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T.J. Maxx moving into Office Depot's basement

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The TJX Companies will open its first [T.J. Maxx](#) store in downtown Portland this fall.

The off-price apparel and home fashion retailer will open at Sixth Avenue Center, 615 S.W. Alder St., in below-street space currently occupied by Office Depot.

Framingham, Mass-based TJX Co. (NYSE: TJX) signed a lease for 31,020 square feet this month with the Schlesinger Cos.

Schlesinger announced that Office Depot re-leased its 7,202-square-foot street-level space, but is vacating its basement retail location.

Henneberry Eddy Architects designed the renovations. [Josh Schlesinger](#) of Schlesinger Cos. said the company will hire a general contractor in coming weeks and will begin construction by late March.

[Dan Bozich](#) of [Urban Works Real Estate](#) brokered the deal.



The TJX Co. operates more than 2,800 stores in six countries selling off-price apparel and home fashion. Its brands include T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, HomeGoods, Winners and HomeSense.

It has eight T.J. Maxx stores in Oregon, including three in the Portland metro area.

The Schlesinger Co., a family-owned Portland real estate firm, has spent several years repositioning the property since its former tenant, Kitchen Kaboodle, moved out several years ago. It converted the Kitchen Kaboodle store into office space and leased it to ICF International Inc. The Fairfax, Va.-based tech firm moved its 30 Portland employees into the building in June 2011.

[Josh Schlesinger](#) said about 2,400 square feet of retail space remains unleased in the building.

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