

**7 W NEW YORK® Shows Its Appreciation For International Buyers
During New York Gift & Home Textiles Market Week®
January 23 & 24, 2009**

NEW YORK, NY – (December 17, 2008) – New York City is the world’s buying hub, attracting thousands of local retailers and an ever-increasing roster of international buyers seeking the latest offerings in giftware, tabletop, decorative accessories and home textiles products. Following the success of last summer’s event during the New York Gift and Home Textiles Market Weeks, 7 W New York is pleased to announce the return of its International Buyer Appreciation Day this winter. Co-sponsored by the 7 W Exhibitors Association, the building will fete its international buyers on two days – Friday, January 23rd and Saturday, January 24th – providing them with showroom specials, giveaways, raffles and pre-show tours.

“We value all of our customers; however, we created this special day to recognize the importance of a thriving relationship with the global trade community,” states 7 W Vice President and General Manager Chris Collins. “Since the launch of International Day last summer, we have nearly doubled our pool of International attendees. Combined with a series of new initiatives that enhance the shopping experience, we are confident that our efforts will result in continued success in building a larger base of international buyers.

7 W is extending International Appreciation Day to cover a two-day period, allowing a greater number of international buyers to enjoy the scheduled events and special amenities. Those who are planning to make 7 W a shopping destination this winter will find a host of incentives including: in-suite events and receptions; an attractive goodie bag; and as always, a welcoming lounge area with complimentary refreshments and concierge services. In addition, the building’s recent launch of an E-Catalog Gallery, as well as the online tool – Plan 7 W – will be especially helpful for international buyers to plan and prepare their visit.

Buyers who want more information on 7 W and its full schedule of events for the 2009 January Gift and Home Textiles Market Week should log on to <http://www.7wnewyork.com>.

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