women's skirts and dresses. Other stalls sell batik sarongs.

Many stalls on the top floor are either closed or unoccupied. Some though are decked out more like a shop than a market stall, with proper fittings and shelving, and with the clothes laid out in an orderly fashion.

Psar Olympic, Cnr. Streets 199 & 286, south of Olympic Stadium.