

## SAFILO ANNOUNCES NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART NORTH AMERICAN DISTRIBUTION CENTER LOCATED IN DENVER

## Existing DCs in Denver, Clearfield, and Montreal to Consolidate Under One Roof

**Padua/Secaucus, June 19, 2019** – Safilo, a worldwide leader in eyewear design, manufacturing and distribution, proudly announces plans to open a new state-of-the-art North American Distribution Center in Denver, Colorado, to further improve its speed-to-market and increase service levels to customers across the region.

The company took possession of the new Denver Logistics Hub on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> with the expectation of being fully operational within the third quarter of this year. The existing Safilo North American Distribution Centers in Clearfield, Utah, Montreal, Canada and the other existing facility in Denver will be integrated into the new Denver facility. The company's best-in-class lab facility for Smith prescription lenses, currently located in Clearfield, Utah, will also be relocated to the new Denver Distribution Center.

This decision follows the company's plans to merge four Distribution Centers into one innovative hub and operationally streamline and modernize its U.S. logistics and distribution network. The first phase was initiated by the move in June 2016 of its Parsippany, N.J. Distribution Center to the current Denver D.C. This was followed, in July 2017, by the move of Safilo's North American headquarters to Secaucus, NJ to a more modernized work environment in closer proximity to New York City and its showroom there.

The new logistics hub in Denver will allow for an important improvement in efficiency: a 20% increase of inventory capacity and a 15% improvement in delivery performance; it will also include greener, energy-efficient and environmentally-sustainable features, including carbon footprint reduction and the use of eco-friendly materials for packaging, after carefully assessing resource life cycles from production to disposal. This is made possible thanks to a huge \$6 million investment in high tech systems with a strong focus on innovation. The new hub will be fully integrated with Safilo's HQ through a unique IT platform, enabling the service level in North America to be further enhanced, as well as in all other regions globally.

"I'm very excited to see this major initiative which illustrates the company's commitment to better serve our customers in North America become a reality," says Steve Wright, President and Chief Commercial Officer of Safilo North America. "This integration of three warehouses into a single, new, cutting-edge facility in a part of Denver where other major distribution centers are located allows us to combine functions under one technologically superior facility to meet the needs of our customers and the ever-increasing demands of the end consumer.

"This is a landmark initiative for Safilo that leverages Denver's already successful track record of delivering distribution and logistics across the region, and will further optimize our customer service levels across North America thanks to the investments in automation and digitalization, leveraging the new hub as a competitive advantage for the Group worldwide and also increasing our people's skills and capabilities," adds Fabio Roppoli, Chief Product Supply Officer of Safilo Group. "The new D.C. will offer top-of-the-line warehouse and D&L capabilities for maximum operational efficiency."

## **About Safilo Group**

Safilo Group is a worldwide leader in the design, manufacturing and distribution of sunglasses, optical frames, sports eyewear and related products. Thanks to strong craftsmanship expertise dating back to 1878, Safilo translates its design projects into high-quality products created according to the Italian tradition. With an extensive wholly owned network of subsidiaries in 40 countries – in North and Latin America, Europe, Middle East and Africa, and Asia Pacific and China – and more than 50 distribution partners in key markets, Safilo is committed to quality distribution of its products in nearly 100,000 selected points of sale all over the world. Safilo's portfolio encompasses: own core brands Carrera, Polaroid, Smith, Safilo, and licensed brands: Dior, Dior Homme, Fendi, Banana Republic, BOSS, Elie Saab, Fossil, Givenchy, havaianas, HUGO, Jimmy Choo, Juicy Couture, kate spade new york, Liz Claiborne, Love Moschino, Marc Jacobs, Max Mara, Max&Co., Moschino, Pierre Cardin, rag&bone, Rebecca Minkoff, Saks Fifth Avenue, Swatch, and Tommy Hilfiger.

Listed on the Italian Stock Exchange (ISIN code IT0004604762, Bloomberg SFL.IM, Reuters SFLG.MI), in 2018 Safilo recorded net revenues for Euro 962.9 million.

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