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**KATHY IRELAND BY OMNIA AND LEGENDS FURNITURE OPEN NEW SHOWROOMS IN FURNITURE PLAZA FOR OCTOBER HIGH POINT MARKET**

**HIGH POINT, NC (Sept. 2, 2009)** –MMPI is proud to announce two new showrooms opening in Furniture Plaza. Kathy Ireland Home by Omnia and Legends Furniture will be opening showrooms just in time for the October Market (October 17-22, 2009), offering buyers even more resources and products to choose from.

“We are very excited to welcome Kathy Ireland Home by Omnia and Legends Furniture to Furniture Plaza, we believe that they will be wonderful additions to our roster,” Tim McGee, senior vice president and general manager, MMPI High Point (owners and managers of Furniture Plaza) “They already have a great following, and we look forward to their continued success at High Point.”

**Kathy Ireland Home by Omnia Plaza, 614**

Kathy Ireland Home by Omnia is one of the industry’s leading producers of fine leather furnishings, offering over 100 styles in over 150 different leather products. The new showroom will showcase over 8,400 sq. ft. of Kathy Ireland Home by Omnia Furniture. The showroom will have a full presentation of products available for review. From the 100% Top Grain Leather seating to its new custom fabric offering from Kathy Ireland Home by American Elegance, all proudly manufactured in the U.S.A. Omnia’s new showroom is conveniently located on the atrium of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of Furniture Plaza.

“Kathy Ireland Home by Omnia Furniture is very pleased to return to the High Point Market and we are excited to have our products presented in Furniture Plaza,” Michael Hansen, vice president of brand development. “With the open layout of floors and showrooms we believe that our guests will find it simple, inviting and comfortable to locate us and shop this complex.”

Omnia Leather last showed at the High Point Market in October 2008 in a showroom in the IHFC.

**Legends Furniture, Furniture Plaza, 215**

Legends Furniture manufactures a full line of home entertainment, home office and fine bedroom furniture, all of which are made in the U.S.A. Legends Furniture also imports select collections from several sources in Southern China that provide a great range of styles and price points. The new showroom will feature an open floor plan and showcase over 40 new SKUs during the October High Point market.

“We’re very excited about our new showroom and to be a part of the MMPI extended family,” said Tim Donk, director of marketing, Legends Furniture. “Furniture Plaza’s centralized location gives us fantastic market visibility and it’s extremely convenient for our existing and potential dealers”.

Legends Furniture is relocating from its previous showroom location in Center Point

**Omnia Leather:** Omnia was established in 1989 as Omnia Italian Design, Inc. and quickly established its respected reputation of furniture of European styling and craftsmanship in Italian leather, achieving wide

popularity among leather buyers. The new association will feature leather and micro fiber furnishings designed by Kathy in Omnia's Chino, California facility where the designs will be cut, sewn and upholstered over hardwood frames, with the products then distributed as Kathy Ireland Home by Omnia Leather. Some products will be presented as Kathy Ireland Office. For more information, please visit [www.omnialeather.com](http://www.omnialeather.com)

**Legends Furniture:** From our humble beginnings (1990) in about 800 square feet to our shiny new state-of-the-art facility on 26+ acres, our focus on quality and customer service has never wavered. We credit our incredible growth to our "customer first" philosophy and just building a product that's a good solid value anyway you look at it. We manufacture a full line of Home Entertainment, Home Office and Bedroom furniture right here in the good ol'e U. S. of A. We also import select collections from several sources in Southern China to provide you with a great range of styles and price points. Our blended strategy gives you the best of both worlds from one world class vendor. For more information, please visit <http://www.buylegends.com/home.php>

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