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1. **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

UK

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual inflation was 3.3% in May 2008, up from 3% in April. Retail Price Index (RPI) inflation rose to 4.3% in May, up from 4.2% in April.
- In May 2008, output price annual inflation for all manufactured products rose to 8.9%. Input price annual inflation rose from 24.3% in April to 27.9% in May. in May. in May.
- Manufacturing output increased by 0.3% in the three months to April 2008 compared with the three months to January 2008.
- Employment rate for people of working age was 74.9% for the three months to April 2008. The number of people in employment for the three months to April 2008 was 29.55 million. This is up 76,000 over the quarter and up 446,000 over the year. The unemployment rate was 5.3% for the three months to April 2008, up 0.1% over the previous quarter but down 0.2% over the year. The number of unemployed people increased by 38,000 over the quarter but fell by 34,000 over the year to reach 1.64 million.
- Average earnings, including bonuses, rose by 3.8% in the year to April 2008, down from 4% in March. Average earnings, excluding bonuses or regular pay, rose by 3.9% in the year to April, up from 3.8% March. In the year to April, pay growth (including bonuses) in the private and public sector were equal at 3.8%. Excluding bonus payments, private sector growth stood at 3.8% compared with 4.1%.
- UK house prices grew by 4.9% in the year to April 2008, down from 5.2% in March 2008. Annual house price growth was 7.5% in London in the year to April, down from 7.6% in March.
- Retail sales volume in the three months March to May 2008 rose by 1.8% compared with the previous three months. This follows 1.5% growth in the three months to April.
- In May 2008, the public sector showed a deficit on current budget of £9.1 billion, compared with a deficit of £7.6 billion in May 2007.
- During February to April 2008, the number of visits overseas by UK residents increased by 1% to 17.7 million when compared with the previous three months, while the associated spending decreased by 1% to £9.1 billion. Over the same period, number of visits to the UK by overseas residents increased by 5% when compared with the

previous three months, to 8.4 million. Spending by overseas residents on visits to the UK increased by 3% to £4 billion.

- During the 12 months to April 2008, the number of visits by overseas residents to the UK decreased by 2%, from 33.2 million to 32.6 million. In the same 12 month period, the number of visits abroad by UK residents remained broadly the same, at 70.3 million.

- In May 2008, the public sector showed a deficit on current budget of £9.1 billion, compared with a deficit of £7.6 billion in May 2007.

- The UK's deficit on trade in goods and services was £4.3 billion in April 2008, compared with a revised deficit of £3.8 billion in March. (originally published as a deficit of £4 billion). The deficit with the EU was £3.4 billion in April, virtually the same as in March and the deficit with non-EU countries widened to £4.2 billion compared with a deficit of £3.8 billion in March.

For previously released UK economic indicators visit National Statistics <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/default.asp>

LONDON

- In the most recent 26-day period, (From 1 April 2008 to 26 April 2008) London's Underground and buses had 259.9 million passenger journeys; 174.8 million by bus and 85.1 million by underground.

- The moving average annual rate of growth in passenger journeys remained at 5.1%.

- The rate of claimant count unemployment in London was 2.6% in May 2008. There were 130,500 unemployment claimants in London in May 2008, compared with 150,600 in May 2007.

- London's annual growth in output decreased to 4.1% in Q4 2007 from a downwardly revised 4.4% in Q3 2007.

- London's annual employment growth increased to 1.8% in Q4 2007 from 1.6% in Q3 2007.

- Annual house price inflation in London decreased to 10.1% in Q1 2008, from a downwardly revised 14.8% in Q4 2007.

- 11 million passengers travelled through London's airports in May 2008. The number of passengers using London's airports increased by 0.3% from May 2007 to May 2008.

- The SPSL Retail Traffic Index of shoppers in London was 86.3 in the second full week of June 2008 compared to 84.9 in the previous week.

- The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of business activity recorded 50.9 in May 2008 compared to 52.9 in April 2008.

- The PMI for level of employment in London firms was 49.1 in May 2008 compared to 52.3 in April 2008.

- The PMI for new orders for London firms recorded 48.5 in May 2008 compared to 51 in April 2008.

- For Greater London the consumer confidence score decreased to -18 in May 2008 from -16 in April.

US

- Real Gross Domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 1% percent in Q1 2008 . In the fourth quarter, real GDP increased 0.6%.

- US personal income grew 1.1% in Q1 2008 after growing 1.2% in Q4 2007.

- The US current account deficit was \$176.4 billion in Q1 2008, up from \$167.2 billion in Q4 2007.

- April 2008 exports of \$155.5 billion and imports of \$216.4 billion resulted in a goods and services deficit of \$60.9 billion, up from \$56.5 billion in March 2008, revised. April exports were \$5 billion more than March exports of \$150.6 billion. April imports were \$9.4 billion more than March imports of \$207.1 billion.

For previously released US economic indicators visit US Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

<http://www.bea.gov/index.htm>

NY

- Private employment rose by 1500 jobs in April 2008, after an increase of 900 jobs in March. (Source: New York State Dept. of Labour)

- The unemployment rate rose to 4.7% in April 2008, from 4.5% in March. (Source: New York State Dept. of

Labour)

- The NYC hotel occupancy rate in April 2008 was 87%, down from 88.4% in April 2007. (Source: New York State Dept. of Labour)
- The Direct Class A office vacancy rate was 5% in May 2008, while the average asking rent was \$89 per SF. (Source: New York State Dept. of Labour)
- Passengers in NYC's airports totaled 9.4 million in March 2008, up 2.3% from March 2007. (Source: New York State Dept. of Labour)
- In May 2008, the Midtown Class A direct vacancy rate increased 0.8% to 5.7%, while average direct office rental rate rose \$5 to \$93 PSF. (Source: Cushman and Wakefield)
- In May 2008, the Midtown South vacancy rate dropped to 1.4%, while the average rental rate rose \$4 to \$79 PSF. (Source: Cushman and Wakefield)
- The total Manhattan sublease vacancy rate was 1.8% in May 2008, up from 1.6% in April. (Source: Cushman and Wakefield)
- In March 2008, 9.4 million passengers flew into and out of the region's airports, an increase of 2.3% from March 2007. (Source: Port Authority of New York and New Jersey)
- In April 2008, the average daily hotel room rate was \$306, a 7.6% increase from April 2007. (Source: PKF Consulting)
- Hotel occupancy was 87% in April 2008, down from 88.4% in April 2007. (Source: PKF Consulting)
- Broadway attendance during the four weeks ending May 25, 2008 was approximately 1.1 million, a 3.3% decrease from the same period last year. Broadway revenue during this period was roughly \$79 million, a 2.8% decrease from last year. (Source: The Broadway League)
- Total ridership on MTA subways, trains and buses in March 2008 was roughly 218 million, an increase of 0.2% from March 2007. In March 2008, subway ridership was roughly 137 million, an increase of 1.5% from March 2007. (Source: Metropolitan Transportation Authority)
- For the four months ending April 2008: There were 1,817 building projects (including new, additions and alterations) that started construction in NYC, a 21.7% decrease from the four months ending April 2007. There were 88 infrastructure (non-building) project starts, a decrease of 1.1% from last year. (Source: McGraw Hill Construction)
- Planned space for building project starts is approximately 13.7 million square feet, a 26.2% increase from the same period last year. (Source: McGraw Hill Construction)

2. INVESTMENT INDICATORS

UK/US/Global

Mergers and Acquisitions Involving UK Companies- First Quarter 2008

Expenditure on acquisitions in the UK by foreign companies increased from £9.2 billion in Q4 2007 to £19.9 billion in Q1 2008.

Expenditure on acquisitions abroad by UK companies decreased from £25.8 billion in Q4 2007 to £15.5 billion in Q1 2008.

Expenditure on acquisitions in the UK by UK companies increased from £3.2 billion in Q4 2007 to £3.6 billion in Q1 2008.

European Investment Monitor 2008

The UK retained its position as the most attractive destination for inward investment in Europe in 2007, according to Ernst & Young's latest European Investment Monitor (EIM).

The 10th annual report, researched and powered by Oxford Intelligence, revealed a record number of foreign direct investments (FDI) in Europe for the fourth year in succession, with a total of 3,712 FDI projects – a 5% increase on 2006. This upward trend is unlikely to continue in 2008.

The US remained the largest source of investment projects last year, accounting for 941 projects – 25% of all FDI projects into Europe. Whilst this represents a small absolute reduction in percentage share compared to 2006, the next nearest country was Germany with 454 projects, highlighting the potential impact of any US economic slowdown.

The UK continues to top the table in terms of FDI projects across Europe. 713 FDI projects were announced last year in the UK, a slight increase of 4% on 2006 (685), compared with a dramatic increase of 19% on the year before (685 compared to 559 in 2005). The large increase in London masked a decline in the rest of the UK.

The UK gained a slight lead over its European competitors, with a 19% market share of the number of projects announced in Europe in 2007, ahead of France in second place with 15%, Germany (8%), Spain (7%) and Belgium (5%).

Over the last 10 years, 'European super cities', which have an increased concentration of service sector investment, have emerged as a significant success factor to the major economic regions of Europe. London attracted 42% of the FDI projects into the UK, well above the European average of 35.77%.

Foreign Investors' Spending 2007

Outlays by foreign direct investors to acquire or to establish U.S. businesses increased sharply in 2007. Outlays reached \$276.8 billion in 2007, the second largest recorded and the highest since 2000, when new investment outlays peaked at \$335.6 billion. Outlays increased most substantially in manufacturing, which accounted for nearly half of total investment outlays in 2007.

Outlays by investors from most major geographic areas increased. Outlays from Europe increased substantially. Overall, the outlays from Europe accounted for more than half of the worldwide total. Outlays from Canada, Asia and Pacific, and the Middle East also rose considerably.

In 2007, as in previous years, most outlays by foreign direct investors were to acquire existing U.S. businesses. These outlays totaled \$255 billion, compared with \$21.9 billion in outlays to establish new U.S. businesses. Outlays made by, or through, existing U.S. affiliates were \$174.5 billion, compared with \$102.3 billion in outlays made directly by foreign investors. By industry, outlays in manufacturing more than doubled to \$135.2 billion in 2007 from \$56.3 billion in 2006.

By country of ultimate beneficial owner, outlays by European investors increased 37% to \$146.5 billion in 2007, and accounted for more than half of total outlays. Outlays in manufacturing, depository institutions, retail trade, and "other industries" fueled much of the growth. The increase in spending by European investors was more than accounted for by British investors; most of the 2007 outlays by British investors were in manufacturing. Outlays by Canadian investors more than tripled.. Outlays by investors from the Asia and Pacific region rose substantially in 2007, as outlays by investors from Australia, Singapore, and Korea increased significantly. Outlays from the Middle East also rose substantially, reflecting higher spending from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. In 2007, more than half of the outlays by investors from the Middle East were in manufacturing.

U.S. businesses that were newly acquired or established by foreign direct investors employed 487,600 people, more than double the 223,400 people employed by businesses that were newly acquired or established in 2006. Manufacturing and retail trade—with 147,500 and 143,600 employees, respectively—accounted for the largest shares of employment. Combined, these industries accounted for 60% of total employment by U.S. businesses that were newly acquired or established by foreign direct investors. Professional, scientific, and technical services accounted for 29,500 employees. The total assets of newly acquired or established businesses were \$455.9 billion, up from \$375.8 billion in 2006.

US Investment Position: First Quarter 2008

In Q1 2008, income receipts on US owned assets abroad decreased to \$198.7 billion from \$214.6 billion. Income

payments on foreign owned assets in the United States decreased to \$167.1 billion from \$176.4 billion.

Net financial inflows- net acquisitions by foreign residents of assets in the United States less net acquisitions by US residents of assets abroad were \$124.3 billion in Q1 2008, down from \$213.4 billion in Q4 2007. Net acquisitions by US residents picked up more than net acquisitions by foreign residents.

US owned assets abroad increased \$286.6 billion in Q1 2008, following an increase of \$153.8 billion in Q4 2007. Foreign owned assets in the United States increased \$411 billion in Q1 2008, following an increase of \$380.4 billion in Q4 2007.

US direct investment abroad increased \$85.6 billion in Q1 2008, following an increase of \$110.9 billion in Q4 2007. Foreign direct investment in the United States increased \$46.6 billion in Q1 2008, following an increase of \$55.7 billion in Q4 2007.

FDI From OECD Countries Jumps 50% in 2007 But Set To Fall In 2008

Foreign direct investment (FDI) outflows from OECD countries in 2007 leapt to a record USD 1.82 trillion from USD 1.2 trillion in 2006 but are projected to fall sharply in 2008, according to estimates from the OECD. If a slowdown in merger and acquisitions observed in the first half of 2008 continues, FDI outflows could fall to USD 1.14 trillion.

FDI inflows to OECD countries rose to USD 1.37 trillion in 2007, up from USD 1.05 trillion in 2006 and up slightly from the previous record of USD 1.29 trillion set in 2000. But FDI inflows are projected to fall back in 2008 to USD 1.035 trillion.

The projected fall in FDI outflows from OECD countries in 2008 will also impact developing countries. Based upon the historical relationship between developing country inflows and OECD outflows, the projected 37% drop in OECD outflows in 2008 could result in a decline of around 40% for developing country inflows to around USD 276 billion from their 2007 record of USD 471 billion.

The new records set in 2007 for OECD inflows and outflows were helped by the fall in the US dollar against most other major currencies.

The United States continued to hold its position as the top OECD investor and recipient of foreign investment in 2007, with USD 333 billion in outflows and USD 238 billion in inflows. The United Kingdom was second, with USD 230 billion in outflows and USD 186 billion in inflows, followed by France with inflows of USD 158 billion and outflows of USD 225 billion.

FDI inflows into Spain increased by more than 80% in 2007, mainly due to a large Italian investment in the electricity sector. Foreign investment in Japan was exceptionally high by historical standards at USD 22.5 billion, largely due to major investments in the financial sector and the capitalisation of foreign subsidiaries in Japan engaged in real estate investment.

FDI into developing economies reached a record USD 471 billion in 2007, an increase of almost 30% over the previous record of USD 368 billion set in 2006. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa accounted for approximately 50% to 60% of developing country inflows.

3. NEW INVESTMENTS

US Investments into the UK

Fanfare Expands With London Office

Californian software company Fanfare, delivering innovative testing solutions to network equipment manufacturers (NEMs), service providers (SPs) and enterprises, announced that in response to its growing customer base in Europe, the company has expanded operations to include an office in London, UK. The new office will be led by

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KickApps Establishes Operations in the UK and Europe

KickApps, the leading on demand social media platform, announced that it has established operations in the United Kingdom and Europe. KickApps offers a wide range of on-demand hosted applications, including customized social networks, user-generated content (photo & video sharing, audio and text blogging), widgets, programmable video players, and multimedia message boards—the essential building blocks of all consumer-oriented websites. Available on a self-services basis, these applications are fully integrated with back-end services, including media management, member management, media monitoring, ad delivery intelligence and reporting. KickApps currently powers social media experiences for over 25,000 customers worldwide, including global media and entertainment companies.

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Quinn Emanuel Launches London Office

The US business litigation law firm Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges has opened an office in London – its first in Europe. The firm successfully hired former Kirkland & Ellis restructuring partner, Richard East, to start the office, and aims to have up to 15 more lawyers join him before the end of the year – most recruited in the UK.

Plans for growing the London office include acting against large financial institutions such as investment banks – something that often poses conflict problems for the magic-circle firms and other City practices .In addition to the new London outpost, Quinn Emanuel has over 375 lawyers across five offices: Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, the Silicon Valley and its previous sole international base, Tokyo.

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AdMob Opens London Office

Californian-headquartered Mobile advertising marketplace AdMob has expanded its European operations with the opening of its London office. The company has also appointed Laurence Aderemi as the company's Business Development Director in EMEA and Katy Reed as Account Manager for AdMob's advertisers. In his new role, Aderemi is responsible for expanding the company's global partner network, which currently stands at more than 4,500. Aderemi and Reed will be based at AdMob's London office on Mortimer Street along with two further members of AdMob's team. AdMob is the world's largest mobile advertising marketplace. Founded in 2006, AdMob allows advertisers to reach their customers on the mobile Web and publishers to increase the value of their mobile sites. AdMob offers both advertisers and publishers the ability to target and personalize advertising to their customers in over 160 countries.

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Artistic Toy Opens an Office in UK

US-based Artistic Toy has now opened an office in the UK to give distributors an improved level of service with a local contact point. The branch office will operate under the name Artistic Toy UK Ltd. Based on Artistic Toy's prior experience in the UK, establishing a local office will allow the promotional products industry in the U.K. access to Artistic Toy's vast inventory and experience, including thousands of creative stuffed plush toys, customisable quickly, in small and large quantities. U.K. distributor sales people will now have access to customer service

representatives 13 hours a day via the office in Newport.

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Goldman Sachs to Open Office in Manchester

Goldman Sachs, the leading global investment banking, securities and investment management firm is to join the recent rush of top-level financial institutions to set up a private banking arm in Manchester to target high net worth individuals. The NYSE-listed investment bank has recruited Kevin Shone, a former senior private banker at Coutts, to lead a team which is expected to have up to 10 relationship managers serving the entire North of England from the city. Goldman Sachs will be the fourth major heavyweight to target the north with a Manchester presence within the past 12 months. Kleinwort Benson opened its first regional office last year, Citi Group bought the Manchester office of Quilter from Morgan Stanley, and Credit Suisse opened its northern office on King St only last week, citing a rise in entrepreneurial activity in the region.

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UK Investments into the US

Ermitage Opens New York Office

Ermitage Group, one of Europe's leading alternative asset management organizations, has announced the opening of its New York office, which will perform hedge fund manager research and service Ermitage's North American clients. The decision to open the US office is a cornerstone of the Group's strategic development plans, which makes servicing the needs of North American pension funds and endowments a key focus, and builds on Ermitage's appointment in 2006 to run a major European fund of hedge funds mandate by one of the largest US pension funds. Ermitage, which has \$2.8 billion assets under management, offers a comprehensive fund of hedge fund range together with an advanced customised solutions capability to address specific risk-return mandates. The new operation, Ermitage Americas, will be staffed by strategy specialists and client service professionals relocating from the UK and recruited in the North American marketplace. Ermitage Group is one of Europe's leading alternative asset management organisations, providing investment services for institutions, pension funds and private clients

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Aviva Opens North American Regional Office

Aviva plc, the world's fifth largest insurance group, announced that it has opened offices in Chicago to house its North American Region executive team functions, one of four regional centers for Aviva's global operations. The North American Region will provide leadership and support for the company's overall North American business strategy, business development, finance, corporate affairs, and human resources. Aviva's existing life insurance operations will continue to be headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa; existing general insurance operations will continue to be headquartered in Toronto, Canada. Aviva is the leading provider of life and pension products in Europe (including the UK) with substantial positions in other markets around the world, making it the world's fifth largest insurance group. Aviva's principal business activities are long-term savings, fund management and general insurance, with worldwide total sales of \$98.4 billion and funds under management of \$724.6 billion.

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Bank of Ireland Opens US Office

The Bank of Ireland ("BOI") has announced that it has opened a new corporate banking office in Chicago, IL. The bank's expansion in the US is part of a strategy to reposition the group's geographic earnings profile. The Chicago office will strengthen the bank's corporate banking franchise across the Midwest region. New office will focus on originating and arranging private equity sponsor backed transactions across a range of sectors including healthcare. Richard Michalik joins the team as Managing Director of US Leveraged Finance. Pat Laughlin has been appointed Managing Director & Head of US Healthcare and will be also based at the Bank's Chicago office. BOI will be adding additional staff to the new Chicago office in the coming months. BOI Corporate Finance has provided financing for private equity sponsored deals across the US and has been a lead arranger on a number of high profile private equity transactions. The Chicago office joins corporate finance offices in Los Angeles, CA and Greenwich, CT.

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Eyeconomy/NASH Opens in US

Eyeconomy/NASH, a leading internet advertising network and solutions provider has rolled out operations in the US in a bid to capitalise on the demand for online ad campaigns. Liraz Birnbaum has been brought in to head the US office opening in Los Angeles which will specialise in contextual online advertising. Birnbaum starts as contextual consultant and previously acted as account director at SCB Media. Eyeconomy and NASH - both owned by Media Corporation - merged and rebranded in March 2008 to become Eyeconomy/NASH. Economy is a leading internet advertising network and solutions provider, creating new and innovative media space, and generating real results through considerate on-line placements. Owned by Media Corporation PLC, Eyeconomy has built extensive links with both media agencies and publishers, and acts as a one-stop shop for all on-line media needs.

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4. TRADE SHOWS

UK

July 14-20, 2008 - Farnborough International Airshow - Farnborough Aerodrome

Website: <http://www.farnborough.com>

Farnborough International Airshow is the biggest, most internationally attended aerospace event in the world - a globally renowned showcase of aerospace equipment and technology. It provides the perfect venue for the world's civil and military aerospace suppliers and their customers to meet and discuss, finalise and announce their business transactions.

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July 19-25, 2008 - 10th World Renewable Energy Conference & Exhibition - Glasgow, Scottish Exhibition & Conference Centre

Website: www.wrenuk.co.uk

The source and nature of energy, the security of supply and the equity of distribution, the environmental impact of its supply and utilization, are all crucial matters to be addressed. The World Renewable Energy Congress (WREC), a major recognised forum for networking between the sectors, addresses these issues through regular meetings and exhibitions, bringing together representatives of all those involved in the supply, distribution, consumption and development of energy sources which are benign, sustainable, , accessible and economically viable.

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August 12-14 2008 - MODA UK & MODA Menswear, MODA Footwear & MODA Accessories - NEC, Birmingham

Website: <http://www.moda-uk.co.uk>

MODA 2008 is your opportunity to see the best of the season's collections from womenswear, menswear, footwear and accessories all under one roof. It is the most comprehensive trade fashion event in the UK.

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US

July 27-31, 2008 - American Association for Clinical Chemistry 2008 - Washington, DC

Website: www.aacc.org

The Annual Meeting of the AACC is the world's largest meeting devoted to clinical chemistry and clinical laboratory science in general. The AACC exposition includes every significant manufacturer from anywhere in the world along with most start-up companies bringing new technologies to the market.

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July 28-31, 2008 - WSA Show - Summer 2008 - Las Vegas, NV

Website: www.wsashow.com

The WSA show is the world's largest and most comprehensive footwear and accessories trade show in the world. Comprised of the majority of the leading U.S. manufacturers and brands, retailers and wholesalers as well as a strong and growing contingent of international companies that emphasize their ties with the US. The WSA Shows present the most powerful brands in the global marketplace, with the largest percentage being of U.S. origin..

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August 7-10, 2008 - Outdoor Retailer Summer 2008 - Salt Lake City, UT

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Outdoor Retailer is the world's largest gathering of buyers, sellers, and advocates for the outdoor human powered recreation industry. Outdoor Retailer Summer Market features gear, equipment, paddlesports, accessories, foods, apparel, footwear, and services for the spring and summer seasons.

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August 25-27, 2008 - MAGIC Marketplace - Las Vegas, NV

Website: www.magiconline.com

MAGIC connects a global audience of buyers and sellers of men's, women's and children's apparel and accessories. Thousands of retailers spanning single store boutiques to mass market domestic and international chains come to the Marketplace to access more than 3,600 manufacturers showcasing over 5,000 brands and private label resources.

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