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### **Local Ownership Contributes to Unique Blend of Tuileries Plaza Merchants**

KANSAS CITY, MO - Tuileries Plaza is focused on leasing to a unique blend of destination retailers and restaurants. A diverse mix of locally owned tenants add flavor to the mix and are among those opening their doors at the property. In addition, Tuileries Plaza is locally owned and managed by Prairieview Development. Principals of the company, George and Pamela Gunter, are residents of Kansas City North, with George being a lifetime Northland resident. The Gunters have more than 25 years experience constructing and managing commercial real estate projects in the Kansas City market.

In designing and building this lifestyle center with its European flavor, the Gunters were looking to develop an upscale property with an interesting mix of exceptional restaurants and retailers. This mix includes local destination tenants, along with regional and national tenants with a first-time Kansas City location. The Gunters have long believed in the potential for growth and development in the Northland. According to George Gunter, "We're thrilled to work with local and national tenants to provide the products and services this growing area demands. As a local business owner, I have a personal stake in the success of this project and know that it takes a tremendous belief in an area for local business owners to make the kinds of commitments we're seeing at Tuileries Plaza."

Tuileries Plaza tenants with local ownership interests include:

**At the Beach** – locally owned and managed by Diana Haynes. While Diana has been a local business owner for several years, and this is her first At the Beach franchise location. There are five At the Beach locations in the Kansas City metro area.

**Audioport LTD.** of Overland Park specializes in high performance home theater systems and is owned by partners Rick Milam and Steve Klienzman. Tuileries Plaza is the second metro location for Audioport.

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**Bonefish Grill** – local managing partner and part owner Jason Gajan runs the daily operations of this nationally known polished casual fresh fish restaurant. This is the first of two Bonefish Grill locations in the Kansas City area.

**CommunityAmerica Credit Union** – the Lenexa-based credit union was founded in 1940 and is one of the largest credit unions in the country with 18 branches in Kansas City, Topeka, and St. Louis.

**ENIX By Design** offers custom furnishings and accents in a variety of metal fabrications and specializes in ornamental metal finishes. Local owner Amanda Mills is a graduate of William Jewell College and holds a degree in Art. She is continuing the family interest in custom metal workings – her parents are the owners of Metal Cut to Length in Olathe.

**First Community Bank** - the Lee's Summit-based financial institution is banking on multiple locations in the Northland, as well as new banks in Overland Park and De Soto, KS, to triple its assets over the next several years.

**IM=X Pilates** - the first Kansas City area location for this revolutionary fitness program combining the muscle toning and lengthening benefits of traditional Pilates with elements of machine based strength and cardio training. Local franchisee Debbie Bivens of Platte City will offer a variety of class options, plus semi-private and private training sessions.

**La~de~da Fine Furnishings** opened in May at Tuileries Plaza. This landmark Parkville retailer is owned by Don and Janet Bruncker of Parkville and specializes in home accents and décor, gift items and special design. The Tuileries Plaza store is the second location for La~de~da.

**Missouri Western State University** – with the main campus in St. Joseph, Missouri, the Tuileries Plaza location of Missouri Western State University will offer a full compliment of daytime and evening classes with the fall 2006 semester, including courses in Elementary Education and the new Legal Assistant certificate program.

**Posh** – a fashion boutique for women, Posh is locally owned by Kym Klein of Liberty. Kym is an experienced fashion retailer with more than five years of boutique ownership experience. Posh carries

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fashions and accessories from French Connection, Lynn Ritche and more for the fashion forward woman. The anticipated opening for POSH is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Quiznos Subs** is the second franchise location for Wes and Perry Bernard, offering customers outstanding taste and convenience everyday with their chef-inspired selection of distinctive toasted subs, craveable salads, and savory soups.

**Reece & Nichols** – Kansas City’s leading, one-stop source for residential real estate. Reece & Nichols was formed in 2002 with the merger of two of Kansas City’s oldest and most prestigious real estate companies – J.D. Reece Realtors and J.C. Nichols Residential Real Estate. Reece & Nichols is a regional power house with 30 offices and more than 2,000 professionals. The Tuileries Plaza office is managed by broker Mike Rush and will be home to 100 real estate professionals.

**Sports Clips** – Local franchisee and entrepreneur Brian Budzinski is opening his first Sports Clips location at Tuileries Plaza. The mission of the chain is to create a Championship Haircut Experience for men and boys in an exciting sports environment including TV’s at every hair cut station and sports memorabilia throughout. Sports related venues are among Budzinski’s business interests, including ownership and management of the KC Soccerdome in Kansas City, coaching soccer with the Futura Futbol Club, and a former affiliation with Sports Radio 810, WHB.

Tuileries Plaza is located at I-29 and Highway 45 in Kansas City’s burgeoning Northland. The center, with a European flair inspired by the Louvre Museum’s Tuileries Gardens, will host an exceptional mix of fashion retailers, one-of-a-kind specialty tenants, professional offices and appetizing restaurants. This unique venture is locally owned and managed by Prairieview Development, LLC and leased by CBRE. Contact information may be accessed through the property web site, [www.tuileriesplaza.com](http://www.tuileriesplaza.com).

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