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Hunt Building Corporation Officially Announces Major Retail Store Signings at ABQ Uptown

Pottery Barn, Coldwater Creek, J. Jill, and The Sharper Image are among retailers making their debut in New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico – Hunt Building Corporation has officially announced the first 21 upscale retail stores signed to its new ABQ Uptown development.

The official signings are Pottery Barn, Talbots, Williams-Sonoma, Jared The Galleria of Jewelry, Coldwater Creek, Jos. A. Bank, Elephant Bar Restaurant, Bravo! Cucina Italiana, BCBG Max Azaria, White House / Black Market, soma by Chico's, LOOP, Chico's, Marcello's Chophouse, World of Knives, Cingular Wireless, J. Jill, Eddie Bauer, Borders, La Bella Spa & Salon, and The Sharper Image. Several of these retail stores are making their debut in New Mexico.

"We're very excited about this group of stores at ABQ Uptown," said Josh Hunt, project developer, Hunt Building Corporation. "They are the perfect introduction and anchor for the whole development. The project is going to be a terrific addition to Albuquerque's economy and truly make an impact as a new neighborhood destination."

In addition to the confirmed stores, Hunt is currently in negotiations with several other national retail stores that will be making their New Mexico debut at ABQ Uptown. Additionally, ABQ Uptown is looking for New Mexico retail stores to join the Uptown family. There are still a few retail spaces available for lease. Companies interested in leasing information about ABQ Uptown can call John Sedberry with Sedberry & Associates at (505) 855-7650.

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Located in the heart of the city's retail district on the corner of Louisiana and Indian School, the development, billed as "A Unique Urban Community", is destined to become Albuquerque's newest live-work-play hub, complete with retail space, residential units, restaurants, entertainment venues, and a hotel. The completion of retail space will be the first phase of this mixed-use community, and the high-end stores will help to identify the new space as a lifestyle center, not just a shopping mall.

The next phase of the project will commence in fall 2006 and will consist of 190 urban loft apartments. Phase three of the project will feature a hotel, for sale condominium units, and additional retail spaces. A central main street will link up the residential, retail, and hotel space that will be completed in phase three of the project, creating a unique community and lifestyle destination.

About Hunt

Founded in 1947, Hunt Building Corporation and its affiliated companies provide a full range of development, design, construction, investment, and asset/property management services. The companies have been headquartered in El Paso and operated by the Hunt family for four generations. Other Hunt affiliated companies are HBC Land Limited Partnership; HBC Property Managers Limited Partnership; Hunt Building Company, Ltd; Hunt ELP, Ltd; Hunt Communities, LLC and Hunt NR, Ltd.

Hunt has been a fixture in New Mexico for over 35 years. The firm has an office in Albuquerque and has completed over 30 major projects since it began working in New Mexico in 1970. New Mexico projects include the new \$164 million military housing privatization project at Kirtland Air Force Base and the 400,000 square foot retail development Plaza at Cottonwood project in northwest Albuquerque.

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