

Rochester Big & Tall Opens New Store in Westport, CT

Premier Retailer Offers Connecticut Residents a Range of Fashionable, Luxury Apparel for Big & Tall Men

CANTON, Mass., May 30 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Specialty-sized apparel is the fastest growing segment of retailing today and Casual Male Retail Group (Nasdaq: CMRG) is leading the way with a new Rochester Big & Tall ("Rochester") store in Westport, CT, scheduled to open on June 1, 2008. This new Rochester store is the first store in the Connecticut area and is located on 1505 Post Road East. The opening of the Connecticut store brings the number of Rochester stores in the United States and London up to 27, providing customers with more convenient locations to shop for high-end big and tall clothing.

"The expansion of Rochester into Connecticut serves as an example of the increasing demand for high-end apparel for the big and tall guy," says David A. Levin, President and CEO of CMRG. "This really is a significant move for CMRG, as this is the first Rochester store in this market and will allow us to serve our customers with the most comprehensive, fashionable options for today's big and tall man."

According to the National Retail Federation, retailers have recently experienced the largest month-to-month retail sales increases since November 2007. Moreover, the U.S. Census Bureau recently reported the per capita income for the state of Connecticut in 2007 was \$54,117, ranking first among the states. While the town of Westport has a per capita family income of \$73,664, and as a result the community's demand for luxury goods is at an all-time high, providing an ideal home for the Rochester chain.

There is a growing demand for luxury goods across a variety of sectors, especially apparel, according to Levin. "At Rochester, we understand the meaning of true luxury and are looking forward to continuing the growth of our business both locally and internationally."

Rochester has been targeting the big and tall men's market for more than a century and offers a broad range of internationally recognized designer brands plus their own exclusive lines. Today, men can visit the new Rochester Big & Tall store, specializing in sizes LT to 4LT and 1X to 5X, where they will find suits, sport coats, sportswear, activewear, furnishings and shoes from the finest designers including Polo Ralph Lauren®, Jack Victor®, Zanella®, Robert Talbott®, Tommy Bahama® and Cole Haan®.

Casual Male Retail Group, Inc., the largest retailer of big and tall men's apparel with retail operations throughout the United States, Canada and London, England, operates 470 Casual Male XL stores, the Casual Male e-commerce site, Casual Male catalog business and twenty-seven Rochester Big & Tall stores, including a direct-to-consumer business at RochesterClothing.com. The Company is headquartered in Canton, Massachusetts and its common stock is listed on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "CMRG."

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