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## CUMMING COMPLETES INITIAL SEVEN FATFACE STORES FOR U.K. RETAILER'S U.S. DEBUT, ADDITIONAL EAST COAST PLANS FOR 2018

**NEW YORK - (Feb. 22, 2018)** – <u>Cumming</u>, an international construction consultancy, announced that it has completed seven U.S. stores for FatFace, successfully helping to kick off the popular clothing retailer's North American brick and mortar debut. Providing project and cost management services for the several East Coast stores, Cumming's retail team was responsible for overseeing the procurement of architectural and general contracting services, budgeting, permitting, scheduling, as well as overall project oversight from pre-construction through each store's grand opening.

The established U.K. lifestyle clothing brand has more than 200 retail stores and plans to have a total of 14 U.S. locations open by the end of 2018.

"We knew right from the beginning there was a major opportunity for FatFace to offer U.S. customers a brand that identified with carefree and active lifestyles," said Nicky Unkles, Director at Cumming. "Our retail experts have been able to come in and seamlessly manage the development, making sure FatFace's U.S. debut was successful and these important initial stores were sales-ready on day one to ensure a positive customer shopping experience."

Cumming's U.S. team has been working with FatFace since 2016 to help plan the U.S. retail store roll-out. To date, Cumming has been contracted by FatFace to provide owner's representation and project management services for all seven of its U.S. stores that are now open, including:

- Portland, Maine opened February 2016
- Lynnfield, Mass. opened February 2016
- Newport, R.I. opened May 2016
- Cranston, R.I. opened October 2016
- Chatham, Mass. opened March 2017
- Newburyport, Mass. opened June 2017
- Lenox, Mass. opened Feb. 2018

Additionally, there are two stores currently finishing construction and two more in the initial planning stages:

- Burlington, Vt. scheduled for a late February 2018 opening
- Edgartown, Mass. scheduled for a late February 2018 opening
- New Haven, Conn. proposed April 2018 opening
- Portsmouth, N.H. proposed May 2018 opening

Recently opening a Boston office, Cumming will continue to provide its unmatched construction consulting services for FatFace's U.S. expansion, and support the firm's industry leading commercial and hospitality clients throughout the region with the help of its new local leadership.

Cumming specializes in the commercial, hospitality, retail, entertainment, education, healthcare, themed entertainment, and high-end residential sectors. Experts in construction project and cost management services, Cumming's portfolio includes a diverse array of work. The firm has more than 400 assignments underway at any given time, and has worked on projects worldwide with a collective value in excess of \$150 billion.

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