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**THE BRICK COMPANIES PURCHASES HISTORIC UNION BOX BUILDING**

**EDGEWATER, Md. (August 23, 2007)** – The Brick Companies (TBC) proudly announces its acquisition of the Union Box Company Building in the Fells Point area of Baltimore, Maryland. The 45,000 square-foot historic building was completely renovated in 1998 by developer Larry Silverstein and is now a mix of commercial and residential use. In addition to the 10 apartments and one townhouse, current tenants include Johns Hopkins University and one branch of the United States Post Office.

“In many respects, Union Box is a metaphor for our company and our acquisition strategy,” said Lex Birney, CEO for The Brick Companies. “Its mix of retail and commercial use with its residential space complements our ‘For Working’ and ‘For Living’ properties, and its close proximity to the waterfront activity and bustle of Fells Point lends itself to be part of our ‘For Fun’ interests.”

The renovated building juxtaposes large beams original to the building and traditional architecture against a modern glass and contemporary interior design. “This creates a unique appeal and differentiates our building from many others,” comments Birney. “We believe that Union Box is a gem that fits right into our culture. As far as brick and mortar go...it’s who we are.”

The Union Box Company Building is located at 1820 Lancaster Street in Baltimore. For more information on The Brick Companies visit [thebrickcompanies.com](http://thebrickcompanies.com).

**About The Brick Companies**

The Brick Companies (TBC), a privately held company based in Edgewater, Maryland, owns, develops and manages commercial, residential and recreational properties *For Working, For Living, For Fun*. Properties in the TBC portfolio are located in and around the Baltimore/Washington Metropolitan area. Some of its assets include 81 holes of golf under its Atlantic Golf brand, the Atlantic Marina Resort on the Patapsco and Atlantic Marina on the Magothy in Pasadena, Maryland, and more than 500,000 square feet of commercial buildings in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. For more information on TBC’s *For Working, For Living For Fun* properties, please visit [thebrickcompanies.com](http://thebrickcompanies.com).

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