

## The Women's Edge and The Boston Globe Named J.Jill to 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts

*Annual award highlights women business leaders who are making a significant impact on the state's economy*

QUINCY, Mass -- [J.Jill, Inc.](#) (NYSE:JILL), a premier omnichannel retailer and nationally recognized women's apparel brand, has been ranked on the Top 100 Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts list. The list recognizes Massachusetts' leading companies led by women and is compiled by [The Women's Edge](#) (formerly The Commonwealth Institute), a nonprofit that supports female business leaders, in partnership with [The Boston Globe](#).

"We are thrilled to be recognized for the third consecutive year alongside so many incredible women leaders," said Claire Spofford, President and CEO of J.Jill. "We are dedicated to not only designing fashion that uplifts and empowers women, but also extending that empowerment beyond our walls through our Compassion Fund. This honor is a reflection of the hard work and commitment of our incredible team at J.Jill, who are passionate about this mission and continually strive to make a positive impact. I couldn't be prouder of all that we've accomplished together."

"The organizations on this year's diverse list are driving \$124 billion of revenue into the MA economy and innovation across the country, from increased manufacturing capacity to breakthroughs in clinical care and therapeutics," said Elizabeth L. Hailer, CEO of The Women's Edge. "We are honored to celebrate the Top 100 women leaders and hope it inspires others to drive for success here in our region and beyond."

This is the 24<sup>th</sup> year that The Women's Edge – a Boston-based nonprofit organization devoted to advancing women in leadership positions — created the list through a nomination process and reviewed both for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, and the 12<sup>th</sup> year that the list was created in collaboration with The Boston Globe. In addition to revenue or operating budget, factors considered in the evaluation included workplace and management diversity, board makeup, and innovative projects.

The full list will be published in the Globe Magazine's *Women & Power* issue at [bostonglobe.com/magazine](http://bostonglobe.com/magazine) on November 1 and in print on November 3.

"These 100 exceptional leaders, and the companies they run, are at the heart of the Massachusetts economy," said Globe Magazine editor Francis Storrs. "We're delighted to highlight their inspiration and impact through our longtime partnership with The Women's Edge."

### **About J.Jill, Inc.**

J.Jill is a national lifestyle brand that provides apparel, footwear and accessories designed to help its customers move through a full life with ease. The brand represents an easy, thoughtful, and inspired style that celebrates the totality of all women and designs its products with its core brand ethos in mind: keep it simple and make it matter. J.Jill offers a high touch customer experience through over 200 stores nationwide and a robust ecommerce platform. J.Jill is headquartered outside Boston. For more

information, please visit [www.jjill.com](http://www.jjill.com) or <http://investors.jjill.com>. The information included on our websites is not incorporated by reference herein.

### **About The Women's Edge**

The Women's Edge is a non-profit organization that propels women leaders to achieve professional and personal success and deliver positive impact within their business and community. Founded in 1997, The Women's Edge achieves this mission by collaborating and connecting extraordinary women at all stages of their careers — from next generation leaders to CEOs; continually building a pipeline of high performing women leaders; delivering relevant leadership programs, events and perspectives, with actionable insights; incorporating diversity, inclusion, and belonging to foster gender and racial equity; and leveraging technology to expand reach and amplify impact. Visit <https://thewomensedge.org/> for more information.

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