



Tanger Outlet to add 17 stores

Calvin Klein, Aeropostale, American Eagle Outfitters to open stores in 2008

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BARSTOW — Tanger Outlet Center is adding 17 storefronts to its existing 23 outlets.

The \$10 million expansion will add 65,000 square feet of retail space to the shopping mall off Lenwood Road. New stores will include Calvin Klein, Aeropostale, American Eagle Outfitters and the Sunglass Hut, said general manager Jennifer Rodriguez.

All the space in the new building is already spoken for, although the names of some tenants have not been released because lease negotiations are still under way.

The project should be completed in early 2008, and Tanger will turn over its empty “vanilla box” stores to the tenants several months before, Rodriguez said.

“I’m glad they’re expanding and adding new stores at Tanger,” Bernie Crespo, of Victorville, said. “It’s ... nicer to drive to Barstow than down the hill.”

In addition to the new stores, Coach will relocate to a larger space, doubling its store size and staff.

Tanger is also in the process of selling parcels of its land for possible development of “national brand-name” restaurants on the site, but Rodriguez declined to name the companies.

“It’ll be nice to have everything here so people can come to eat, sleep and shop,” Rodriguez said.



Staff photo by Jason Smith Construction worker Jorge Acosta places exterior metal studs on the outside of the new Coach store at the Tanger Outlet Center on Tuesday. The expansion is expected to be complete early next year.