



Historic Pier 70 LLC signs Tea Collection at Pier 70

San Francisco-based Clothing Company to lease at historic Building 104

San Francisco, CA - Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – The Port of San Francisco and Historic Pier 70 LLC, today announced the signing of a new sublease agreement with Tea Collection, a San Francisco-based clothing company, at Pier 70. Tea Collection (“Tea”) will lease 45,759 square feet of production, distribution and repair facilities at Pier 70’s building 104, one of eight historic buildings undergoing rehabilitation by Historic Pier 70, LLC.

The Port has partnered with Historic Pier 70 LLC to rehabilitate the historic core of Pier 70 near San Francisco’s shipyard - including eight buildings dating from 1885 that once served as the west coast headquarters for Union Ironworks and Bethlehem Steel.

The National Park Service lists the Union Iron Works at Pier 70 on the National Register of Historic Places as one of San Francisco’s newest historic districts. The 66-acre historic district was determined to be nationally significant for its association with the Union Iron Works and later Bethlehem Steel as pioneers in the establishment of the nation’s steel hull shipbuilding industry and for the site’s industrial architecture representing the period 1886 to 1945.

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The rehabilitated building 104 will provide a backdrop for Tea Collection to foreground its unique process of designing clothing as a part of the architectural experience in the new spaces. Architects [Amy Campos](#) and [Matt Hutchinson](#) who have previously collaborated with Tea Collection are working to incorporate elements of Tea's far-reaching cultural explorations into the interiors of its new workplace. Through their travels, the teams at Tea uncover a rich palette of local and indigenous art, craft, and design and they hope to draw from this aesthetic diversity in the design of their new creative environment.

“We had our heart set on Pier 70 because it reflects so many of our company's values. Our clothing collections celebrate the unique flavors of international destinations - the art, the architecture, and the culture, said Leigh Rawdon, Tea Collection CEO and co-founder. “As a San Francisco company, we are excited to celebrate our own city's culture through the restoration

of a waterfront building, neighboring the vibrant maker-focused communities of Potrero Hill and the Dogpatch. The historic building has stood the test of time, reflecting our vision for Tea to be a built-to-last company.”

“The first Tea office was in the American Industrial Center -- Well it was our office, but it was also our warehouse, our design studio, and the location of our first now-famous sample sale. We used to look out of our window over the shipyards to the bay, pondering the history of our beautiful city. Now we will return to the same block, and one of our conference rooms will have a view directly to our first studio - always reminding us of our roots,” said Leigh.

“Tea is every bit a San Francisco brand. We celebrate global cultures and the power of community,” says Emily Meyer, Tea Collection CCO and co-founder. “Our designs are modern, yet timeless. We are resourceful with a focus on quality. We are makers and designers, paving our own path. We will be around for generations, opening the world up for kids. Where better to establish our roots than our birth city, with a view of the Bay Bridge, in the gateway city of San Francisco.”

About Tea Collection

Based in San Francisco, [Tea Collection](#) makes children’s clothing for ages 0-12 that is inspired by their travels around the world. Tea believes all cultures have beauty that deserves to be celebrated. So twice a year, Tea designers explore a new region of the world and then interpret those discoveries into a collection of easy, modern clothing for children, clothing that makes the foreign familiar.

Tea Collection clothing is available at TeaCollection.com and can be found in over 250 boutiques across the U.S., as well as in all Nordstorm stores. Follow their adventures on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

Historic Pier 70 LLC

Orton Development Inc. (ODI), formed Historic Pier 70 LLC to serve as the legal entity for this exciting project. Since 1984, ODI has specialized in large-scale, highly challenging rehabilitation and redevelopment projects. ODI projects total over twenty million square feet, spanning approximately eighty properties including office, industrial, R&D, and live-work space.

Port of San Francisco

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