



Ross Stores To Present at Bear Stearns Retail Restaurants & Apparel Conference

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NEWARK, Calif., Feb 24, 2003 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Ross Stores, Inc. (ROST) announced today that it will participate in the Bear Stearns Ninth Annual Retail Restaurants and Apparel Conference that is being held Tuesday, February 25th through Thursday, February 27th, 2003 at the Bear Stearns World Headquarters, in New York City.

Ross Stores is currently scheduled to make its presentation on Thursday, February 27, 2003 at approximately 8:15 a.m. eastern time. Management will discuss its business strategies, recent trends and the company's future outlook. A live audio simulcast of the presentation will be available at <http://access.bearstearns.com/conferences/retail2003/>. A link to both the audio and slide presentations on the Bear Stearns web site will also be featured on the press release page of the Ross Stores web site located at www.rossstores.com. In addition, a webcast replay of the presentation will be available at approximately 4:00 p.m. eastern time at the same locations. The webcasts will require either the software program Real Player(TM) that can be downloaded at <http://www.real.com/realone/index.html?lang=en&loc=us> or Windows Media Player at <http://microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/download/default.asp>.

Ross Stores, Inc. reported sales of \$3.5 billion in 2002, its most recent fiscal year. The off-price retailer operates 507 stores in 23 states and Guam, offering first-quality, in season, branded apparel, accessories and footwear for the entire family as well as a broad selection of items for the home all at everyday savings of 20% to 60% less than regular department and specialty store prices.

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