

Skechers Partners with LINE FRIENDS on Limited Edition Collection

Adorable globally-recognized characters set to appear on wide range of Skechers footwear for women and girls

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Building on recent experience in the limited-edition footwear market, Skechers prepares to launch its next collaboration—this time partnering with global character brand LINE FRIENDS in a series of products spanning various Skechers footwear collections for women and girls.



Skechers launches a collaboration with global character brand LINE FRIENDS with seven of their characters, including BROWN. (Graphic: Business Wire)

The LINE FRIENDS | Skechers collaboration will first feature adorable characters **BROWN**, CONY, and SALLY. Post-launch waves will expand the collection with EDWARD, JESSICA, LEONARD. and BROWN's younger sister CHOCO. The cute iconic characters will appear on a range of Skechers styles including Skecher Street, Skechers Sport and Skechers Cali for women, plus **Skechers Kids**

sneakers and sandals for girls.

"Jumping off the instant success of our Skechers D'Lites X *One Piece* collaboration, we're thrilled to now partner with LINE FRIENDS—one of the fastest growing global character brands in the world right now," said Michael Greenberg, president of Skechers. "And with the massive millennial appeal of the LINE FRIENDS characters, we expect our collaboration will lead fashion-savvy fans to talk, wear and get excited about Skechers."

LINE FRIENDS is a global character brand originally started from BROWN & FRIENDS, which was created for use as stickers for the leading mobile messenger app LINE and its 200 million active users worldwide. The warm and interesting eleven friends each carry unique charm and personality and have captivated users from every generation. Seen on popular character products to animations, games, cafes, hotels, and even theme parks, the

LINE FRIENDS are actively appearing everywhere you look around the world.

Initial styles are available now in the United States, Canada, China and Hong Kong with additional styles arriving later this summer. In the United States, the LINE FRIENDS | Skechers collection will be available at Skechers retail stores, <u>www.skechers.com</u> and select retail partners.

About Skechers U.S.A., Inc.

Based in Manhattan Beach, California, Skechers (NYSE:SKX) designs, develops and markets a diverse range of lifestyle footwear for men, women and children, as well as performance footwear for men and women. Skechers footwear is available in the United States and over 170 countries and territories worldwide via department and specialty stores, more than 3,060 Skechers Company-owned and third-party-owned retail stores, and the Company's e-commerce websites. The Company manages its international business through a network of global distributors, joint venture partners in Asia, Israel and Mexico, and wholly-owned subsidiaries in Canada, Japan, India, and throughout Europe and Latin America. For more information, please visit about.skechers.com and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

About LINE FRIENDS

LINE FRIENDS is a global character brand originally started from BROWN & FRIENDS, which was created for use as stickers for the leading mobile messenger app LINE and its 200 million active users worldwide. Taking a step further, the company has emerged as a global creative studio by offering diversified content based on its wide array of Intellectual Property(IP)s including 'BT21', 'Animation Running Man', 'ROY6' and 'Usamaru'. LINE FRIENDS also has collaborated with a number of renowned brands including Bang&Olufsen, Converse, LAMY and Brompton, all aligned with the company's philosophy and value to showcase premium character products. LINE FRIENDS has operated more than 140 stores in a total of 12 markets in trend-leading cities such as New York, LA, Tokyo, Seoul and Shanghai. Since it became an independent company in January 2015, LINE FRIENDS continues to win the hearts of millennials worldwide through interactive digital communication and differentiated brand experience across multiple retail touchpoints. For more information, please visit <u>www.LINEFRIENDS.com</u>.

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