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TOPSHOP TOPMAN To Launch At Nordstrom

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NEW YORK, July 12, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- A partnership was announced today to launch TOPSHOP and TOPMAN commencing with 14 Nordstrom stores across the country and on nordstrom.com from the week of September 10th 2012.

Nordstrom will become the only large U.S. retailer to sell a broad assortment of the British fashion brands' merchandise in-store and online. TOPSHOP and TOPMAN have flagship stores in New York, Chicago, Las Vegas and Los Angeles (opening Spring 2013), and their own U.S. designated websites TOPSHOP.COM and TOPMAN.COM.

The TOPSHOP and TOPMAN departments at Nordstrom will have mannequins, visual merchandising and store fixturing supplied from the UK, and high profile locations within the men's and women's apparel areas. They will feature a full selection of the hottest looks from TOPSHOP and TOPMAN, including limited-edition pieces created especially for Nordstrom. An expanded merchandise selection will also be available on nordstrom.com.

Sir Philip Green said "I believe TOPSHOP and TOPMAN offer the Nordstrom customer something very different and unique with our signature British fashion authority. With new pieces being delivered from our design team on pretty much a weekly basis – the ability to buy fresh, must-have looks every time a customer visits is key to our brands' point of difference. I admire what Pete and his team do at Nordstrom and I look forward to working with them to create an exciting and dynamic retail partnership."

"TOPSHOP and TOPMAN are internationally renowned leaders in fashion and we are thrilled to start a relationship with them that we hope will grow and prosper over the years," said Pete Nordstrom, president of merchandising for Nordstrom, Inc. "We think our customers are going to love their take on trend-led fashion at great prices."

Nordstrom full-line store locations that will feature the TOPSHOP and TOPMAN include:

Ala Moana (Honolulu, HI)Oakbrook Center (Oakbrook, IL)Barton Creek Square (Austin, TX)Phipps Plaza (Atlanta, GA)Burlington (Burlington, MA)The Plaza at King of Prussia (King of Prussia, PA)Chandler Fashion Center (Chandler, AZ)San Francisco Centre (San Francisco, CA)*Dadeland Mall (Miami, FL)South Coast Plaza (Costa Mesa, CA)*Garden State Plaza (Paramus, NJ)Southcenter (Tukwila, WA)Irvine Spectrum Center (Irvine, CA)Valley Fair (San Jose, CA)

* Store will have TOPSHOP only.

ABOUT TOPSHOP: Since it launched in 1964, TOPSHOP has become a major British style authority and one of fashion's biggest success stories. In 1994, a TOPSHOP flagship store was born, as the brand took over a 90,000 sq ft space at London Oxford Circus in the heart of the West End. It remains there today, and is considered the world's largest fashion store on the high street, attracting over 200,000 shoppers each week. In the USA there are flagship stores in New York, Chicago and Las Vegas, with Los Angeles opening in Spring 2013.

TOPSHOP is the only high street brand to show on schedule at London Fashion Week (LFW), and has recently celebrated ten years of sponsoring New Gen – supporting young British designers and giving them a platform to show within LFW and promote their collections to the international press. It was announced at LFW in February of this year that TOPSHOP will extend its sponsorship of this scheme for a further ten years.

TOPSHOP is well known for its nurturing of young talent, including Christopher Kane, Meadham Kirchhoff, Hussein Chalayan, Richard Nicoll and Mary Kantrantzou. In addition, the Boutique collection offers reworked future classics in luxurious fabrics with a focus on style rather than seasonal trends. All this sits alongside TOPSHOP's trend-driven mainline, which includes glamorous going out pieces, footwear, accessories and an extensive selection of denim and jewellery.

The TOPSHOP Make-up collections tap into a wealth of existing knowledge of the hottest trends, enabling the team to develop a directional and fashion led way of approaching colour in cosmetics.

TOPSHOP has 319 stores in the UK, with a further 137 international franchises operating in 37 countries. The US sites are fully owned flagships, rather than franchise partner operations.

ABOUT TOPMAN: TOPMAN has earned its sartorial stripes with an unswerving, energetic approach to producing truly exciting high-street men's fashion. Driving trends forward while shifting the way men approach shopping, the brand's attitude to creating brilliant, affordable and authoritative menswear is second to none. Born in 1978, with 230 stores in Britain; almost every high street in the country boasts its very own slice of TOPMAN. London's mega Oxford Circus flagship attracts 75,000 customers every week. The brand's transactional website TOPMAN.COM sees over 555,000 visits per week and currently ships to over 100 countries across the globe.

ABOUT ARCADIA GROUP: Owned by Sir Philip Green and his family and with eight of the United Kingdom's best-known fashion and high street brands, each with its own distinctive identity and market segment, Arcadia Group is the UK's largest privately owned clothing retailer with more than 2,500 outlets, and an international business that trades in 37 countries and delivers on line to more than 110 countries worldwide. Recent key international openings were Australia, Canada, and Brazil.

In January 2011 Sir Philip was honoured with the International Retailer Award at the National Retail Federation's annual convention in New York.

ABOUT NORDSTROM: Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 231 stores in 31 states, including 117 full-line stores, 110 Nordstrom Racks, two Jeffrey boutiques, one treasure&bond store and one clearance store. Nordstrom also serves customers through <u>Nordstrom.com</u> and through its catalogs. Additionally, the Company operates in the online private sale marketplace through its subsidiary HauteLook. Nordstrom, Inc.'s common stock is publicly traded on the NYSE under the symbol JWN.

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