

THE  
LONDON HARNESS  
COMPANY

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**London Harness to close historic Downtown Crossing store location**

**Boston, MA, March 19, 2009** — The London Harness Company, retailer of leading quality brands of business cases, luggage, handbags, and fine gifts for home and office, will close its Downtown Crossing Boston store, one of its three Boston-area locations.

Gary Jacobson, proprietor, explains, “The overall poor economic conditions and the weak retail environment in Boston's Downtown Crossing are not sustaining this location. After 92 years at this location and more than 230 years in Boston, we regret having to close this door and we'll eagerly look forward to the time when we can reopen a Boston store.”

The company has begun a Boston Store Location Closing Sale, which is expected to run through April. Once the Downtown Crossing store is closed, customers will continue to be served from the stores in Hingham, at the Derby Street Shoppes, and in Wellesley, on Central Street. Merchandise is also available online from [www.LondonHarness.com](http://www.LondonHarness.com), where the company continually makes available more brands and lines of products.

**About The London Harness Company**

With stores in Boston, Hingham and Wellesley, The London Harness Company is an independent retailer of fine leather goods and gifts, including, handbags, travel bags and luggage, brief cases and attachés, letter pads and organizers, photo albums and more. Services include engraving, hot stamping, gift-wrapping and repair accommodations.

In 1776 Zachariah Hicks was operating a harness making and saddle shop in the heart of Boston. Hicks joined forces with legendary Boston trunk maker W.W. Winship. The Winship family continued the tradition of selling fine luggage until 1973, when the firm was acquired by The London Harness Company.

The company also owns one of the many Tumi Stores in the U.S., selling the brand's fine luggage, leather goods and travel accessories, located next to The London Harness of Wellesley.

For more information, contact Gary Jacobson at 617-542-9234 or go to [www.LondonHarness.com](http://www.LondonHarness.com).  
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