



Calamar honored by Business First of Buffalo at Shanghai Reds

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Calamar was once again named to WNY's fastest growing companies by Business First of Buffalo. An awards reception was held at Shanghai Reds to honor and highlight the top 50 fastest growing companies in WNY. Calamar has the distinction of being on the list for seven years running now, one of only seven other companies to be on the list for five or more years. The selection was based on Calamar's sales and employee growth over the last three years, creating an overall growth rate of 38%.

"This achievement is a significant result and the culmination of hard work and fortitude by the entire Calamar staff. I think our long term commitment and dedication to the WNY area is evident in every facet of our organization," said Calamar president Kenneth Franasiak. "We are incredibly fortunate to be able to achieve this success once again, especially in light of the current economy, we have found a way to persevere and differentiate ourselves from the pack. Our success is a direct result of maintaining a strict strategic focus to deliver the very best in service and products with a world class team."

Calamar is a full service real estate company headquartered in The Woodlands Corporate Center in Wheatfield and is comprised of Construction, Development, Property Management, Finance and Investment divisions for commercial, industrial and large-scale residential projects.

"While our long-term focus is on a national basis, we will continue to invest in our local community", said Calamar President Kenneth Franasiak. Calamar is active throughout Western New York and Southern Ontario and last year opened offices in Omaha, Nebraska. Over the last decade, Calamar has developed and invested over \$150 million dollars in the Western New York region. "Our continued commitment to Western New York is clearly obvious with the investment of over \$250,000,000.00 into the expansion of The Woodlands Corporate Center." said Franasiak. Calamar offers in-house services ranging from site selection, financing, construction and management. The construction division offers building systems in pre-engineered metal, conventional masonry and site-cast concrete tilt-up construction.

The Fast Track 50 event was sponsored by Business First of Buffalo, along with Gaines Kriner & Elliott, who verify the sales figures and full-time employee status over the last three years for each organization.

About Calamar

Calamar is a full-service real estate firm comprised of construction, development, property management and finance & investment divisions for commercial and large-scale residential

properties in the Northeast & Midwest regions. Calamar is headquartered in Wheatfield, NY and has offices in Omaha, NE, Miami, FL, Woburn, MA and Niagara-on-the-Lake & Toronto, Ontario. For more information, contact Kathy Griffiths at 716.693.0006, ext. 211 or kgriffiths@calamar.com

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