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## **Biltmore Village Opens Two More New Stores**

Hill Partners' Celebration of the Grand Opening of Biltmore Village Continues

**Charlotte, NC (April 15, 2008)** – [Hill Partners, Inc.](http://www.hillpartners.com) is pleased to announce the grand opening of two additional retailers this week to Phase I of its mixed-use development, Biltmore Village, located within the Historic Biltmore Village District. The opening of these retailers continues the celebration and brings new retail options to the Asheville-area.

On April 16, 2008, Chico's, a specialty retailer that offers seasonal pieces, complimentary accessories and novelty jackets, will open one of its largest locations in the country with a 7,071 square foot space and will be backfilling its existing 2,348 square foot location within the Historic Biltmore Village District with a White House/Black Market. On April 17, 2008 Williams-Sonoma, a specialty retailer of high-quality products for cooking and entertaining in the home, plans to open its first Asheville-area location on April 17. The store will occupy 6,300 square feet of space.

Coldwater Creek and Talbots opened on April 10, 2008 marking the beginning of business traffic at the Biltmore Village development. Specializing in colorful, casual women's apparel and jewelry, accessories and gifts Coldwater Creek's first Asheville-area location occupies 7,045 square feet of space. Talbots, a leading national specialty retailer of women's, men's and children's apparel, shoes and accessories opened a 9,298 square foot, three-door concept store and will be backfilling its existing location within the Historic Biltmore Village District with J.Jill.

"We are privileged to welcome these stores to Biltmore Village," says Bob Spratt, President of Hill Partners, Inc. "The opening of these four stores marks the ongoing evolution of Biltmore Village as it entrenches itself as the premier place to shop, eat, stay, work and live in Asheville."

The 70,000 square foot mixed-use Biltmore Village development is located within the Historic Biltmore Village District nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains, just off I-40 in Asheville, North Carolina. Biltmore Village features approximately 160 parking spaces, conveniently located below the building, 36,000 square feet of second level, Class-A office space that overlooks the historic district.

Having worked with its partner, The Bell Company of Asheville, NC, in the land acquisition, Hill Partners, Inc. is handling the development, retail leasing and property management responsibilities of Biltmore Village. BH Commercial, a division of Beverly-Hanks & Associates, of Asheville, NC was selected to be responsible for leasing the 34,000 square feet of second level, Class-A office space available within the development.

Hill Partners, Inc., founded in 1983, is a commercial real estate firm specializing in providing innovative retail development solutions. The company concentrates on three basic divisions: Project Conceptualization, which includes feasibility studies, strategic planning, merchandising and market research; Project Implementation, which includes design management, development/construction management and merchant recruitment; and Property/Asset Management, including operations, tenant relations, consumer marketing and accounting.

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