



# Press Release



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## For Immediate Release

### **HPFI® Owner / Chairman Harry Samet**

It is with great sadness to report that HPFI® (High Point Furniture Industries) owner and Chairman of the Board, Harry Samet, passed away on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the age of 80. Harry co-founded High Point Furniture Industries with Larry Robinson in 1958, initially producing record cabinets before entering the office furniture market in 1964. His 100 Series desk was the first budget “wood” desk on the market. Harry continued to innovate by being the first manufacturer to offer the radius panel desk and 5-bladed swivel chairs from Europe and Scandinavia.

Harry and his wife, Joan, have been the sole shareholders of the company since the passing of Mr. Robinson in 1990. A U. S. Navy veteran of the Korean War, Harry was devoted to his country, his family, his faith and his associates. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration. Harry had remained active with the company, even through his battles with cancer. HPFI will continue operations under the current management team led by Spencer O’Meara, President, Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer since 2002.

HPFI operates in two manufacturing facilities in High Point, North Carolina with over 440,000 square feet of manufacturing space. With roots in High Point, NC the furniture capital of the world, HPFI combines the skill and expertise of seasoned furniture craftspeople with modern day technology to deliver exceptional value to its customers.

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