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CASUAL INDUSTRY EXPANDS AGAIN AT THE CHICAGO MERCHANDISE MART

New tenants and expanded showrooms are brought to the building in 2010

CHICAGO (April 26, 2010) – The Chicago Merchandise Mart is proud to announce more exciting leasing activity on its Casual showroom floors. Four premier Casual companies - Actiwin, Homecrest, Leisure Design and NorthCape International - have joined the Chicago Merchandise Mart tenant roster. Additionally, three current tenants have renewed their continued commitment to The Merchandise Mart and expanded their showroom spaces. Expansions include Patio Renaissance by Sunlord Leisure Products, Suncoast Aluminum Furniture and Treasure Garden.

Despite the current economic situation, The Chicago Merchandise Mart continues to add and expand its roster of outdoor living resources. The consumer demand for functional and stylish outdoor rooms is a key trend that is driving the growth of the casual furnishings and accessories industry. As the demand grows, the Chicago Merchandise Mart will be the resource that consumers and trade professionals turn to in order to find all the materials they need to create the ultimate outdoor living space.

“The Chicago Merchandise Mart is continually working to expand the industry to offer consumers and trade professionals the most complete collection of casual and outdoor living resources,” said Whitney Gillespie, vice president of Casual Sales and Leasing, MMPI. “We are very excited about the recent leasing activity and it is a great sign when businesses are investing in their businesses, even in tough economic times.”

New showrooms include:

- **Actiwin, Suite 17-105**, Actiwin is a premier outdoor furnishings manufacturer located in Toronto (Mississauga), Ontario. They offer products ranging from firepits, umbrellas, bars, cushions and seating. www.actiwin.com.
- **Homecrest, Suite 1744**, Homecrest offers a comprehensive line of affordable luxury outdoor furniture in 30 collections. Pieces include tables, chairs, chaises, loveseats, sofas, ottomans, bar and balcony stools/chairs stools featuring durable aluminum, steel, and cast frame construction. www.homecrest.com.
- **Leisure Design, Suite 1755**, Over the last 10 years, the company has become a leader in the outdoor furniture category and offers a wide-range of products and designs. www.leisuregardencanada.com.
- **NorthCape International, Suite 16-112**, NorthCape International has been providing customers with high-quality, high-value furniture and accessories for over 10 years.

The company offers a wide range of indoor/outdoor products including round and flat resin, extruded and cast aluminum, sling, upholstered and resin loom furniture and accessories. www.northcape-intl.com.

Newly expanded showrooms include:

- **Patio Renaissance by Sunlord Leisure Products, Suite 16-108**, Patio Renaissance has relocated and expanded its space on the 16th Floor. Patio Renaissance product offerings include weather wicker furniture, cast aluminum furniture, tubular aluminum furniture and stainless steel furniture for both residential and commercial applications. www.patiorenaissance.com.
- **Suncoast Aluminum Furniture, Suite 1752**, Suncoast Aluminum Furniture has relocated and expanded its showroom. Suncoast Furniture is a leader in quality, affordable outdoor furniture known for manufacturing, distributing and marketing excellence by maintaining a vital commitment to customer satisfaction. www.suncoastfurniture.com.
- **Treasure Garden, Suite 1655**, Treasure Garden has recently expanded its current space on the 16th Floor. Since 1984, Treasure Garden has manufactured the widest selection of shade products in the world. They offer more than 25,000 variations of shade solutions and accessories. www.treasuregarden.com.

All of the new showrooms and expansions will be complete in time for the July ICFA Preview Show and September International Casual Furniture & Accessories Market™. For more information on the Chicago Merchandise Mart and its showrooms, please visit <http://www.mmart.com/>.

SHOW INFORMATION

The International Casual Furniture & Accessories Market™
The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL
Tuesday, September 21– Friday, September 24, 2010

Permanent Showrooms: Floors 15, 16, 17

Tuesday-Thursday, September 21-23, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday, September 24, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Temporary Exhibitors

Tuesday – Thursday, September 21-23, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday, September 24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, please visit www.casualmarket.com.

The International Casual Furniture & Accessories Market is a four-day trade show that provides retailers with an outlet to find all things related to outdoor and casual living. Featuring the latest products and trends in the industry, the Casual Market averages approximately 350 temporary exhibitors and permanent showrooms totaling approximately 350,000 square feet of overall exhibit in The Merchandise Mart.

MMPI is a trade show and property management firm, specializing in managing buildings devoted to wholesale showrooms and commercial office space. MMPI produces more than 300 trade shows, market events and conferences each year.

MMPI manages The Merchandise Mart and 350 West Mart Center in Chicago; Market Square, the Suites at Market Square, Hamilton Market, Plaza Suites, Furniture Plaza and the National Furniture Mart in High Point, N.C.; the Architects

& Designers Building and 7 W New York in New York; the Boston Design Center in Boston; the L.A. Mart in Los Angeles; and the Washington Design Center in Washington D.C.

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