

## **7 W NEW YORK® LAUNCHES THE JOHN ASPLEY COLLECTION**

First in Series of Curated Galleries

(New York, NY- **June 8, 2009**) 7 W New York is pleased to announce the launch of The John Aspley Collection on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor (Suite 817). It will officially open in June and be on view during the upcoming New York Gift & Home Textiles Week® 2009 (August 14-20, 2009). This refined collection of antiques, collectibles and handcrafted objects will be the first in a series of curated gallery exhibits that will enhance the building's already strong reputation for all things art and design. The initiative is sure to be a lively attraction and a source of inspiration for retailers, designers, decorators, and buyers alike.

According to Chris Collins, vice president and general manager, 7 W New York, "We are very excited to be hosting the John Aspley Collection here at 7 W. It is such an incredibly unique collection of designer pieces. There is truly nothing like it in the NY market and it will be a treat for anyone who comes and experiences this gallery presentation."

John Aspley is the owner and internationally renowned curator behind the U.K.- based Antiques & Interiors, recent recipient of the prestigious "Best of High Point" Award. He also feels confident that 7 W is a good fit for his collection, "I came to this building because I felt that I needed to be in New York to reach the active design community. The 7 W building is extremely vibrant and I believe that there are great things happening here."

While his antiques are refurbished in England, the great search for precious objects has taken Aspley to countries such as France, Indonesia, Egypt, Germany, Denmark, and Poland. The wide variety of rare and distinctive pieces that Aspley has amassed from his extensive travels might never have come together had his love for antiques and knack for business not been cultivated early on. His great grandmother used to give him antique porcelain objects as a child, leaving him with a great starter collection. A customer at a grocery store where he worked when he was young, helped him jump-start his own business, which would eventually evolve into the successful Antiques & Interiors.

To celebrate the launch of Aspley's collection, 7 W will host a cocktail reception during the New York Gift and Home Textiles Market Week on Monday August 17, from 4- 5 pm.

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